

Draft Minutes

JOINT MEETING
STATE REVIEW BOARD and BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
10:00 a.m. March 19, 2025
Reynolds Leadership Center, Virginia Museum of History and Culture
428 N Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220

State Review Board Members Present

John Mullen, Chair
Dr. Jody L. Allen, Vice Chair
Dr. Eleanor Breen
Carol Shull
Dr. Larissa M. Smith
Greg Rutledge

Historic Resources Board Members Present

Aimee Jorjani, Vice Chair
Dr. Ashley Spivey
Martin Townes
Mary Pope Hutson
Jamie Bosket
David Hartley

State Review Board Members Absent

Dr. Jeffrey Klee

Historic Resources Board Members Absent

Dr. Ken Rutherford, Chair

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Roger Kirchen, Director
Elizabeth Tune, Deputy Director
Jolene Smith
Jennifer Pullen
Michael Pulice
Joanna McKnight
Elizabeth Lipford
LaToya Gray-Sparks
Samantha Henderson
Austin Walker
Kyle Edwards*

Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director
Amanda Terrell
Brad McDonald
Megan Melinat
Aubrey Von Lindern
Ari Calos
Dr. Jennifer Loux
Joanna Wilson-Green
Charlotte Leahy
Ivy Tan*
Karri Richardson*

Other State Agency Staff Present:

Andrew Tarne, Office of the Attorney General

**denotes virtual attendance*

Guests Present (from attendees list in Teams and sign-in sheets):

Lena McDonald	Lewis Longenecker	Haley Greene
Sophia Perez	Alexa Thurston	Jack Owens
Steven Payne	Todd Kilduff	Karen vanBlaricom
Casey Stallworth	Anna Meyer	Ashley Neville
Robert Swift	Nikki Lay	

State Review Board (SRB)

Chair Mullen called the State Review Board to order at 9:59 a.m.

Deputy Director Williams called roll to confirm the presence of a quorum for the SRB. Chair Mullen, Vice Chair Allen, Dr. Breen, Ms. Shull, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Rutledge are present.

Chair Mullen read the land acknowledgement statement. He then explained the purpose and duties of the SRB and the process of Register designation. Each SRB member introduced themselves.

Chair Mullen noted that today's meeting is taking place in person and online, and that it is being recorded. He said that some members of the public are attending the meeting online.

Chair Mullen next asked the SRB members if there were any questions about the agenda. Hearing none, Chair Mullen requested a motion to approve the meeting format and agenda. Dr. Smith so moved, and Dr. Allen seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the December 11, 2025, meeting minutes. Dr. Breen so moved, and Ms. Shull seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Board of Historic Resources (BHR)

Vice Chair Jorjani called the Board of Historic Resources to order at 10:08 a.m.

Deputy Director Williams called roll to establish the presence of a quorum for the BHR. Vice Chair Jorjani, Dr. Spivey, Mr. Townes, Ms. Hutson, Mr. Bosket, and Mr. Hartley are present.

Vice Chair Jorjani explained the purpose and duties of the BHR. She invited BHR members to introduce themselves and introduced herself.

Vice Chair Jorjani noted that today's meeting is taking place in person and online and is being recorded. She said that some DHR staff members are attending the meeting online as are members of the public.

Vice Chair Jorjani requested a motion for approval of the meeting format and agenda. Ms. Hutson so moved, and Dr. Spivey seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Vice Chair Jorjani asked for a motion to approve the December 11, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Bosket so moved, and Ms. Hutson seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Chair Mullen then gave the floor to Director Kirchen.

Director's Report

Director Kirchen began his report by thanking Mr. Bosket and the Virginia Museum of History and Culture for hosting today's meeting. He recommended that board members and those in attendance take a moment to view the maquette of the Barbara Rose Johns statue for the National Statuary Hall at the United States Capitol, which is currently on display at the museum, and remarked on the great success of the statue's recent dedication. He also noted upcoming programming at the museum surrounding the 75th anniversary of the walk-out at Robert R. Moton High School in Farmville, led by Johns, as well as the upcoming opening of the museum's We The People exhibit.

