

# Approved Minutes

JOINT MEETING  
STATE REVIEW BOARD and BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES  
9:30 a.m. December 14, 2023

Virginia Museum of History and Culture, 428 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd., Richmond, Virginia 23220

## State Review Board Members Present

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

## Historic Resources Board Members Present

Dr. Colita Nichols Fairfax, Chair  
W. Tucker Lemon, Vice-Chair  
Trip Pollard  
Dr. Ken Rutherford  
Martin Townes

## Attending Online

None.

## State Review Board Members Absent

Dr. Eleanor Breen

## Historic Resources Board Members Absent

Mary Pope Hutson  
Aimee Jorjani

## Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Julie Langan, Director  
Amanda Terrell  
Megan Melinat  
Aubrey Von Lindern  
Michael Pulice  
Jess Hendrix  
LaToya Gray-Sparks  
Dr. Jennifer Loux  
Elizabeth Lipford

Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director  
Brad McDonald  
Lena McDonald  
Marc Wagner (attending online)  
Joanna McKnight  
Taylor Calloway  
Heather Smolka  
Jolene Smith  
Sarah Spota, Deputy Director

## Other State Agency Staff Present:

Andrew Tarne and Wes Morgan, Office of the Attorney General

**Guests Present (from attendees list in Webex and sign-in sheets):** Wayne M. Crocker; Andretta Hamilton; Glenn Hanger; Diane Hopkins; Donald Hopkins; Marcus Pollard; Mark Reed; Kate Sangregorio; Cheryl Snowden; Nancy Sorrells

## State Review Board (SRB)

Chair Mullen called the Board of Historic Resources 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. Klee, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rutledge, and Chair Mullen are present. Dr. Breen is absent from today's meeting.

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 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 are any questions about the agenda. Hearing none, Chair Mullen requested a motion to approve the meeting format and agenda. Dr. Allen so moved and Dr. Smith seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative. Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the September 21, 2023, meeting minutes pending corrections to be read into the record. Ms. McDonald read the corrections aloud for the record. Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the September 21, 2023, meeting minutes as corrected. Mr. Rutledge so moved and Dr. Smith seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

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

Chair Fairfax called the Board of Historic Resources to order at 9:42 a.m. Deputy Director Williams took roll call of BHR members to establish the presence of a quorum: Chair Fairfax, Vice-Chair Lemon, Mr. Pollard, Dr. Rutherford, and Mr. Townes are present. Ms. Hutson and Ms. Jorjani are absent from today's meeting.

Chair Fairfax next explained the purpose and duties of the BHR. She invited BHR members to introduce themselves and introduced herself. Chair Fairfax 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 Fairfax requested a motion for approval of the meeting format and agenda. Mr. Pollard so moved and Vice-Chair Lemon seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative. Chair Fairfax asked for a motion to approve the September 21, 2023, meeting minutes as corrected. Vice-Chair Lemon made the motion and Mr. Pollard seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

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

Chair Mullen introduced Director Langan. Director Langan informed the Boards that two representatives from the Office of the Attorney General are present today, Andrew Tarne and Wesley Morgan. She introduced new DHR staff members, Sarah Spota, Deputy Director, and Jess Hendrix, Tribal Outreach Coordinator. She introduced Register Assistant Angel Williams and Jolene Smith, Director of the Survey & Information Management. Director Langan noted that Register Historian Lena McDonald will be departing DHR shortly. Director Langan read into the record a resolution regarding Ms. McDonald's contributions during her time at DHR. Chair Fairfax moved to approve the resolution and Vice-Chair Lemon seconded. The BHR approved the resolution. Chair Mullen moved to approve the resolution and Vice-Chair Allen seconded. The SRB approved the resolution. Director Langan informed the boards of current expectations for the next biennial budget, which is being prepared in light of recent economic forecasts for the Commonwealth's economy. She noted that DHR will be involved in the upcoming General Assembly session, which will include a large number of new members. Director Langan and Deputy Directors Williams and Spota will be meeting with and providing information to members of the General Assembly. Director Langan invited the boards to the annual Legislative Reception hosted by Preservation Virginia on February 2, 2024. She explained that various grant programs are taking more staff time and resources, including new Maritime Heritage subgrant and Paul Bruhn Rural Revitalization subgrant programs, both funded by the National Park Service. The boards' annual training will take place in March 2024 and invited all members to attend. She also announced that the June 2024 board meeting will take place in Winchester and, the day before, will include a visit to the historic Clermont Farm, which is owned by DHR, and a tour of the Third Battle of Winchester led by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation. A location for the September board meeting will be determined soon, and the December 2024 meeting will be held in Richmond.

