

## **Brent Booker**

Brent Booker is a third-generation laborer, University of Virginia graduate and union leader, who serves as secretary-treasurer of North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU), a labor federation representing over 3 million members and 14 affiliated unions in the building trades. Since being elected to the role in 2012, he has been a driving force in the strategic repositioning of NABTU within the construction industry.

Throughout his career, Booker has been at the forefront of labor and industry initiatives to improve workplace standards, broaden middle-class career paths, and expand infrastructure investment. Booker's focus at NABTU centers on financial and business development targeted towards construction owners and end-users to maintain the overall value of the organization for its members. His passion revolves around ensuring that building trades members and those seeking to enter the industry through NABTU's gold-standard apprenticeship program, specifically those from historically underrepresented communities - women, people of color, transitioning military service-members, and the formerly incarcerated - have an opportunity to obtain the craft skills needed to succeed, perform in a safe and healthy environment and access a family-sustaining career.

In addition to his leadership at NABTU, Booker serves as secretary-treasurer of the Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment and Veterans Employment (CMRAVE) and CPWR - The Center for Construction Research and Training. He also holds positions on several labor-management boards: He is Labor Co-Chair of both the North American Contractors Association/ NABTU Labor Management Trust and the General Presidents' Labor Management Trust and a board member of the Southern Company Labor Management Trust, the Nuclear Power Labor Management Cooperation Committee, and Union Sportsmen's Alliance.

Prior to his time at NABTU, Booker served as Director of the Construction Department at Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) from 2007-2012.

Brent and his wife, Katie, reside in Centreville, Virginia and are proud parents of Allison and Alex.