Director Kirchen next introduced Mr. Andrew Tarne, in attendance from the Office of the Attorney General. He also welcomed Lewis Longenecker and his class from Cumberland Middle School and thanked them for their attendance and contributions to the proposed historical highway marker for the Robert R. Moton Rosenwald School. He congratulated Dr. Breen, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Rutledge on their recent reappointments to the SRB, and reminded board members of recent digital training modules prepared by agency staff and shared with them.

Next, Director Kirchen introduced DHR's new Deputy Director, Elizabeth Tune, who returns to the agency from the National Park Service after previously serving as Director of Preservation Incentives. He reminded the board members of the appointment of former delegate David L. Bulova as Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources, noting his familiarity with DHR's work. He also informed the boards of DHR's recent work on Governor Spanberger's Executive Orders #1 and #3, which are aimed at cutting costs in state government and increasing

housing affordability and supply, respectively. DHR has submitted ideas on how the agency can effectively address both initiatives.

Turning to agency updates, Director Kirchen informed the boards that the recently approved federal spending package included level funding for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), though DHR is still awaiting notice to be able to draw down those funds. He noted the February announcement of a new program for highway markers commemorating lynching sites across the Commonwealth, with current funding allowing for approximately 15 new markers. These new markers will follow the same process of BHR approval.

Director Kirchen went on to note that the pre-application process is now open for the third round of DHR's Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Historic Preservation Program. He also informed the boards that the agency has been awarded an NPS Underrepresented Communities Grant to survey historic resources associated with Asian American and Pacific Islander communities across Virginia. The project aims to produce 75 historic resource surveys as well as a National Register nomination for Eden Center in Falls Church.

Director Kirchen informed the boards that upgrades to DHR's collections storage are nearly complete, with 4,400 square feet of compact storage added, and reminded them that the agency's archaeological collections remain closed to the public while staff conduct a systematic review pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

Director Kirchen then offered a brief update on the recently adjourned General Assembly session. He noted that two new full-time positions for DHR's easements program remain in the proposed budget, though other bills involving the agency failed in committee. This includes legislation that would have authorized the acquisition of James Monroe's Oak Hill property in Loudoun County for conversion into a state park.

Director Kirchen concluded his report by expressing his honor at being the first archaeologist to serve as DHR's Director as well as his optimism for the agency's future.

Public Comment

Vice Chair Jorjani introduced and explained the purpose of the public comment period and noted that speakers are asked to limit their remarks to three minutes. She added that the BHR will not take action on any comments presented today but DHR will take the comments under consideration. She requested that speakers limit their comments to a span of three minutes. She added that a second comment period will occur when the BHR meets this afternoon to review Highway Marker and Easement program materials.

Seven people signed in to speak in person. No one attending virtually registered to speak:

1. Jack Owens from the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation spoke in support of the highway marker for The Lynching of William Shorter. Mr. Owens leads the foundation's Long Road to Freedom Project, which sponsored the marker. He also passed along the support of Byron C. Smith, Director of the Newtown History Center in Stephens City.
2. Haley Greene, a 7th grade student at Cumberland Middle School, spoke in support of the highway marker for Robert R. Moton (Rosenwald) School and shared additional historic context.
3. Sophia Perez, a 7th grade student at Cumberland Middle School, spoke in support of the highway marker for Robert R. Moton (Rosenwald) School and shared additional historic context.
4. Alexa Thurston, a 7th grade student at Cumberland Middle School, spoke in support of the highway marker for Robert R. Moton (Rosenwald) School and shared additional historic context.
5. Steven Payne, owner of the Saunders House in Warrenton, spoke in support of the property's nomination for register listing and thanked Aubrey Von Lindern and author Dan Pezzoni for their contributions.
6. Todd Kilduff, Deputy County Administrator for Hanover County, spoke in support of the nomination for Henry Clay Elementary School. He informed the Boards that the building will be repurposed for housing following extensive community outreach conducted by the County, and he thanked Faye Prichard, Hanover County Board of Supervisors member for the Ashland District, for her advocacy during the process.

7. Casey Stallworth spoke in support of the highway marker for Clarence Smith, noting Mr. Smith's formative impact on his own life and community.

Vice Chair Jorjani thanked everyone who spoke today, noted that their comments will receive careful consideration, and said that the public comment period is concluded.

Vice Chair Jorjani called for a brief break at 10:42 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:50 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Statewide

1. *The Negro Traveler's Green Book* in Virginia Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF), DHR File No. 500-0009 Δ >

Mr. Austin Walker presented *The Negro Traveler's Green Book* in Virginia MPDF.

