

# Draft Minutes

JOINT MEETING  
STATE REVIEW BOARD and BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES  
9:30 a.m. September 19, 2024

Dominion Room, The Omni Homestead Resort, 7696 Sam Snead Highway, Hot Springs, VA 24445

## State Review Board Members Present

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

## Historic Resources Board Members Present

Aimee Jorjani  
Dr. Ashley Spivey  
Trip Pollard  
Martin Townes  
Jamie Bosket\*

## State Review Board Members Absent

Dr. Jeffrey Klee

## Historic Resources Board Members Absent

Mary Pope Hutson  
Dr. Ken Rutherford

## Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Julie Langan, Director  
Sarah Spota, Deputy Director\*  
Amanda Terrell  
Jennifer Pullen  
Jolene Smith\*  
Aubrey Von Lindern  
Austin Walker  
Mae Tilley\*  
Kyle Edwards\*  
Latoya Gray-Sparks\*

Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director  
Megan Melinat  
Brad McDonald  
Ivy Tan  
Michael Pulice  
Joanna McKnight  
Karri Richardson\*  
Elizabeth Lipford\*  
Dr. Jennifer Loux\*

*\*denotes virtual attendance*

## Other State Agency Staff Present:

Andrew Tarne, Office of the Attorney General

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

Lynn Swann	Lee Elliott
Debra McClane	W. Tucker Lemon
Alyson Ramsey	Eric Proebsting
Willie Greene	Sylvia Richardson
Daniel Heim	Jody Lahendro

## State Review Board (SRB)

Chair Mullen called the State Review Board to order at 9:30 a.m. Deputy Director Williams took roll call of SRB members to confirm the presence of a quorum. Ms. Shull, Vice-Chair Allen, Dr. Breen, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rutledge, and Chair Mullen are present.

Chair Mullen read the land acknowledgement statement. He next 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. He thanked Lynn Swann, general manager of the Omni Homestead Resort, and the hotel staff for their hospitality. He also thanked Lee Elliott of Preservation Bath for her help hosting the meeting.

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. Ms. Shull so moved, and Dr. Smith seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative. Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the June 20, 2024, meeting minutes. Mr. Rutledge so moved, and Ms. Shull seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the revised electronic meeting policy. Mr. Rutledge so moved, and Dr. Breen seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the 2025 meeting schedule. Vice-Chair Allen so moved, and Dr. Breen seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

### **Board of Historic Resources (BHR)**

Director Langan called the Board of Historic Resources to order at 9:39 a.m. She noted that the Board is currently without a chair or vice-chair. Deputy Director Williams took roll call of BHR members to establish the presence of a quorum: Ms. Jorjani, Dr. Spivey, Mr. Pollard, and Mr. Townes are present. Mr. Bosket is attending virtually.

Director Langan requested a motion to approve Mr. Bosket's virtual attendance. His presence will not count toward a quorum, but he can vote on matters presented. Dr. Spivey so moved, and Mr. Pollard seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Director Langan requested a motion to nominate a new chair and vice-chair of the Board. Dr. Spivey moved to elect Ms. Jorjani as chair and Dr. Rutherford as vice-chair. Mr. Pollard seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to elect Ms. Jorjani as chair and Dr. Rutherford as vice-chair.

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

Chair Jorjani requested a motion for approval of the meeting format and agenda. Mr. Pollard so moved, and Dr. Spivey seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative. Chair Jorjani asked for a motion to approve the June 20, 2024, meeting minutes. Dr. Spivey made the motion and Mr. Townes seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Chair Jorjani asked for a motion to approve the revised electronic meeting policy. Mr. Pollard so moved, and Dr. Spivey seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Chair Jorjani asked for a motion to approve the 2025 meeting schedule. Dr. Spivey so moved, and Mr. Townes seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

### **Welcome**

Director Langan invited Ms. Lee Elliott, President of Preservation Bath, to speak. Ms. Elliot welcomed the Boards, and briefly explained the history of Preservation Bath, which was born out of concern for the Warm Springs Bathhouses and worked to generate public focus on the importance of the buildings and the need for their preservation. Ms. Elliot discussed the group's accomplishments and continuing focus on preservation projects in

Bath County, which include the development of preservation guidelines and design criteria for maintaining local architectural standards, facilitating the survey and nomination of the Warm Springs and West Warm Springs Historic District (VLR, NRHP 2018), and driving ongoing efforts to survey and nominate the proposed Bacova Historic District. She noted the group's recent focus on country churches, including efforts to rehabilitate and preserve the John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church (VLR, NRHP 2013), a significant resource within the local African American community in West Warm Springs. Finally, Ms. Elliot noted the organization's hopes of preserving the original 1920s airport terminal at the Ingalls Field Airport.

