

Tennessee Historical Commission
Bylaws Committee
Minutes
November 16, 2023

Call to Order. The THS Bylaws Committee meeting on November 16, 2023, was called to order by Committee Chairman Jeremy Harrell at 9:02 am CT. The committee met via Zoom. Roll was called and all committee members were present: Jeremy Harrell, James Haywood, William Lyons, Ann Toplovich, and ex officio member Derita Coleman Williams, chairman of the THC.

Also attending the meeting were THC staff members Patrick McIntyre, Miranda Christy, and Caty Dirksen, as well as THC commissioners Dan Pomeroy, Beth Campbell, and Loni Harris.

Determination of Necessity. Chairman Harrell read into the record the determination of necessity for the THC Bylaws Committee meeting. Public notice of the meeting had been given. Dr. Lyons moved for approval of the necessity of the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Haywood. Roll was called on the motion and passed 4-0.

Agenda Addendum. Chairman Harrell added three items to the agenda: minutes from the October 13, 2023, meeting; scheduling the next committee meeting; and a process for comment by THC members.

Public Comment. No one requested to speak or provided written comment in advance of the meeting. Chairman Harrell asked if the THC members present at the meeting wished to say anything. All had no comment.

Approval of October 13, 2023, Minutes. The minutes of the committee's first meeting were reviewed. Mr. Haywood moved for acceptance of the minutes and was seconded by Dr. Lyons. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0.

Bylaws Discussion and Action. Chairman Harrell suggested that the committee go through the bylaws section by section, and the committee agreed to do so. He presented a Word document of the bylaws, which is available in the archived recording of the meeting. The committee discussed proposed changes in language, structure, and organization of the bylaws. Articles V, VI, and VII received the most attention. The proposed revisions will be taken up again at the committee's next meeting.

Other Business. The next meeting of the committee will be on November 28, 2023, at 8:00 am CT, via Zoom. An additional meeting will take place on December 19, 2023, at 9:00 am CT, if needed.

Process for Comment by THC Members. The Bylaws Committee wishes to offer an opportunity for preliminary comment on the bylaws revision to the members of the Tennessee Historical Commission. The current bylaws will be circulated to the Commission and THC staff will collect the comments. Any comments submitted will be discussed at the next bylaws committee

meeting. The full Commission must ultimately approve any amendment(s) to the bylaws, as provided in Article VIII.

Adjournment. The THC Bylaws Committee having no further business, Dr. Lyons moved for adjournment and was seconded by Chairman Harrell. There being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 am CT.

Submitted by
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THC Bylaws Committee Secretary
November 26, 2023