Chair Mullen requested a motion to approve *The Negro Traveler's Green Book* in Virginia MPDF as presented. Mr. Rutledge moved that the MPDF be approved. Vice-Chair Allen seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the MPDF as presented.

Vice Chair Jorjani requested a motion to approve the MPDF as presented. Mr. Bosket so moved, and Mr. Hartley seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the MPDF as presented.

Eastern Region

1. 2108 Jefferson Avenue, City of Newport News, DHR File No. 121-5669 Δ \$ >
2. Ames-Old Farm, City of Suffolk, DHR File No. 133-0058 **

Ms. Ari Calos presented nominations 1 and 2 as a block.

3. Henry Clay Elementary School, Town of Ashland, Hanover County, DHR File No. 166-0013 **

Ms. Joanna McKnight presented nomination 3.

Chair Mullen requested a motion to approve the Eastern Region nominations as presented. Dr. Breen moved that the nominations be approved. Dr. Smith seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the nominations as presented.

Vice Chair Jorjani requested a motion to approve the Eastern Region nominations as presented. Ms. Hutson so moved, and Dr. Spivey seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the nominations as presented.

Northern Region

1. Saunders House, Town of Warrenton, Fauquier County, DHR File No. 156-5200 **

Ms. Aubrey Von Lindern presented the nomination for the Saunders House.

Chair Mullen requested a motion to approve the Northern Region nomination as presented. Vice Chair Allen moved that the nomination be approved. Ms. Shull seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the nomination as presented.

Vice Chair Jorjani requested a motion to approve the Northern Region nomination as presented. Dr. Spivey so moved, and Mr. Townes seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the nomination as presented.

Western Region

1. Montvale High School, Bedford County, DHR File No. 009-0306
2. Randolph-Macon Woman's College Historic District, City of Lynchburg, DHR File No. 118-5763 **
3. Fishburn Park Keeper's Cottage, City of Roanoke, DHR File No. 128-0032 **

Mr. Mike Pulice presented nominations 1 through 3 as a block.

Chair Mullen requested a motion to approve the Western Region nominations as presented. Vice Chair Allen moved that the nominations be approved. Ms. Shull seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the nominations as presented.

Vice Chair Jorjani requested a motion to approve the Western Region nominations as presented. Dr. Spivey so moved, and Mr. Townes seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the nominations as presented.

Adjournment

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to adjourn the joint session of the BHR and SRB. Mr. Rutledge so moved, and Ms. Shull seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the joint session.

Vice Chair Jorjani asked for a motion to adjourn the joint session of the BHR and SRB. Ms. Hutson so moved, and Mr. Townes seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the joint session.

The joint meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Register Summary of Resources Listed: Historic Districts: 1
Buildings: 6
Structures: 0
Sites: 0
Objects: 0
MPDs: 1

BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

12:45 p.m., March 19, 2026

Reynolds Leadership Center, Virginia Museum of History & Culture, Richmond, Virginia

Board of Historic Resources Members Present:

Aimee K. Jorjani, Vice Chair
Jamie Bosket
David Hartley
Mary Pope Hutson
Ashley Spivey, PhD
Martin Townes

Board of Historic Resources Members Absent:

Ken Rutherford, PhD, Chair

Department of Historic Resources (DHR)

Staff Present:

Roger Kirchen, Director
Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director
Kyle Edwards
Joanna Wilson Green
Elizabeth Lipford
Dr. Jennifer Loux
Brad McDonald
Megan Melinat
Wendy Musumeci
Jennifer Pullen
Latoya Gray-Sparks*
Karri Richardson*
**denotes virtual attendance*

Other State Agency Staff Present:

Andrew Tarne, Office of the Attorney General

Guests Present from Attendees List at Meeting:

Jack Owens, SVBF
Cabell Vest, ABT
Parker Agelasto, CRLC
Pam Radwani
Casey Stallworth

Guests Registered in Teams:

Heather Richards, The Conservation Fund
Marvin Jones
Rebecca Suerdieck
Master Brownseed

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jorjani called the meeting to order at 12:46 p.m.