Director Langan then invited Ms. Lynn Swann, Director of Marketing and Communications at The Omni Homestead, to speak. Ms. Swann welcomed the Boards and spoke about the importance of the Homestead restoration and the integral role of DHR's historic rehabilitation tax credit program. She noted that the grand reopening of the resort in October 2023 generated feature stories in several major media publications, as well as recent articles about the restoration of the Warm Springs Bathhouses. Ms. Swann acknowledged Director Langan's key role in advising and facilitating the restoration, and listed numerous awards and accolades received for the architectural restoration of both the Homestead and the Warm Springs Bathhouses.

### **Director's Report:**

Chair Jorjani introduced Director Langan.

Director Langan began her report by acknowledging the important role that Ms. Shull and Mr. Jody Lahendro played as members of the advisory council for the restoration of the Warm Springs Bathhouses. She then welcomed the two newly appointed members of the Board of Historic Resources: Dr. Ashley Spivey, who has previously served two terms on the board, and Mr. Jamie Bosket, president of the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. Director Langan also introduced Andrew Tarne from the Office of the Attorney General. She extended her thanks to the leadership and staff of the Homestead for hosting, welcoming, and extending such hospitality to the Boards and to DHR staff. She thanked Preservation Bath for their ongoing work and noted her anticipation for the deserved recognition of the Bacova Historic District. Director Langan then thanked Cornelia and Will Hodges, owners of Troddenvale at Oakley Farm, for hosting the dinner and reception for the Boards as well as for their excellent stewardship of a DHR easement property. She thanked W. Tucker Lemon, previous Vice-Chair of the Board of Historic Resources, for his generosity in hosting and continued commitment to preservation. Finally, Director Langan thanked DHR staff for their hard work in preparing for today's meeting.

Director Langan next provided several DHR staff updates. She introduced Austin Walker, National Register Program Manager, and shared that Joanna McKnight has taken over as Eastern Region Architectural Historian, inheriting the role from the recently retired Marc Wagner. She informed the Boards that Allison Mueller has begun work as DHR's Chief Curator, with Serena Soterakopoulos moving into a supporting role in Collections, and that DHR's new Chief Financial Officer, Connor Hudgins, will be starting in September. She then offered an update on ongoing recruitment efforts, noting that interviews for a Review and Compliance Architectural Historian are underway and those for a Deputy Director of Preservation Programs are upcoming in early October. She further noted that the department's NAGRA Coordinator position is currently under a second round of recruitment, while a new Grants Coordinator position to manage the Virginia 250 Preservation Fund will open soon.

Director Langan spoke briefly about the upcoming General Assembly Session, stating that DHR has put forward requests that include increased funding for general operations. She also noted that non-profit organization Virginia Forever is requesting an increase in funding for DHR's BIPOC Historic Preservation Grant Program.

Director Langan went to highlight the fact that DHR is currently administering more grants than ever before, including numerous National Park Service grants, General Assembly passthrough grants, and the recurring Cost Share, Certified Local Government, Threatened Sites, and BIPOC Grant Programs. She applauded Amanda Terrell's second successful application for the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program, which will see an additional \$750,000 awarded for preservation projects in Southwest Virginia. She further noted that DHR received 227 preapplications for the Virginia 250 Preservation Fund, with a total ask of \$137 million. Successful

pre-applicants have been invited to submit a full application and will be competing for \$20 million in available funding.

Director Langan then spoke briefly about DHR's planning for the Virginia 250 Commemoration. A major priority will be improving the quality of early nominations for key properties on the Virginia Landmarks Register and National Register of Historic Places, which often lack the level of intensive documentation required today. She further noted that DHR will be prioritizing the conservation of artifacts in collections that will be loaned out as part of Virginia 250 celebrations. DHR will also be partnering with the Virginia Museum of History and Culture on an exhibit related to the commemoration.

To conclude, Director Langan noted the lack of a Burial Permits update at today's meeting from Joanna Wilson Green, who is attending the Sovereign Nations of Virginia Conference along with other DHR staff. She cited the conference's focus on the role of state agencies in tribal outreach and consultation as a key priority for DHR.

### **Public Comment**

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.

No one has signed in to speak in person; four persons attending virtually registered to speak, though only two were in attendance during the public comment period:

1. Willie Greene, Mayor of the City of Galax, spoke in support of the nomination for the Rosenwald-Felts School, of which he is an alumnus.
2. Alyson Ramsey and Eric Proebsting of Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest spoke in support of the updated and amended National Register documentation for the property, which was first recognized in 1969, and noted the contributing authors to the nomination.

