

**STATE REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
September 20, 2023**

The State Review Board for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at the Tennessee Historical Commission's offices at Clover Bottom Mansion, 2941 Lebanon Pike, Nashville, and online via WebEx video conference. The meeting was held in a hybrid format. All votes were taken by roll call and unless otherwise noted in the minutes, decisions were unanimous.

Members present were Lee Ingram; Tom Maher; Tara Mitchell Mielnik; Margot Payne; Jefferson Rogers; Claudette Stager; James Thompson.

Members unable to attend were Kevin Smith, Chair; Juan Self, Vice Chair; Beverly Robertson; Amanda Rose; Learotha Williams.

THC staff members attending the meeting were Rebecca Schmitt, J. Ethan Holden, Casey Lee, Kelley Reid, Lane Tillner, Caty Dirksen, and Justin Heskew. E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr., Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, and Holly Barnett, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, also attended the meeting.

Numerous owners of nominated properties also attended the meeting.

According to Article IV of the State Review Board bylaws, "In the event that neither the Chair nor Vice Chair is at the meeting, the State Historic Preservation Officer will appoint a Chair Pro Tem." As both the Chair and Vice Chair were absent for the September 20, 2023, State Review Board Meeting, E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr., appointed himself Chair Pro Tem for the duration of the meeting.

The first order of business was to read the Determination of Necessity into the record, and a copy of the Determination is appended to these minutes. Mr. Thompson moved, Ms. Stager seconded, to approve the Determination of Necessity. Voted and approved.

The second order of business was to approve the agenda. Mr. Thompson moved, Ms. Stager seconded, to approve the agenda. Voted and approved.

The third order of business was to approve the Minutes of the May 17, 2023, meeting. Ms. Stager moved, Mr. Thompson seconded, to approve the minutes. Voted and approved.

The next meeting of the State Review Board will be held on January 24, 2024, in Nashville, in person and by WebEx. The board determined that the May 2024 meeting will be held on May 22, 2024.

The next order of business was the election of a new Chair. Ms. Stager moved that Kevin Smith be reelected Chair. Mr. Thompson seconded the nomination. Voted and approved.

Following the election of Chair, the next order of business was the election of a new Vice Chair. Ms. Stager moved that Juan Self be reelected Vice Chair. Mr. Thompson seconded the nomination. Voted and approved.

The next order of business was the introduction of a new staff member. Mr. McIntyre introduced staff member Bobby Cooley as the new State Historic Sites Program Coordinator. Mr. Cooley previously worked for the Tennessee State Park system. During his time in parks, Mr. Cooley worked at Port Royal State Historic Park, Old Stone Fort State Archeological Park, Sgt. Alvin C. York State Historic Park, and Dunbar Cave State Park. Mr. Cooley was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior appointment.

Mr. McIntyre presented the "Progress Report on the National Historic Preservation Act (PL 89-665) Activities". The report is a summary of the federal staff activities since the last meeting.

National Register Nominations

Mr. McIntyre then called on Ms. Schmitt and Dr. Holden to lead the discussion on the nominations. They showed a PowerPoint and presented information on the properties being reviewed.

Omicron Sigma Chapter House of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, Shelby County

The property was nominated under Criterion A and Criterion C for local significance in Black Ethnic Heritage, Social History, and Architecture. The property was nominated under the "Historic Residential Resources of Memphis, Shelby County, TN" Multiple Property Documentation Form. Angel L. Crawford of Omicron Sigma Chapter prepared the nomination with assistance from Dr. Holden of the Tennessee Historical Commission. Ms. Crawford attended the meeting virtually and spoke in support of the nomination.

Ms. Stager recommended that more context on other Historic Black Colleges and Universities and Black Greek Letter Organizations in Memphis be included in the final nomination. Ms. Stager also recommended that additional context for Criterion C be included. Mr. Thompson recommended that the nomination note the full-size windows in the architectural description and identified a spelling error in the floorplan. Dr. Holden noted he would incorporate these comments into the final draft.

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

Scattersville Public School, Sumner County

The property was nominated under Criterion A for local significance in Black Ethnic Heritage and Social History. Lashonda Padgett of the Scattersville Community prepared the nomination with assistance from Dr. Holden of the Tennessee Historical Commission.

Ms. Padgett and another community member attended the meeting in-person and spoke in support of the nomination.

Ms. Stager requested that additional context for other African American schools in Portland and Sumner County be included in the final nomination. Ms. Stager also asked if the Period of Significance could be extended further to correspond with the years the building served as a community center. Dr. Holden stated that he and Ms. Padgett would work on gathering that information. Mr. Ingram asked what happened to the property between 1900 and 1927. Ms. Padgett responded that there were earlier iterations of the school before the current building was constructed. Dr. Mielnik requested that the narrative change a statement about a Scattersville community member to acknowledge he was one of the first African American men in the county to receive a college degree. Mr. Thompson inquired about the function of two rooms on the front of the building, to which Ms. Padgett answered that they were storage rooms.

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

Harlinsdale Farm (Boundary Increase), Williamson County

The property was nominated under Criterion A and Criterion C at the local level of significance in Architecture and Agriculture. Ms. Schmitt prepared the nomination on behalf of the property owner.

Emily Huffer from the City of Franklin spoke in support of the nomination.

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

Removals and Reassessments

One National Register-listed property had been demolished and the State Review Board reviewed the proposal to remove it from the National Register.

Collier-Lane-Crichlow House, Rutherford County

The property was listed on August 23, 1978, for its local significance in Architecture, Education, and Politics/Government. In January 2023, the property was demolished to allow for the construction of multiple new homes.

Mr. McIntyre expressed regret for the demolition of the house, as it was an important fixture in the Murfreesboro historic community. Mr. Thompson also expressed the same sentiment, noting it was one of the first houses built on that street.

Mr. Thompson moved, Ms. Stager seconded, that the removal be approved. Voted and approved.

Other Business

National Register staff presented program updates to the State Review Board. The first item discussed was the newly published National Register Frequently-Asked-Questions webpage. Dr. Holden authored the page and associated documents and spoke on the methodology used to compile the FAQ list. Ms. Schmitt then presented on updates on the Appalachian Trail Multiple Property Documentation Form, the Fort Armistead Federal Nomination, ongoing updates to old National Register nomination boundaries in Tennessee, and National Park Service guidance on evaluating properties for potential National Register eligibility.

There being no further business, Ms. Stager moved, Mr. Thompson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Approved,



E. Patrick McIntyre, Chair Pro Tem