Vice Chair Jorjani read the Board of Historic Resources Call to Order of those members present: Mr. Bosket, Mr. Hartley, Ms. Hutson, Dr. Spivey, Mr. Townes and Chair Rutherford.

Vice Chair Jorjani read the following Land Acknowledgement Statement:

The Department of Historic Resources, the Board of Historic Resources, and the State Review Board acknowledge the indigenous peoples of Virginia and express its gratitude for their continued stewardship of her lands and waterways over many generations. We also acknowledge the free and enslaved Africans and their descendants whose labors and contributions on behalf of the Commonwealth have long been overlooked. We commit ourselves to meaningful engagement with all Virginians, past and present, as we strive to fulfill our charge as stewards of Virginia's long and rich history.

Vice Chair Jorjani read the following BHR Purpose Statement:

The Virginia Board of Historic Resources is an official policy-making board of the Commonwealth of Virginia created by the Code of Virginia. Its policies are implemented by the Department of Historic Resources, which day in and day out labors on behalf of our irreplaceable resources in the interest of the citizens of this Commonwealth. The Board is charged primarily with the responsibility for:

1. *Designating historic landmarks of local, statewide, or national significance;*
2. *Establishing historic preservation practices for the care and management of our Virginia Historic Landmarks;*
3. *Designating state-recognized historic districts and archaeological sites and zones;*
4. *Approving historical highway markers;*
5. *Reviewing programs and services of the Agency, and making recommendations to the Director of DHR and the Governor regarding programs and services; and in order to preserve important sites and buildings in perpetuity; and*
6. *Accepting voluntarily granted gifts of preservation easements over historic properties to the Commonwealth.*

The Governor of Virginia selects members of the Board from volunteer and professional leaders of Virginia's history, preservation, and museum communities. Votes taken during this meeting are official actions of the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Historic Resources.

Vice Chair Jorjani asked the Board members to introduce themselves: Mr. Bosket, Mr. Hartley, Ms. Hutson, Dr. Spivey, Mr. Townes and Vice Chair Jorjani.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Casey Stallworth spoke on behalf of the Clarence Smith marker.
Marvin Jones spoke on behalf of the Community Life in Newsome Park marker.

The Public Comment agenda ended at 12:59 p.m.

HIGHWAY MARKERS

Dr. Jennifer Loux presented the following seven (7) New Markers as a block.

New Markers

1. **Thomas Carter (1731-1803)**
Sponsor: The Carter Society of Virginia
Locality: Scott County
Proposed Location: Route 649 in Rye Cove
2. **Thomas Day (ca. 1801-ca. 1861)**
Sponsor: Rosa Allen
Locality: Dinwiddie County
Proposed Location: 21015 Boydton Plank Road, McKenney
3. **The Lynching of William Shorter**
Sponsor: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation/Long Road to Freedom Project
Locality: Frederick County
Proposed Location: Route 11, south of intersection with Apple Valley Road
4. **Robert R. Moton (Rosenwald) School**
Sponsor: Cumberland Middle School
Locality: Cumberland County
Proposed Location: 837 Guinea Road

5. Community Life in Newsome Park

Sponsor: Marvin Q. Jones Jr.
Locality: City of Newport News
Proposed Location: 4200 Marshall Avenue

6. Clarence Smith (Allah) (1928-1969)

Sponsor: Dominant Village Outreach Program
Locality: City of Danville
Proposed Location: 834 Valley Street

7. Henry Reed and Old-Time Music

Sponsor: Giles County
Locality: Giles County
Proposed Location: Lurich Road at intersection with East River Mountain Road

Board Comments Summary:

No discussion.

With a motion to approve New Markers #1-7 by J. Bosket and a second from A. Spivey, all members voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following seven (7) Replacement Markers:

Replacement Markers

1. William Byrd's Camp A-57

Sponsor: VDOT
Locality: Henry County
Proposed Location: US 220 northbound near intersection with Route 734

2. Wilton SA-29

Sponsor: DHR
Locality: City of Richmond
Proposed Location: Cary Street Road at intersection with S. Wilton Road

3. The White House WO-12

Sponsor: VDOT
Locality: New Kent County
Proposed Location: New Kent Highway just west of intersection with Emmaus Church Road

4. Chickahominy Church W-32

Sponsor: VDOT
Locality: James City County
Proposed Location: US 60 at intersection with Chickahominy Road