Deputy Director Williams thanked everyone who spoke today, noted that their comments will receive careful consideration, and said that the public comment period is concluded.

Deputy Director Williams called for a brief break at 10:28 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:37 a.m.

## **NOMINATIONS**

### **Eastern Region**

1. Δ \* Parrish Hill Rosenwald School, Charles City County, DHR File No. 018-0165
2. Δ \* Mica School, Charles City County, DHR File No. 018-0211
3. Δ Union Zion Baptist Church and Pole Bridge Cemetery, Gloucester County, DHR File No. 036-5311

Ms. Joanna McKnight presented nominations 1, 2 and 3 as a block.

Chair Mullen requested a motion to approve the three Eastern Region nominations as presented. Ms. Shull so moved, and Dr. Smith seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the nominations as presented.

Chair Jorjani requested a motion to approve the Eastern Region nominations as presented. Mr. Pollard moved that the nominations be approved. Mr. Townes seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the nominations as presented.

## **Northern Region**

1. \*\* Kernstown Battlefield Historic District, Frederick County and City of Winchester, DHR No. 034-0003

Ms. Aubrey Von Lindern presented the sole nomination from the Northern Region.

Chair Mullen asked about the acknowledgement of archaeological potential in the nomination. Ms. Von Lindern noted that the potential is acknowledged, though significant work has not yet been undertaken.

Chair Mullen moved to approve the Northern Region nomination as presented. Dr. Breen seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Northern Region nomination as presented.

Chair Jorjani moved to approve the Northern Region nomination as presented. Dr. Spivey seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative to approve the Northern Region nomination as presented.

## **Western Region**

1. Δ \*\* Poplar Forest 2024 Update, Bedford and Campbell Counties and City of Lynchburg, DHR File No. 009-0027

Mr. Pulice presented the first nomination, an update to the 1969 National Register documentation for Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest. The updated nomination includes a full inventory of resources on the property and involves the addition of new criteria and areas of significance, clarification of the period of significance, and adjustments to the property's originally listed boundary.

Ms. Shull expressed concern over the proposed boundary revisions, which she felt were not sufficiently justified per the requirements of the National Register regulations. She recommended additional information be provided justifying the proposed boundary increase and decrease areas as well as consultation with the National Park Service regarding potential amendments to the National Historic Landmark boundaries for Poplar Forest.

Mr. Pollard and others noted the otherwise excellent work completed as part of the nomination update as well as the clear need for similar updates to the documentation of many of Virginia's earliest and most important listed sites.

Ms. Shull moved that the nomination be reconsidered once further work related to the boundary revisions has been completed. Dr. Allen seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to reconsider the nomination at the December meeting.

Ms. Jorjani asked for motion to reconsider the nomination following the completion of further work related to the boundary changes. Dr. Spivey so moved, and Mr. Pollard seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to reconsider the nomination at the December meeting.

2. Δ James A. Bland High School, Town of Big Stone Gap, Wise County, DHR File No. 101-5013
3. Δ Rosenwald-Felts School, City of Galax, DHR File No. 113-5041
4. \*\* Lynchburg Sta-Kleen Bakery, City of Lynchburg, DHR File No. 118-5734
5. \* Bluefield Commercial Historic District, Town of Bluefield, Tazewell County, DHR File No. 143-5083

Mr. Michael Pulice presented nominations 2 through 5 as a block.

Chair Mullen acknowledged two members of the Rosenwald Revamped organization, who were present on behalf of the Rosenwald Felts School.

Mr. Rutledge noted the quality of the Bluefield Historic District nomination, and the architectural significance of the town's resources.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the four remaining Western Region nominations as presented. Mr. Rutledge so moved, and Ms. Shull seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the remaining Western region nominations as presented.

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

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

Chair Jorjani moved to adjourn the joint session of the BHR and SRB. Dr. Spivey seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the joint session.