### **Public Comment**

Chair Fairfax 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.

Four people have signed in to speak in person; no persons attending online chose to speak:

1. Glenn Hanger, Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery, spoke in support of the nomination.
2. Nancy Sorrels, local historian, spoke in support of the nomination for the Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery.
3. Mark Reed, preservation planner for the City of Virginia Beach, spoke in support of the nomination for the Seatack Historic District.
4. Carol Sumi, local historian, spoke in support of the nomination for the Seatack Historic District.

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

Chair Mullen called for a brief break at 10:16 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:25 a.m.

## **NOMINATIONS**

### **Eastern Region**

1. Δ, \*\*William R. McKenney Memorial Building, City of Petersburg, DHR No. 123-0009, Criteria A and C
2. Scottsville Tire Cord Plant, Albemarle County, DHR No. 298-5003, Criterion A
3. Δ, >, \*\* Seatack Historic District, City of Virginia Beach, DHR No. 134-0969, Criterion A

Ms. McKnight presented nominations 1, 2, and 3.

The design of the McKenney Memorial Building's 5-room addition was discussed. It is not anticipated that the addition will be altered or removed during a planned rehabilitation project. The property's association with the Civil Rights Movement was discussed. Prior to Petersburg's library sit-in demonstration that included local Black students, a library sit-in by students occurred in Alexandria, Virginia. Students in Petersburg also were inspired by a 1960 student-led sit-in that occurred in North Carolina. William Mahone, who resided briefly at the property, was a leader of the 1880s Readjuster Movement that sought, but was unable, to protect gains in civil rights after Reconstruction ended. The segregation era in Virginia was entrenched by the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The Seatack Historic District was discussed as being one of the largest districts associated with Black history that has been nominated in recent years. Because of the way the segregation legal systems operated, Black communities often were divided by later development, including infrastructure, which is reflected in Seatack. The National Park Service has provided preliminary review comments about the district and its boundaries, in part because it has multiple discontinuous areas. Inclusion of additional streetscape photographs of the district in the nomination could be useful for illustrating the district's current physical character.

Chair Mullen requested a motion to approve nominations 1,2, and 3 as presented. Dr. Klee so moved and Vice-Chair Allen seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative to approve nominations 1,2, and 3 as presented.

Chair Fairfax requested a motion to approve the Eastern Region nominations 1, 2, and 3 as presented. Mr. Pollard moved that nominations 1, 2, and 3 be approved. Dr. Rutherford seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve nominations 1, 2, and 3 as presented.

### **Northern Region**

1. \*\* Bank of Potomac/ Executive Office and Governor's Residence of the Restored Government of Virginia Building, City of Alexandria, DHR No. 100-0005, Criteria A and C
2. Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery, Augusta County, DHR No. 007-6089, Criteria A and C and Criteria Consideration D

Ms. Aubrey Von Lindern presented nominations 1 and 2 as a block.

Potential for future archaeological investigations at Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery were discussed. The property's period of significance is based on information known at this time. The nomination can be updated in the future if additional information reveals that a change to the period of significance is warranted.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the Northern Region nominations 1 and 2 as presented. Ms. Shull so moved and Vice-Chair Allen seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Northern region nominations 1 and 2 as presented.

Chair Fairfax asked for a motion to approve the Northern Region nominations 1 and 2 as presented. Vice-Chair Lemon so moved and Mr. Townes seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative to approve the Northern Region nominations 1 and 2 as presented.

### **Western Region**

1. Δ,^ Carver-Price School, Town of Appomattox, Appomattox County, DHR No. 165-5003, Criterion A
2. Hart Motor Company, City of Salem, DHR No. 129-5171, Criteria A and C
3. \*\*N&W Class J No. 611 Steam Locomotive, City of Roanoke, DHR No. 128-6479, Criteria A and C
4. Pennington Gap Commercial Historic District, Town of Pennington Gap, Lee County, DHR No. 281-5002, Criterion A
5. ^ Pilot School, Montgomery County, DHR No. 060-0008, Criteria A and C
6. Sammynick, Bedford County, DHR No. 141-5012, Criterion C

Closures of public schools during the Civil Rights era are not quite correctly described in the nomination for the Carver-Price School and Dr. Smith will provide clarifications to Mr. Pulice.