5. Charles Fenton Mercer (1778-1858) T-24

Sponsor: DHR
Locality: Town of Leesburg
Proposed Location: North King Street (Bus. US 15) and Oakcrest Manor Drive

6. Seven Days' Battles: Jackson's March to the Battlefields PA-9

Sponsor: VDOT

Locality: Hanover County

Proposed Location: Lee Davis Road 0.1 miles south of Mechanicsville Turnpike

7. Seven Days' Battles: White Oak Swamp PA-152

Sponsor: VDOT

Locality: Henrico County

Proposed Location: Elko Road north of intersection with Hughes Road

Board Comments Summary:

No discussion.

With a motion to approve Replacement Markers #1-7 by M.P. Hutson and a second from M. Townes, all members voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following list of applications under consideration for the June 2026 Board Meeting cycle:

Applications Under Consideration for June 2026 Board Meeting Cycle

1. Spanish Jesuit Mission (York County)
2. Mary Marshall Tabb Bolling (City of Petersburg)
3. Hickory Hill Training School (City of Richmond)
4. Gay Alliance of Students (Virginia Commonwealth University)
5. Rumble (City of Fredericksburg)
6. Pivotal Meeting about Religious Liberty (Orange County)
7. Hampstead (New Kent County)
8. Old Dawn (Caroline County)
9. The Rev. Robert Hunt and the First Protestant Communion at Jamestown (James City County)
10. Mount Stirling (Charles City County)
11. Junius Blair Fishburn (1865-1955) (City of Roanoke)
12. Mount Hermon Playground (City of Portsmouth)
13. Buchanan House (Radford University)
14. Union Grove Elementary School (Chesterfield County)
15. Amblers House African American History (James City County)

Marker texts for applications #1-9 [Spanish Jesuit Mission, Mary Marshall Tabb Bolling, Hickory Hill Training School, Gay Alliance of Students, Rumble, Pivotal Meeting about Religious Liberty, Hampstead, Old Dawn, and The Rev. Robert Hunt and the First Protestant Communion at Jamestown] will be presented at the June 2026 Board Meeting. #10 [Mount Stirling] and #11 [Mount Hermon Playground] are alternates.

With a motion to approve the Applications for the June 2026 Board Meeting Cycle Applications #1-9 by A. Spivey and a second from M.P. Hutson, all members voted in the affirmative.

Board Comments Summary:

The Board confirmed the Cumberland County Middle School students would be notified quickly of the approval of the Robert R. Moton (Rosenwald) School marker.

The Highway Markers portion of the agenda ended at 1:10 p.m.

BURIAL PERMITS

Between December 16, 2025, and March 19, 2026, DHR issued five (5) anticipatory burial permits on behalf of the Board of Historic Resources.

Seven (7) permits were closed following completion of permit terms, and twelve (12) permits were extended to accommodate project delays and one (1) permit was terminated when the associated undertaking was abandoned.

Ms. Wilson Green highlighted a successful project, Gala Compressor Station in Botetourt County. The project was completed in consultation with Chief Diane Shields of the Monacan Indian Nation.

The Burial Permits portion of the agenda ended at 1:14 p.m.

EASEMENTS

New Easement Offers for Consideration

Ms. Musumeci presented the following new easement offer for Oak Hill in Loudoun County for consideration:

1. Oak Hill, Loudoun County

Easement Applicant: The Conservation Fund

Offer for ±88.426 acres

Grant Funding: Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends acceptance of the Oak Hill easement offer subject to the following conditions:

1. Continued negotiations of the specific provisions, restrictions, and reserved rights to be included in the BHR easement.
2. Final review of the title work, title commitment, survey, draft easements, and other recorded and unrecorded documents affecting title to the property by the Office of the Attorney General. Per this review, counsel may identify additional issues that require documentation or action.

Board Comments Summary:

The Board inquired about any known locations of burials within the acreage being protected and confirmed that no ground penetrating radar investigation has been conducted. An explanation of the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation was also requested and provided. Members encouraged the continued dialogue regarding protection of the remaining acreage.