The joint meeting adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

**Register Summary of Resources Listed:** Historic Districts: 2  
Buildings: 6  
Structures: 0  
Sites: 0  
Objects: 0  
MPDs: 0

**BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES**

**9:30 a.m., September 19, 2024**

Dominion Room, The Omni Homestead Resort, 7696 Sam Snead Highway, Hot Springs, VA 24445

**Board of Historic Resources Members Present:**

Aimee K. Jorjani, Chair  
Trip Pollard  
Ashley Spivey, PhD  
Martin Townes

**Board of Historic Resources Members Appearing**

**Virtually:**

Jamie Bosket

**Board of Historic Resources Members Absent:**

Ken Rutherford, PhD, Vice Chair  
Mary Pope Hutson

**Other State Agency Staff Present:**

Andrew Tarne, Office of the Attorney General

**Guests Registered in Teams:**

Barbara Bergman  
Lisa Winn Bryan  
Robert Davidson  
Rufus Frazier  
Sheryl Garland  
Judi Green  
Tyrone Hudgins  
Whitney Hughes

Daniel Lee  
Kimberly P. Lee  
Jonathan Mingle  
Gray Montrose  
Judy Rowe  
Dee Russell  
Allison Thomas

Pastor Michelle Thomas  
Phillip Thompson  
Edith Turner  
Gayle Turner  
Mike Walls  
Bessida White  
Elsie Williams

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jorjani called the meeting to order at 12:58 p.m.

Chair Jorjani read the Board of Historic Resources Call to Order and invited those Board members present to introduce themselves: Mr. Pollard, Dr. Spivey, Mr. Townes, Mr. Bosket and Chair Jorjani.

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.*

Chair Jorjani asked for a motion to approve the current BHR Meeting Agenda. With a motion to approve the September 19, 2024 BHR Meeting Agenda by Dr. Spivey and a second from Mr. Townes, all members voted in the affirmative.

Chair Jorjani reminded everyone that this is a public meeting that is being streamed online. The online feed is being recorded. Chair Jorjani thanked The Omni Homestead Resort and Bath Preservation for hosting this meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

One person spoke in person:

1. Mr. Gwynn, resident of Gwynn's Island, spoke in opposition to the "Black Exodus from Gwynn's Island" highway marker.

Eight people spoke virtually:

1. Phillip Thompson, past president of the Loudoun County NAACP and Loudoun County resident, spoke in favor of the "Charles Craven Lynched, 31 July 1902" highway marker.
2. Dee Russell, resident of Hudgins, spoke in favor of the "Black Exodus from Gwynn's Island" highway marker.
3. Gayle Turner, representative of the Turner family, spoke in favor of the "Bruce Oliver Tucker (1913-1968)" highway marker.
4. Judy Rowe, resident of Gwynn's Island, spoke in opposition to the "Black Exodus from Gwynn's Island" highway marker.
5. Barbara Bergman spoke in opposition to the "Black Exodus from Gwynn's Island" highway marker.
6. Edith Turner, president of the Mathews County NAACP and Mathews County resident, spoke in favor of the "Black Exodus from Gwynn's Island" highway marker.
7. Allison Thomas spoke in favor of the "Black Exodus from Gwynn's Island" highway marker.
8. Pastor Michelle Thomas, current president of the Loudoun County NAACP and Loudoun County resident, spoke in favor of the "Charles Craven Lynched, 31 July 1902" highway marker.

Chair Jorjani thanked the speakers for their comments and noted that written comments in opposition to the "Black Exodus from Gwynn's Island" highway marker were received from Mike Walls, Tyrone Hudgins and David Callis.

The Public Comment agenda ended at 1:42 p.m.



## **HIGHWAY MARKERS**

Dr. Jennifer Loux presented the following nine (9) New Markers as a block.

### **New Markers**

\* Marker contributes to the diversification of the program

#### **1.) North Pamunkey Baptist Church**

**Sponsor:** North Pamunkey Baptist Church  
**Locality:** Orange County  
**Proposed Location:** 15109 Pamunkey Lane

#### **2.) Field Brothers: Lewis and Clark Expedition**

**Sponsor:** Virginia Lewis and Clark Legacy Trail  
**Locality:** Culpeper County  
**Proposed Location:** Intersection of Kelly's Ford Road (Rte. 674) and Edwards Shop Road (Rte. 620)

#### **\* 3.) Third Street Bethel A. M. E. Church**

**Sponsor:** History Committee, Third Street Bethel  
**Locality:** City of Richmond  
**Proposed Location:** 614 N. Third St.

#### **\* 4.) The Stewart Sisters v. The Steamer *Sue***

**Sponsor:** Middle Peninsula African-American Genealogical and Historical Society  
**Locality:** Westmoreland County  
**Proposed Location:** 13890 Cople Highway, Kinsale

#### **\* 5.) Charles Craven Lynched, 31 July 1902**

**Sponsor:** Loudoun County NAACP  
**Locality:** Town of Leesburg  
**Proposed Location:** north side of East Market Street near the intersection with Catoctin Circle

#### **\* 6.) Black Exodus from Gwynn's Island**

**Sponsor:** Mathews County NAACP  
**Locality:** Mathews County  
**Proposed Location:** TBD

#### **\* 7.) Resilience Amid Resistance**

**Sponsor:** Rocktown History  
**Locality:** City of Harrisonburg  
**Proposed Location:** U.S. District Court, 116 N. Main St.

