

**STATE REVIEW BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
January 24, 2024**

The State Review Board for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 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 Kevin Smith, Chair; Juan Self, Vice Chair; Tom Maher; Margot Payne; Claudette Stager; and James Thompson. Jennifer Barnett and Kim Parks stood in as alternate State Review Board members to ensure quorum was met.

Members unable to attend were Lee Ingram; Tara Mitchell Mielnik; Beverly Robertson; Jefferson Rogers; Amanda Rose; and Learotha Williams.

THC staff members attending the meeting were Rebecca Schmitt, J. Ethan Holden, Casey Lee, Justin Heske, Kelley Reid, Caty Dirksen, and Lane Tillner. 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.

The first order of business was to read the Determination of Necessity into the record. Kevin Smith read the Determination into the record. Ms. Stager moved, Mr. Thompson seconded the Determination of Necessity. Voted and approved.

The second order of business was to approve the January 24, 2024, agenda. Mr. Thompson moved, Ms. Stager seconded that the agenda be approved. Voted and approved.

The next order of business was to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023, State Review Board meeting. Ms. Stager moved, Mr. Thompson seconded that the minutes be approved. Voted and approved.

The next meeting of the State Review Board will be held on May 22, 2024, in Nashville, in person and by WebEx. The board determined that the September 2024 meeting will be held on September 18, 2024.

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**

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

### **Cross-Boggs Place, Anderson County**

The property was nominated under Criterion C for local significance in Architecture. Bonnie Shoemaker and J. Ethan Holden of the Tennessee Historical Commission prepared the nomination.

Ms. Stager stated that the boundaries of the nominated property needed to be amended to allow access to a public road. Dr. Holden stated that this could be done by including the entirety of the property's boundaries in the final nomination.

Ms. Stager moved (under the condition that the boundary issue be addressed), Ms. Parks seconded that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved.

### **Webb Public School, Carroll County**

The property was nominated under Criterion A for local significance with Areas of Significance including Ethnic Heritage – Black and Education. Jessica Baker of the Northwest Tennessee Development District prepared the nomination. Ms. Baker spoke in favor of the nomination. Multiple members of the Webb Alumni Association attended the meeting in support of the nomination.

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

### **Townsend School, Franklin County**

The property was nominated under Criterion A for local significance with Areas of Significance including Ethnic Heritage – Black, Education, and Social History. The nomination was completed by Savannah Grandey Knies of Middle Tennessee State University's Center for Historic Preservation, Sarah Elizabeth Hickman-McLeod of the South Central Tennessee Development District, and Rebecca Schmitt of the Tennessee Historical Commission. Dr. Carroll Van West of the Center for Historic Preservation spoke in favor of the nomination.

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

### **Esso Filling Station, Haywood County**

The property was nominated under Criterion A and Criterion C for its local significance in Commerce and Architecture. It was nominated under the Historic Resources of Brownsville, Tennessee 1823-1970 Multiple Property Documentation Form. Judith Johnson of J. Johnson and Associates and Rebecca Schmitt of the Tennessee Historical Commission completed the nomination. Ms. Johnson spoke in favor of the nomination. Sharon Hayes also attended virtually and spoke in favor of the nomination.

Mr. Thompson commented on the good work the Haywood Heritage Foundation has done in the Brownsville area and broader county. Ms. Stager commented that the architectural style was closer to Streamlined Art Deco rather than Art Deco. Ms. Stager also asked if there was a standard plan for company gas stations and, if so, did this one match it.

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

### **Woodlawn Baptist Church, Haywood County**

The property was nominated under Criterion C for local significance in architecture. Thomas Skehan of the Southwest Tennessee Development District and Rebecca Schmitt of the Tennessee Historical Commission completed the nomination.

Mr. Skehan spoke in support of the nomination. Mr. Thompson noted that the floorplan was misleading because it showed a ninety-degree angle in the main section when it was an irregular angle. He also noted that additional detail on which way the doors swung on the floorplan would be helpful. Ms. Stager commented that wording should be inserted into the nomination to acknowledge that the installation of vinyl siding was done to address "perceived maintenance problems." She also commented that the nomination should better distinguish between this property and the listed Woodlawn church that was associated with Tina Turner.

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

### **Cherokee Arms, Shelby County**

The property was nominated under Criterion A and Criterion C for its local significance in Community Planning and Development, and Architecture. It was nominated under the Historic Residential Resources of Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee Multiple Property Documentation Form. Judith Johnson of J. Johnson & Associated completed the nomination.

Ms. Johnson spoke in favor of the nomination. Dana Gabrion, the owner of the property, also attended and spoke in favor of the nomination. Ms. Stager asked National Register staff to double check if the property could be eligible under Criterion A after a period of

only one year. Mr. Thompson commented that Memphis was blessed with small apartment complexes like this one across the city.

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

### **West J. Crawford House, Shelby County**

The property was nominated under Criterion C for its local significance in Architecture. Esosa Osayamwen and J. Ethan Holden completed the nomination.

Mr. Thompson commented that there were duplicate floorplans, rather than an individual one for the first and second floors of the building. Dr. Holden said he would work with the author to fix that. Mr. Self commented that he was happy to see the building being nominated and suggested nearby properties for comparison, such as the Hunt-Phelan House.

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

### **Cedar Heights Farm, Wilson County**

The property was nominated under Criterion C for its local significance in Architecture. The nomination was prepared by Jeff Strickland and J. Ethan Holden of the Tennessee Historical Commission.

Ms. Stager noted that the nomination had a boundary issue and that it should be revised to include access to a public road. Mr. Thompson noted that the floor plan did not show any bathrooms and wanted to make sure this was correct. Dr. Holden said that he would fix the boundaries and check with the owner about the bathrooms. Mr. Self asked if there were plans to preserve the property, to which Dr. Holden responded that the owner was planning on preserving it. Ms. Parks commented that she was pleased to see the supporting agricultural outbuildings included in the nomination.

Ms. Stager moved (under the condition that the boundary issue be addressed), Mr. Thompson seconded, that the nomination be approved. Voted and approved.

### **Other Business**

Dr. Schmitt presented National Park Service Guidance updates to the State Review Board. Ms. Stager asked Dr. Schmitt to share links to the guidance with the board. Dr. Smith spoke about current research and important topics in Tennessee archeology. Ms. Stager made an announcement about the Nashville Conference on African-American History and Culture and encouraged everyone to attend.

There being no further business, Dr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Approved,

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Kevin Smith, Chair