Mr. Edwards presented the following three (3) new easement offers for consideration:

2. Burton Family Farm, Proctor's Creek Battlefield, Chesterfield County

Easement Applicant: Capitol Region Land Conservancy

Offer for ±4.183 acres

Grant Funding: American Battlefield Protection Program, VOF Preservation Trust Fund

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends acceptance of the Burton Family Farm easement offer subject to the following conditions:

1. CRLC conveys an access easement to allow access to the Property for DHR staff and the general public.
2. Final review of the title work, title commitment, survey, draft easement and other recorded and unrecorded documents affecting title to the property by the Office of the Attorney General. Per this review, counsel may identify additional issues that require documentation or action.

3. Glass Tract, First Kernstown Battlefield, Frederick County

Easement Applicant: Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation

Offer for ±127.273 acres

Grant Funding: American Battlefield Protection Program, Virginia Battlefields Preservation Fund

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends acceptance of the Glass Tract easement offer subject to the following conditions:

1. Demolition of the existing non-historic buildings and structures and rehabilitation of the landscape completed within three years from the date of easement recordation. Rehabilitation or restoration of the landscape shall be conducted according to a written rehabilitation plan management plan negotiation by DHR and SVBF, and such plan shall be incorporated in the easement by reference.
2. SVBF must provide perpetual, direct and dedicated access for DHR staff and the general public to the western parcel either as a pull-off located along Jones Road or another direct route.
3. Final review of the title work, title commitment, survey, draft easement and other recorded and unrecorded documents affecting title to the property by the Office of the Attorney General. Per this review, counsel may identify additional issues that require documentation or action.

4. Kaylor Tract, Port Republic Battlefield, Rockingham County

Easement Applicant: Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation

Offer for ±169.891 acres

Grant Funding: American Battlefield Protection Program, Virginia Battlefields Preservation Fund

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends acceptance of the Kaylor Tract easement offer subject to the following conditions:

1. Agreement on a maximum collective footprint of 0.75% of the total acreage of the easement, including permitted new improvements, existing non-historic resources, and existing historic resources. Easement staff will continue to work with the Kaylor Family to clarify details of this cap.
2. Final review of the title work, title commitment, survey, draft easement and other recorded and unrecorded documents affecting title to the property by the Office of the Attorney General. Per this review, counsel may identify additional issues that require documentation or action.

Board Comments Summary:

No discussion.

With a motion by D. Hartley to approve New Easement Offers for Consideration #1-4 as presented, and a second by M. Townes, all members voted in the affirmative.

Easements Recorded Since the December 11, 2025 BHR Meeting

Mr. Edwards briefed the Board about the following recently recorded easements:

1. Amelia and Associates, LLC Tract, Boydton Plank Road Battlefield, Dinwiddie County

Easement Donor: American Battlefield Trust

Acreage: ±11.311

Recorded: February 5, 2026

2. Carter Tract, Seven Pines Battlefield, Henrico County

Easement Donor: American Battlefield Trust

Acreage: ±11.763

Recorded: February 5, 2026

Board Comments Summary:

No discussion.

Adjournment

With a motion to adjourn the meeting by J. Bosket and a second by M.P. Hutson all members voted in the affirmative.

Vice Chair Jorjani adjourned the meeting of the Board of Historic Resources at 1:55 p.m.

STATE REVIEW BOARD

Collections Room, Virginia Department of Historic Resources
2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221

State Review Board Members Present

John Mullen, Chair
Dr. Jody L. Allen, Vice Chair
Dr. Eleanor Breen
Greg Rutledge
Carol Shull

State Review Board Members Absent

Dr. Jeffrey E. Klee
Dr. Larissa M. Smith

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Roger Kirchen, Director
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Ari Calos
Michael Pulice
Aubrey Von Lindern
Michael Clem
Charlotte Leahy
Austin Walker
LaToya Gray-Sparks*

**denotes virtual attendance*

Other State Agency Staff Present:

None

Guests (from attendees list in Teams and sign-in sheets): Lena McDonald; Randy Smith, CEO, and members of leadership staff from the Masonic Home of Virginia

Chair Mullen called the meeting to order at 12:53 p.m. for discussion and consideration of the Preliminary Information Forms (informal guidance session).

The Preliminary Information Forms (PIFs) on the Consent Agenda were considered first. SRB members may request that PIFs on the Consent Agenda be switched to the meeting's Discussion Agenda. They also can email DHR staff with questions about any of the PIFs in advance of the meeting (emails between DHR staff and up to two SRB members do not violate the Virginia FOIA).