## **8.) Birthplace of Modern Mountain Dew**

**Sponsor:** Town of Marion

**Locality:** Town of Marion

**Proposed Location:** 517 N. Main St.

## **\* 9.) Bruce Oliver Tucker (1913-1968)**

**Sponsor:** VCU Health System

**Locality:** Dinwiddie County

**Proposed Location:** Route 40 (McKenney Hwy) and Route 626 (Flatfoot Road), northeast corner

Board Comments Summary: With regards to the public comments for and against the “Black Exodus From Gwynn’s Island” highway marker, Board members noted the lack of consensus for the marker. Board members also noted that this particular marker has gone through extensive review, and it meets the statutory requirements. Board members encouraged the submission of additional highway marker applications representing other aspects Gwynn’s Island’s history. Finally, in response to public comments in opposition to the marker, it was noted that economic opportunities were not the only thing that caused movement of African American populations. Jim Crow segregation and the eugenics movement also played large roles in the migration of minority populations.

With a motion to approve New Markers #1-9 by Dr. Spivey and a second from Mr. Pollard, all members voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following four (4) Replacement Markers:

### **Replacement Markers**

#### **1.) Quaker Meeting House L-20**

**Sponsor:** DHR

**Locality:** City of Lynchburg

**Proposed Location:** Fort Avenue at intersection with Coronado Lane

#### **2.) Salubria J-32**

**Sponsor:** VDOT

**Locality:** Culpeper County

**Proposed Location:** Route 3 (Germanna Highway) at intersection with Salubria Lane

#### **3.) McClellan’s First Line W-5**

**Sponsor:** VDOT

**Locality:** Henrico County

**Proposed Location:** E. Williamsburg Road (U.S. 60) between J.B. Finley Road and N. Confederate Avenue

**\* 4.) Sharon Indian School OC-28**

**Sponsor:** VDOT

**Locality:** King William County

**Proposed Location:** Route 30 (King William Road) at Sharon Indian School

Board Comments Summary: None.

With a motion to approve Replacement Markers #1-4 by Dr. Spivey and a second from Mr. Townes, all members voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following list of applications under consideration for the December 2024 Board Cycle:

**Applications Under Consideration for December 2024 Board Cycle**

- 1.) Race Riot of 1883 (City of Danville)
- 2.) Arthur Taubman (1901-1994) (City of Roanoke)
- 3.) Riverhill Baptist Church (Grayson County)
- 4.) Beulah Marshall Mumford Wiley (Buckingham County)
- 5.) Korean Immigrants in Northern Virginia (Fairfax County)
- 6.) Mahone's Tavern (Southampton County)
- 7.) Colored Rosemont (City of Alexandria)
- 8.) Antioch Rosenwald School (Mathews County)
- 9.) Brookvale High School (Lancaster County)
- 10.) Harvey Colored School (Pittsylvania County)
- 11.) Upper King and Queen Baptist Church (King and Queen County)
- 12.) Moore Street Missionary Baptist Church (City of Richmond)
- 13.) St. Paul's Catholic Church (Westmoreland County)
- 14.) St. Francis Plank Chapel (Augusta County)

Marker texts for applications #1-#7 (Race Riot of 1883, Arthur Taubman, Riverhill Baptist Church, Beulah Marshall Mumford Wiley, Korean Immigrants in Northern Virginia, Mahone's Tavern, and Colored Rosemont), will be presented at the December 2024 Board Meeting, and applications #8-#9 (Antioch Rosenwald School and Brookvale High School) will serve as alternate selections.

Board Comments Summary: Chair Jorjani confirmed that applicants whose applications were not accepted at this Board meeting are required to reapply to the Highway Marker Program if they wish to continue to pursue a highway marker.

With a motion to approve the Applications for the December 2024 Board Cycle Applications #1-7 and Alternates #8-9 by Dr. Spivey and a second from Mr. Townes, all members voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following Lafayette Trail marker for approval:

**The Lafayette Trail**

The Lafayette Trail seeks approval for the following marker:

- 1.) Lafayette's Tour: On November 3, 1824, General Lafayette was welcomed in Columbia where he enjoyed a light meal prior to departing for Wilmington, Virginia.  
Location: Fluvanna County

Dr. Loux confirmed that the text of this Lafayette Trail marker has been fact-checked by DHR staff and found to be supported by primary and published research.

