

**STATE REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

The State Review Board for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 met at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 20, 2021, at the Tennessee Historical Commission's (THC) offices at Clover Bottom Mansion, 2941 Lebanon Pike, Nashville, and online via WebEx video conference. All votes were taken by roll call and unless otherwise noted in the minutes, decisions were unanimous.

Members attending via WebEx were Kevin Smith, Vice Chair; Lee Ingram; Tara Mitchell Mielnik; Margot Payne; Jefferson Rogers; Amanda Rose; and Jim Thompson. Bennett Graham, Beverly Robertson, Juan Self, and Learotha Williams were unable to attend. Dr. Birdwell was unable to attend so Dr. Smith chaired the meeting. Jennifer Barnett with the Tennessee Division of Archaeology attended the meeting in person as an alternate for Mr. Graham.

THC staff members attending the meeting were Holly Barnett, Rebecca Schmitt, Casey Lee, Ellen Dement Hurd, Peggy Nickell, and Kelley Reid. E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr., Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, and Claudette Stager, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, also attended the meeting.

The first order of business was to approve the agenda. Ms. Rose moved, Dr. Mielnik seconded, to approve the agenda. Voted and approved.

The second order of business was to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021, meeting. Mr. Thompson moved, Ms. Payne seconded, to approve the minutes. Voted and approved.

The next meeting of the State Review Board will be held on January 26, 2022, in Nashville, in person, by WebEx, or both. The board determined that the May 2022 meeting will be held on May 11, 2022.

The next order of business was the election of a new chair and vice chair. The board decided that they would vote on both offices at once. Dr. Smith noted that he believed Dr. Birdwell was willing to serve as chair again; Dr. Smith stated that he would be willing to serve as vice chair. Mr. Thompson moved, Dr. Mielnik seconded, that Dr. Birdwell be re-elected chair and Dr. Smith be re-elected vice chair. Voted and approved.

The next order of business was a discussion of the proposed bylaws amendment. The proposed change allows more flexibility in attending the meeting by video conferencing. The changes were emailed to the board weeks ago. Mr. Thompson moved, Ms. Rose seconded, to approve the bylaws change. Voted and approved.

Mr. McIntyre introduced new staff member Ellen Dement Hurd. She will be coordinating the Certified Local Government program. Mr. McIntyre noted that the "Progress Report on the National Historic Preservation Act (PL 89-665) Activities" will be emailed to the board

soon. The report is a summary of the federal staff activities since the last meeting. He also informed the board that Ms. Stager will be retiring November 15, 2021. Ms. Barnett mentioned save-the-date November 12 for her retirement party.

National Register Nominations

Dr. Smith then called on Rebecca Schmitt to lead the discussion on the nominations. She showed a PowerPoint and presented information on the properties being reviewed.

Lauderdale High School, Lauderdale County

The property was nominated under criterion A for its local significance in African American ethnic heritage as it relates to education and social history. Kesey Lamkin, preservation planner for the Memphis Area Association of Governments, prepared the nomination. She attended the meeting via WebEx. Yolanda Harris attended the meeting on the behalf of James Bond, a representative of the school alumni group; Ms. Harris read a statement from Mr. Bond about the property.

Mr. Thompson moved, Dr. Rogers seconded, that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved.

Dixie Theatre, Marshall County

The property was nominated under criterion A for its local significance in recreation and entertainment. Sarah Elizabeth McLeod helped prepare the nomination and attended the meeting in support of the property.

Dr. Mielnik moved, Mr. Thompson seconded, that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved.

Daniel Hanley House, Shelby County

The property was nominated under criterion C for its local significance in architecture. Ms. Lamkin prepared the nomination and attended the meeting in support of the property. Doug Wilkins, the property owner also attended the meeting via WebEx.

Mr. Thompson moved, Ms. Payne seconded, that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved.

Parker's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and Cemetery, Sumner County

The property was nominated under criteria A and C for its local significance African American heritage as it relates to social history and art. The nomination was prepared by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University. Dr. Carrol Van West, program director and state historian, and the church's Pastor James Brown spoke

in support of the nomination. Dr. West also commended Ms. Stager for her work on the multiple property document on rural African American churches, completed when she was the National Register coordinator.

Ms. Rose moved, Dr. Mielnik seconded, that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved.

Removals and Reassessments

Six National Register-listed properties had been demolished and the board reviewed these nominations for removing them from the National Register. Mr. Ingram asked if they could review all the removals at once. This was allowed and has been done in the past. Mr. Ingram moved, Dr. Smith seconded, to review all six properties at once. Voted and approved.

The properties reviewed were:

Luther Brannon House – Anderson County
McNutt-McReynolds House – Blount County
Beechwood Hall – Cocke County
Manchester Cumberland Presbyterian Church – Coffee County
Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church - Hamilton County
Dr. Thomas H. Price House – Tipton County

Mr. Ingram moved, Mr. Thompson seconded, that the removals be approved. Voted and approved.

Other Business

The board thanked Ms. Stager for her work over the years.

There being no further business, Mr. Thompson moved, Ms. Payne seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Approved,

Kevin Smith, Vice Chair