The Board approved the Consent Agenda by voice vote, with the following PIFs on this portion of the meeting's agenda.

Consent Agenda:

Eastern Region

- 1. Hilltop, Albemarle County, DHR File No. 002-0765
- 2. Evergreen School, Fluvanna County, DHR File No. 032-0228 Δ \$
- 3. Kenbridge Commercial Historic District, Town of Kenbridge, Lunenburg County, DHR File No. 247-5011

Northern Region

- 1. Kauffman’s Mill Homestead, Page County, DHR File No. 069-0118
- 2. Kauffman Farm, Shenandoah County, DHR File No. 085-5450

Western Region

- 1. Leonard Memorial Church and Cemetery, Carroll County, DHR File No. 017-5287
- 2. 11th Street NW Historic District, City of Roanoke, DHR File No. 128-6663 **
- 3. Hillsville Historic District Boundary Increase, Town of Hillsville, Carroll County, DHR File No. 237-5006

The board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda PIFs as presented.

Discussion Agenda:

Eastern Regionpresented by Joanna McKnight and Ari Calos

- 1. Dutch Gap Canal, Chesterfield and Henrico Counties, DHR File No. 020-6465 Δ
Board members and DHR staff discussed potential approaches for successfully nominating the property under African American Ethnic Heritage, given previous nomination returns for this area of significance. The Blue Ridge Tunnel in Nelson County (DHR ID 062-5105; VLR 2022, NRHP 2023) was noted as a comparable resource. The possibility of framing Ethnic Heritage through the lens of Labor History was discussed. The board concurred with the staff evaluation committee’s recommendations regarding eligibility.
- 2. Masonic Home of Virginia, Henrico County, DHR File No. 043-7166
Ms. Shull noted that since the property is being recommended eligible under Criterion A, the period of significance can extend beyond the date of construction for the chapel (1949) to encompass relevant history. The property’s transition from a children’s home to a retirement facility was suggested as a possible end date. Regarding the potential for statewide significance, board members noted that a future nomination should discuss the specific need or gap that this property addressed relative to other similar services across the Commonwealth. The board concurred with the staff evaluation committee’s recommendations regarding eligibility.

Northern Regionpresented by Aubrey Von Lindern

- 1. Ash Grove, Fairfax County, DHR File No. 029-0002 **
Ms. Shull asked for clarification on the level of restoration undertaken on the house following fire damage, expressing concern that it may represent more of a reconstruction (Criteria Consideration E). Ms. Von Lindern noted that DHR’s evaluation committee previously deferred an eligibility recommendation in 1993 for this reason but stated that she felt more confident based on her own site visit and documentation that is now available. Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) documentation that was used in the house’s restoration was displayed for board members and staff. Dr. Breen recommended that a potential nomination should address the context of enslavement on the property, given the surviving kitchen (with loft space) and other outbuildings. The board concurred with the staff evaluation committee’s recommendations regarding eligibility.
- 2. Hybla Valley Washington Defense Anti-Aircraft Artillery Site, Fairfax County, DHR File No. 029-7602**
The board concurred with the staff evaluation committee’s recommendations regarding eligibility.

Western Region **presented by Mike Pulice**

1. Lacks House, Campbell County, DHR File No. 015-0145
The board concurred with the staff evaluation committee's recommendations regarding eligibility.
2. Gibson Farm, Lee County, DHR File No. 052-5163
The board concurred with the staff evaluation committee's recommendations regarding eligibility.
3. White Rock Elementary School, City of Lynchburg, DHR File No. 118-5765 **
The board concurred with the staff evaluation committee's recommendations regarding eligibility.

Chair Mullen adjourned the SRB meeting at 3:07 p.m.

- * Cost Share Sponsored Project
- ** Certified Local Government
- *** Certified Local Government Grant Sponsored Project
- Δ Associated with African American History
- # Associated with Virginia Indian History
- ^ ESHPF Grant-Funded Project
- % State Stewardship
- > National Park Service Grant-Funded Project
- } Sponsored by Local Government (no grants utilized)
- < Threatened Sites state grant
- { African American Outreach state grant
- | National Trust for Historic Preservation private grant
- \ BIPOC application
- \$ Associated with a Multiple Property Documentation Form