Board Comments Summary: None.

With a motion to approve the text of the Lafayette Trail marker by Mr. Townes and a second by Mr. Pollard, all members voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following Northern Virginia Regional Commission signs for approval:

### **Northern Virginia Regional Commission Signs**

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission seeks approval of the design and texts for the following signs:

1. Economic Development in Occoquan and Its Dependence on Enslaved People.
2. Bazil Newman Riverfront Park

Dr. Loux presented images of both NVRC markers and noted that these signs differ significantly in size, height and type from DHR's highway markers. Dr. Loux also confirmed that the text of both markers has been fact-checked by DHR staff and both were found to be supported by primary and published research.

Board Comments Summary: None.

With a motion to approve the design and content of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission Signs by Mr. Pollard and a second by Dr. Spivey, all members voted in the affirmative.

The Marker portion of the agenda ended at 2:03 p.m.

## **EASEMENTS**

### **Easement Assignment**

Ms. Musumeci presented the following easement assignment:

#### **1. Assignment of the Wiseman Tract Easement on the Cedar Mountain Battlefield**

Property Owner: American Battlefield Trust

Acreage: ±155.7199 acres

Virginia Outdoors Foundation easement recorded 11/09/2000

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends the Board of Historic Resources accept the Wiseman Tract easement assignment from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, subject to the following condition:

1. Final review of the draft assignment 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: Chair Jorjani confirmed that the Board is voting on the Wiseman Tract easement assignment only. Other Board Members noted that the battlefield park development is a very complicated process. Ms. Musumeci confirmed the complexity of this project but noted that the various nonprofits and state agencies have a good road map going forward following the successful completion of Phase I earlier this year.

With a motion to approve Easement Assignment #1 as presented by staff by Mr. Pollard and a second by Mr. Townes, all members voted in the affirmative.

### **New Easement Offers for Consideration**

Ms. Musumeci presented the following new easement offer for consideration:

**1. Fones Cliffs, Phase III, Fones Cliffs Traditional Cultural Place, Richmond County**

Applicant: The Conservation Fund/The Rappahannock Tribe

Offer for ±933.763 acres

Proposed Funding: Virginia Land Conservation Foundation, Virginia Outdoors Foundation Preservation Trust Fund, US Fish and Wildlife Service

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends acceptance of the Fones Cliffs Phase III easement offer by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources subject to the following condition:

1. 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.

Mr. Edwards presented the following new easement offers for consideration:

**2. Campbell's Bridge Mills Tract, Campbell's Bridge Mill Worker Historic District, Chesterfield County**

Applicant: Capital Region Land Conservancy

Offer for ±3.65 acres

Proposed Funding: Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends acceptance of the Campbell's Bridge Mills Tract easement offer by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources subject to the following condition:

1. 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. Camp Holly Farm, Deep Bottom II Battlefield, Henrico County**

Easement Applicant: Capital Region Land Conservancy on behalf of Patricia Dowdy and Dr. Roland D. Dowdy, III

Offer for ±138.886 acres

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

Tax Incentives: Virginia Land Preservation Tax Credits.

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends acceptance of the Camp Holly Farm easement offer by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to easement recordation, receipt of documents authorizing the deed of trust that encumbers a portion of the Property to be subordinated to the Easement.
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.

#### **4. Fairfield II Tract, Fairfield Archaeological District, Gloucester County**

Applicant: The Fairfield Foundation

Offer for ±9.241

Proposed Funding: Virginia Outdoors Foundation Preservation Trust Fund Grant

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends acceptance of the Fairfield II Tract easement offer by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources subject to the following condition:

1. 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: None.

With a motion to approve New Easement Offers #1-4 as presented by staff by Dr. Spivey and a second by Mr. Townes, all members voted in the affirmative.

