

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Congressional Black Caucus Institute

2. Travel Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tunica, MS

3. Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ 8/8/2024 \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_ 8/11/2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Rep. Shontel Brown

*Note:* You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$40.00	\$695.20	Included in Registration	
Accompanying Family Member	N/A			

6.  All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment.  
*Signify statement is true by checking box.*

**I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Vanessa L. Griddine Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

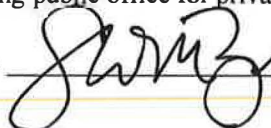
## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Shontel Brown
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Congressional Black Caucus Institute
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Tunica, MS
4. a. Date of Departure: August 8, 2024 Date of Return: August 11, 2024  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
  - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other(specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes  No  Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
Congresswoman Shontel Brown has been invited to provide insight during policy discussions.  
Considering the several bills that she introduced and the committees that she is a member of the  
Congresswoman will contribute as a subject matter expert during these discussions.
9. **Yes  No  Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: July 30, 2024

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

**This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).**

**Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Shontel Brown

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

**I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: 449 Cannon House Office Building

Telephone Number: 20-593-1088

Email Address of Contact Person: jasmine.butler@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

**NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.**

**KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM.** Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Congressional Black Caucus Institute

2.  I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
- b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
- c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

All CBC Members are invited to participate in policy sessions as panelists, and moderators.

5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: August 8, 2024 Date of Return: August 11, 2024

7. a. City of departure: At Members Discretion

b. Destination(s): Tunica, MS

c. City of return: At Members Discretion

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**

- a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
- b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
- c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
- d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. \_\_\_\_\_

10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**

- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: Airport Ground Transportation)
- b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: n/a)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:

- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Horseshoe Casino and Resort City: Tunica, MS Cost Per Night: \$174 + tax

Reason(s) for Selecting: Cost and Proximity

Hotel Name: Goldstrike Casino and Resort City: Tunica, MS Cost Per Night: \$189 + tax

Reason(s) for Selecting: Cost and Proximity

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

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18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$40.00	\$544.50	included in registration
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$40.00		included in registration

	<b>Other</b> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$400	waived registration fee
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$400	waived registration fee

19. **Check only one:**

- a.  I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Vanessa L. Griddine Date: 6/25/2024  
 Name: Vanessa Griddine- Jones Title: Executive Director  
 Organization: Congressional Black Caucus Institute  
 Address: 413 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20003  
 Email: vgriddine@cbcinstitute.org Telephone: 202-785-3634

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Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

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- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Vanessa L. Griddine Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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August 1, 2024

The Honorable Shontel Brown  
U.S. House of Representatives  
449 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Tunica, Mississippi, scheduled for August 8 to 11, 2024, sponsored by Congressional Black Caucus Institute.

Committee travel regulations require that you submit your complete pre-trip approval request to the Committee at least 30 days before the commencement of the trip or it will not be granted. Despite your failure to do so in this instance, we are approving your current request. However, any future requests should adhere to the 30-day requirement.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest  
Chairman

Susan Wild  
Ranking Member

MG/SW:mc

**Subject:** ATTN: REQUIRED: CBCI MISSISSIPPI POLICY CONFERENCE "TUNICA" - August 8-11, 2024 Tunica, MS  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 4:41:03 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** Denikka Brown  
**CC:** Evans, Vincent, Hentkowsky, Asia  
**Attachments:** image.png, Travel-Primary Trip Sponsor Form 2023 new logo (1) copy.pdf, Travel-Traveler Form 2023 new logo\_2.pdf



Exciting Announcement: Join Us for "Legacies of Momentum: 25 Years of Power, Policy, and Progress"!

Mark your calendars for August 8-11, 2024, as we gather in Tunica, Mississippi, for the 25th Anniversary of the Mississippi Policy Conference at the Horseshoe and Goldstrike Casino Resort Hotel.

For over two decades, this conference has been a cornerstone of our commitment to educating voters and shaping future leaders. It's the premier gathering for elected officials, community leaders, and business stakeholders to engage directly with Members of Congress and administration officials, focusing on crucial issues facing the African-American community.

Prepare for three days packed with dynamic discussions, innovative ideas, and actionable solutions to shape a brighter future and foster a sense of national unity.

Don't miss our Congressional Members' Forum and the final policy luncheon on Saturday, August 10, 2024. Your participation as panelists, moderators, and attendees is crucial to the success of this event. Join us in Tunica as we celebrate "Legacies of Momentum" and chart a course for continued progress and impact. This conference is made stronger by your presence. Let's make history together!

To ensure a seamless experience, we waive the cost of registration and cover lodging and ground transportation as per House Travel Rules upon your request. Please submit the Traveler's form and Primary Trip Sponsor Form **by the deadline of July 7, 2024**, to the Committee on Ethics, even if your member's attendance is pending. After submitting to Ethics, please **RSVP your Member's attendance to Denikka Brown at [dbrown@cbcinsitute.org](mailto:dbrown@cbcinsitute.org) or call (202) 785-3634.**

#### **REGISTER**

Members must register at: <https://mspolicyconference.vfairs.com>

**Select CBC Members under category (If the member would like to participate in any sporting events, the cost is \$175 per event, and it's at the personal expense of the Member). A credit card is required to complete the registration if a sporting event is added.**

If staff desires to attend the conference -please select: **CBC Members Staff**. We do not cover or waive any costs for staff to attend.

#### **TRAVELING TO TUNICA**

**We do not cover the cost of air transportation to the conference.**

Members fly into Memphis International Airport. Round-trip ground transportation will be provided from the airport to the host hotels.

