

Dr. Everett Kelley

National President, American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE)

Everett Kelley is the national president of the American Federation of Government Employees, which is the largest union representing federal and D.C. government employees. He began his first term of service as national president in February 2020, was elected to another term during the 42nd National Convention in June 2022, and was reelected during the 43rd National Convention in August 2024. Everett Kelley has been a member of AFGE since 1981. He worked at Anniston Army Depot and retired from there after 30 years of service.

A native of Goodwater, AL, Dr. Kelley attended Sylacauga High School and enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduation, serving in active duty for three years and as a member of the Army Reserves for eight years. Following his enlisted service, Kelley completed an associate in arts degree at Central Alabama Community College, matriculated to Selma University, and earned a Bachelor of Theology and Master of Theology at Rushing Springs School of Theology. Upon graduation, Kelley honored his learning experience by serving as professor at Birmingham-Easonian Baptist Bible College and Rushing Springs School of Theology. He continued his education and obtained a Doctorate degree in 2016.