#### **Violation**

Ms. Melinat notified the Board about the following major easement violation:

##### **1. Powell-Ablard House, City of Alexandria**

Property Owners: Chris and Courtney Cox

Easement Recorded: December 30, 1986

##### Easement Violation: Major:

- Provision 1: *...Thereafter, the Town House will be maintained and preserved in its documented state as nearly as practicable, though structural changes, alternation or addition or improvements as would not in the opinion of the Grantee fundamentally alter the architectural significance or historic character of the house and its setting may be made thereto by the owner provided that the prior written approval of the Grantee, Virginia Historic Landmarks Board to such change, alternation, addition or improvement shall be obtained.*
- Provision 2: *...After this Deed of Easement, no building or other structure described herein shall be constructed, altered restored, renovated or extended on the Easement Property except in a way that would be in the opinion of the Grantees be in keeping with the historic character of the Town House and its setting, and provided that the prior written approval of the Grantee Virginia Historic Landmarks Board to such action shall be been obtained.*
- Provision 3: *...No archaeological features on the Easement Property shall be disturbed or excavated without having been surveyed by an archaeologist approved by the Grantee Virginia Historic Landmarks Board A copy of any archaeological report on features on the Easement Property shall be given to the Grantees.*

##### Easement Violation: Remediation

Property owners have agreed to commission an Historic Structures Report documenting the history and evolution of the Town House since its construction.

Board Comments Summary: Board members expressed surprise that this property was not flagged by the City of Alexandria as an easement property. Board members also asked about any archaeological implications resulting from this project. Mr. McDonald noted that the owners are planning a new patio area and adding planter beds to the yard.

DHR will recommend that the owners consult with Alexandria Archaeology to determine if there are any archaeological resources in these areas. DHR may require evidence of consultation with the city for this project.

[No vote or action required by the Board of Historic Resources]

### **Easements Recorded Since the June 2024 BHR Meeting**

Ms. Melinat briefed the Board about the following recently recorded easement:

**1. Rollins Tract, Bristoe Station Battlefield, Prince William County**

Easement Donor: American Battlefield Trust

Acreage: ±22.3953 acres

Recorded: July 1, 2024

Board Comments Summary: None

The Easements portion of the agenda ended at 2:40 p.m.

### **Regulations Concerning the Contextualization of Monuments or Memorials for Certain War Veterans**

Ms. Spota presented to the Board for final approval the proposed regulations concerning the contextualization of monuments or memorials for certain war veterans:

The Board shall evaluate the applications and approve them based on the following considerations:

- (i) whether the proposed marker contains true and correct contextualization text,
- (ii) whether the proposed contextualization text provides a complete and accurate historical context,
- (iii) the quality and validity of the documented sources and the documented research provided,
- (iv) whether the proposed design is sufficiently distinct from state historical markers, and
- (v) the appropriateness of the proposed location of the marker.

In addition to new markers, any changes to an existing marker would also have to be approved by the Board. If the Board approves certain contextualization text and the local government wants to make changes, those changes will also have to be approved by the Board.

The proposed regulation would also prohibit any other contextualization text produced on or near a monument or memorial on anything other than a marker approved by the board and would require the local government to remove any such unauthorized contextualization text.

Board Comments Summary: None.

With a motion to approve and adopt the final language of the Regulations Concerning the Contextualization of Monuments or Memorials for Certain War Veterans as presented by staff by Mr. Pollard and a second by Dr. Spivey, all members voted in the affirmative.

[Although not given the opportunity during the meeting, Mr. Bosket did abstain from this vote.]

The regulations will now be reviewed by the Department of Planning and Budget and the Governor's Office for their final approval. The regulations are expected to go into effect later this fall.

The Regulations portion of the agenda ended at 2:45.

## **Adjournment**

With a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Pollard and a second by Mr. Townes, all members voted in the affirmative.

Chair Jorjani adjourned the meeting of the Board of Historic Resources at 2:46 p.m.



## **STATE REVIEW BOARD**

Tower Suite, The Omni Homestead Resort, 7696 Sam Snead Highway, Hot Springs, VA 24445

### **State Review Board Members Present**

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

### **State Review Board Members Absent**

Dr. Jeffrey E. Klee

### **Department of Historic Resources Staff Present**

Amanda Terrell  
Jolene Smith\*  
Joanna McKnight  
Michael Pulice  
Aubrey Von Lindern  
Austin Walker  
Latoya Gray-Sparks\*

*\*denotes virtual attendance*

### **Other State Agency Staff Present:**

None

**Guests (from attendees list in Teams and sign-in sheets):** Jody Lahendro, Danielle Worthing Porter, Lena McDonald, Marcus Pollard, Amanda Davis, Nikki Mu

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 any questions about all 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. DHR staff provided written summaries of each PIF for review as a single block.