Please email the Member's travel itinerary and phone number for the day of travel contact to: [transportation@cbcinsitute.org](mailto:transportation@cbcinsitute.org)

**Hotel Accommodations**—After registering, a confirmation email will be sent to the email used during registration with a link and access code to make the hotel reservation. The access code, which is specific to your registration and email address, expires after you make the reservation. (It cannot be shared or copied).

**No-shows and cancellations will be charged for one night's stay. Credit Card**—When arriving in Tunica, a credit card will be needed again during check-in.



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TUNICA



## AGENDA

**\*For Planning and Travel Purposes Only\***

### Thursday, August 8, 2024

- 12:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.      **Conference Registration**  
Laurel Lounge, Horseshoe Hotel
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.      **USDA Programs Presentation**  
Horseshoe Hotel, Bluesville  
An update of 006 and 007 as far as payment to farmers are concerned (especially Black farmers) and a panel of experts to talk about various existing programs as well as future programs that can benefit underserved communities.
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.      **Opening Conference Welcome Reception**  
Goldstrike Hotel, Live Oak Ballroom

### Friday, August 9, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.      **AI Focused: Unlocking Opportunities, Managing Risks**  
Horseshoe Hotel, Bluesville  
The panel aims to explore the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) while addressing the associated opportunities and risks. AI is increasingly shaping various sectors of society, from healthcare and education to finance and transportation. This panel provides a platform to discuss how stakeholders can harness AI's potential while mitigating its risks.
- Adrienne Williams - Distributed Artificial Intelligence Research (DAIR)
  - Krystal Chatman - Mississippi AI Collaborative & Education
  - Serena Oduro Black in AI
  - Dr. Nashlie Sephus - The Bean Path
  - Marcus Jadote, Google
  - Danyelle Solomon - Microsoft
  - **Dr. Jacqueline Jackson - Jackson State University, Moderator**
- 11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m      **Promoting Equity: Federal Agencies' Impact on Communities of Color- Biden-Harris Administration Officials**  
Horseshoe Hotel, Bluesville  
This panel focuses on examining the efforts of federal agencies under the Biden-Harris Administration to promote equity and address disparities faced by communities of color across the United States. It highlights initiatives, policies, and strategies aimed at advancing racial and social justice, economic opportunity, and healthcare access.

- Acting Secretary, Adrienne Toddman, HUD
- Acting Under Secretary, Chris Coes, DOT
- Commissioner, Jennifer Clyburn Reed, SCRC
- Deputy Director, Kortne Edogun, Dept Ed
- Deputy Chief of Staff, Kendall Corley, SBA
- **Director Steve Benjamin, White House OPE, Moderator**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. POLICY LUNCHEON & PRESENTATIONS  
WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER -YELLO PAIN**  
Goldstrike Hotel, Live Oak Ballroom

The policy luncheon is a continuation of conversations from the two sessions prior to the lunch with a keynote speaker. Continued discussions from the the day's prior tow policy sessions. Presentation of CBCI programming

**3:00 p.m. -4:30 p.m. The Black Wealth Agenda- Bridging the Divide**  
Horseshoe Hotel, Bluesville

The panel explores the imperative of achieving economic equity within the Black community. It provides an overview of historical contexts and contemporary challenges with insightful analyses addressing structural

- Jefferey Gooden, Entrepreneur
- Natalie Cofield, Entrepreneur
- Lillian German, HCSC
- Nikitra Bailey, National Fair Housing
- **Congressman Steven Horsford, Moderator**

**Saturday, August 10, 2024**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Homelessness in Anytown, USA: Examining Urban -Rural Disparities**  
Horseshoe Hotel, Bluesville

The panel begins with an introduction to the multifaceted issue of homelessness in the United States, emphasizing its prevalence in both urban centers and rural communities. It provides an overview of the challenges faced by homeless individuals and families, highlighting demographic trends, causes of homelessness, and regional disparities.

- Putalamus White - CEO & Founder, Jackson Resource Center
- Melvin Stamps - Planning Director, Central Mississippi Continuum of Care
- Errick D. Simmons - Mayor of Greenville, Mississippi
- Leah Cuffy, Director, Advocacy Research, National Apartment Association.
- Jennifer Collins, Regional IV Administrator, HUD
- **Dr. VaLecia Adams Kellum - CEO, Los Angels Homeless Services Authority, Moderator**

**11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Strengthening Democracy: Harnessing African American Voting Power for Civic Engagement and Change**  
Horseshoe Hotel, Bluesville

The panel focuses on the current political climate surrounding African American voting power, emphasizing its crucial role in shaping today's democratic processes and addressing contemporary challenges. We will delve into the present-day implications of African American political engagement and explore the impact of recent and ongoing political initiatives, including Project 2025..

- Demetria McCain – Policy Director, NAACP Legal Defense
- Wakinyah Clanton -Director, Southern Poverty Law Center Mississippi
- Brian Lemek – President, Defend The Vote Action Fund
- Vincent Evans, Executive Director, Congressional Black Caucus
- Krystal Knight,
- **Keenon James, Senior Director, Everyown for Gun Safety, Moderator**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. POLICY LUNCHEON**

Goldstrike Hotel, Live Oak Ballroom

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**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Congressional Members’ Forum: "The 118th Congress in Review: Key Moments and Future Directions"**

The forum provides an opportunity to reflect on the achievements, challenges, and future directions of the 118th Congress of the United States. Elected representatives gather to discuss legislative accomplishments, pivotal moments, and priorities for the future, aiming to inform constituents and stakeholders about the congressional agenda and its impact on national policies.

**ALL CBC MEMBERS PRESENT**

**7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.**

**Closing Dinner**

**Continued Discussion from the day’s policy sessions**

Goldstrike Hotel, Live Oak Ballroom

**Sunday, August 11, 2024**

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