

Tennessee Historical Commission Selection Committee Meeting Minutes June 23, 2026

Call to Order

The Historic Sites Committee meeting opened at 8:20 pm Central Time.

Appointed Members Present: Dr. Warren Dockter, Chair, Beth Campbell, Loni Harris, Dan Pomeroy.

Ex Officio Members Present: Sam Elliott.

Members Absent: Ray Smith.

Tennessee Historical Commission Staff Members Present: Chelsea Sudbury, TDEC Associate Counsel; Caty Dirksen, Outreach Coordinator; and Barbara Grissom, Administrative Secretary.

Members of the Public Present: Reggie Mudd, Tyler Sloan, Susan Williams, Dick Williams.

Public Comment

No public Comment.

Meeting Minutes: April 17, 2026

Dr. Dockter referred to the meeting minutes from the previous Selection Committee meeting, held on April 17, 2026.

Motion: Beth Campbell motioned to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2026 meeting. Dan Pomeroy seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried. Yeas: Campbell, Dockter, Harris, Pomeroy.

Identify Top Three Candidates and Two Alternates

Dr. Warren Dockter discussed the candidate selection process, noting they narrowed down 23 initial applicants to seven candidates. The top-ranked candidate is 634, followed by a three-way tie for second involving candidates 168, 428, and 968. Candidates 222, 112 and 751 are ranked third, fourth, and fifth, respectively. The Committee elected to use a numeric ID system to replace candidate names to protect their privacy during public meetings and records. Dr. Dockter suggested moving forward with the seven top candidates and conducting a deep dive of the applicants, including background checks, reviewing relevant public information, and checking references employment history and LinkedIn profiles.

Motion: Loni Harris motioned to approve the seven-applicant strategy and move forward with applicants 634, 168, 428, 968, 222, 112, and 751. Beth Campbell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried. Yeas: Campbell, Dockter, Harris, and Pomeroy.

Assign Tasks to Follow-Up with References and Report Back

Dr. Dockter stated he will formally assign each committee member one or two of the seven candidates via email within one week. The committee will continue using the numeric ID system to protect the candidates' privacy during public meetings and records. Chelsea Sudbury, TDEC Associate Counsel, informed the committee that post-interview deliberations about candidates must occur in a public meeting. The committee agreed. The suggested vetting timeline is approximately two weeks, then the committee will reconvene to decide interviews and next steps.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM

Submitted by:

Dr. Warren Dockter, Selection Committee Chair

Miranda Montgomery, Interim Executive Director