### **Consent Agenda:**

#### **Eastern Region**

1. Δ Russell Grove High School, Amelia County, DHR File No. 004-5047
2. \*\* Tony Segura and Marsh Harris House, City of Richmond, DHR File No. 127-0742-0760
3. Δ Free Hill Cemetery and Columbia Baptist Church, Fluvanna County, DHR File No. 200-5009
4. Jacobus, Northampton County, DHR File No. 065-0084
5. \*\* Fox Hall, City of Norfolk, DHR File No. 122-0118

**Northern Region**

- 1. GranRu Farm, Rockingham County, DHR File No. 216-5098
- 2. \*\*\$ Lost Corner Road Network Historic District, Loudoun County, DHR File No. 053-6565
- 3. \*\*\$ Southwest Loudoun Road Network Historic District, Loudoun County, DHR File No. 053-6564
- 4. Wine House, Shenandoah County, DHR File No. 085-0178
- 5. Runnymede, Fauquier County, DHR File No. 030-0824

**Western Region**

- 1. Mountcastle House, Amherst County, DHR File No. 005-5600
- 2. Δ Union Hall Baptist Church, Franklin County, DHR File No. 033-5537
- 3. \*\* Norfolk & Western 1218 Locomotive, City of Roanoke, DHR File No. 128-6655

Amanda Davis of the NYC LGBT Historic Sites Project spoke briefly in support of the PIF for the Tony Segura and Marsh Harris House, which she co-authored with DHR’s Blake McDonald. The Tony Segura and Marsh Harris House represents the first property in Virginia evaluated and determined individually eligible based on significant associations with LGBTQ history and activism.

The SRB members approved all the PIFs on the Consent Agenda by voice vote.

Each of the PIFs on the Discussion Agenda was presented by DHR staff then discussed and voted on by the SRB members. The PIFs on the Discussion Agenda were all approved by voice vote, with additional comments noted where relevant.

**Discussion Agenda:**

**Eastern Region .....presented by Joanna McKnight**

- 1. \*\* Δ Frederick Douglass Court Residential Historic District, City of Richmond, DHR File No. 127-8085  
Danielle Worthing Porter spoke on behalf of Historic Richmond in support of the PIF. Mr. Lahendro asked if any architects for the residential area are known. Ms. McKnight noted that Charles T. Russell, a prolific Black Richmond architect, was responsible for many of the designs. Dr. Smith noted the neighborhood’s historic associations with many prominent early Black civic leaders of Richmond.
- 2. Δ Spring Hill Baptist Church, Albemarle County, DHR File No. 002-0881  
The board concurred with the staff evaluation committee’s recommendations regarding eligibility.
- 3. Δ Emily Howland Teachers’ Cottage, Northumberland County, DHR File No. 066-0098  
The Board discussed the technical challenges of updating the existing nomination for the Howland Chapel School to include the relocated Teachers’ Cottage, including how to highlight the historic relationship between the two resources. Mr. Pulice offered the Greenfield Kitchen and Quarters (DHR File No. 011-5700; VLR 2021, NRHP 2022) as a potential example for nominating resources relocated onto an already-listed property.

**Northern Region .....presented by Aubrey Von Lindern**

- 1. \*\* Fall Hill Avenue Medical Historic District, City of Fredericksburg, DHR File No. 111-5496  
The board concurred with the staff evaluation committee’s recommendations regarding eligibility.
- 2. Triplett High and Graded School, Town of Mount Jackson, Shenandoah County, DHR File No. 265-0004-0122  
The board concurred with the staff evaluation committee’s recommendations regarding eligibility.
- 3. Hutchens House, Augusta County, DHR File No. 007-0549  
The board concurred with the staff evaluation committee’s recommendations regarding eligibility.

**Western Region** ..... presented by **Michael Pulice**

1. Hebron Church, Craig County, DHR File No. 022-5078  
Ms. Shull expressed concern over integrity of materials and workmanship based on the addition of mid-20<sup>th</sup> century wood paneling on much of the church’s interior and questioned the inclusion of Criterion C in the recommendation. Mr. Pulice responded that much of the original material on the interior, including hand-planed wooden boards, remains intact beneath later finishes and the changes are reversible, representing a significant level of craftsmanship and lending physical integrity if not visual.
2. Δ \*\* Almagro Historic District, City of Danville, DHR File No. 108-6187  
Nikki Mu, an Almagro resident, spoke in support of the PIF. The board concurred with the staff evaluation committee’s recommendations regarding eligibility.
3. Δ Gilbert’s Restaurant and Residence, Town of Chatham, Pittsylvania County, DHR File No. 187-5005  
The board concurred with the staff evaluation committee’s recommendations regarding eligibility.

Chair Mullen adjourned the SRB meeting at 2:53 p.m.

- \* Cost Share Sponsored Project
- \*\* Certified Local Government
- \*\*\* Certified Local Government Grant Sponsored Project
- 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