The No. 611 Locomotive continues to operate and is considered a point of pride in Roanoke for its continued representation of the city's important railroad history. Another aspect of Virginia's railroad history is found at Pennington Gap, which has a rail network that connects three states and is the largest community in Lee County. The Pilot School was described as a place to educate students and provide preparation for them to contribute to their community going forward, and the property continued in use as a community center after it ceased use as a school in 1962.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the Western Region nominations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as presented. Dr. Klee so moved and Vice-Chair Allen seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Western region nominations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as presented.

Chair Fairfax asked for a motion to approve the Western Region nominations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as presented. Vice-Chair Lemon so moved and Dr. Rutherford seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative to approve the Western Region nominations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as presented

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

Chair Fairfax asked for a motion to adjourn the joint session of the BHR and SRB. Vice-Chair Lemon made the motion and Mr. Pollard 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: 4  
Buildings: 6  
Structures: 0  
Sites: 1  
Objects: 0  
MPDs: 0

**BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES**

1:00 PM

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**Board of Historic Resources Members Present:**

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Dr. Colita Nichols Fairfax, Chair  
Mary Pope Hutson  
Aimee K. Jorjani  
Trip Pollard  
Dr. Ken Rutherford  
Martin Townes

**Department of Historic Resources (DHR)**

**Staff Present:**

Julie Langan, Director  
Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director  
Kyle Edwards\*  
Elizabeth Lipford\*  
Dr. Jennifer Loux  
Brad McDonald  
Megan Melinat  
Wendy Musumeci\*  
Karri Richardson\*  
Amanda Terrell  
Joanna Wilson Green  
*\*denotes virtual attendance*

**Board of Historic Resources Members Absent:**

**Guests Present from Attendees List at Meeting:**

**Other State Agency Staff Present:**

Andrew Tarne, Office of the Attorney General

**STATE REVIEW BOARD**

1:00 PM

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

**State Review Board Members Present**

Chair John Mullen  
Vice-Chair Dr. Jody L. Allen  
Jeffrey E. Klee  
Greg Rutledge  
Carol Shull

Dr. Larissa M Smith

**State Review Board Members Absent**

Dr. Eleanor Breen

**Department of Historic Resources Staff Present**

Julie Langan  
Amanda Terrell  
Lena McDonald  
Joanna McKnight  
Michael Pulice  
Aubrey Von Lindern  
Marc Wagner (attending online)  
LaToya Gray-Sparks  
Taylor Calloway

**Other State Agency Staff Present:**

none

**Guests (from attendees list in Webex and sign-in sheets):** Catherine Easterling

Chair Mullen called the meeting to order at 12:48 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. Today’s meeting is the first time that the SRB is using a consent agenda. This format was implemented due to the consistently high numbers of PIFs that are evaluated by the SRB each quarter. The Board members receive most of the PIFs for review approximately 30 days in advance of a meeting. A small number of PIFs may be added to the meeting’s agenda after that date if DHR’s evaluation committee convenes at least two weeks in advance of the SRB’s scheduled meeting and recommends any further PIFs to proceed. 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 summarized each PIF as a single block.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- 1. Pleasant View Historic District, Amherst County, DHR No. 005-5465, Criterion A
- 2. \*\*, Δ Winslow Hospital, City of Danville, DHR No. 108-6194, Criterion A

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

- 1. Mint Spring Tavern, Augusta County, DHR No. 007-0128, Augusta County, Criteria A and C

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

- 1. \*\* King William Court House Historic District, King William County, DHR No. 050-5118, Criterion A and C
- 2. Monroe Ward Historic District, City of Richmond, DHR No. 127-5816, Criteria A and C
- 3. Summerseat, Chesterfield County, DHR No. 020-5132, Criteria A and C
- 4. Union Zion Baptist Church, Gloucester County, DHR No. 036-5311, Criterion A and C and Criteria Considerations A and D

5. \*\*West Williamsburg Heights Historic District, City of Williamsburg, DHR No. 137-5022, Criteria A and C

The SRB members noted that integrity analysis for the Pleasant View Historic District and the Winslow Hospital will be needed should they proceed to nomination. The architect of the Union Zion Baptist Church, Charles Evans, warrants further research, including whether he completed other designs in Virginia.

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

The SRB members broke from the planned agenda to discuss an item mentioned by Dr. Langan in her written report to the Boards. In the past twelve months, an unusually high number of NRHP nominations have been returned to DHR for further work by the National Park Service. National Park Service reviewers agree that the nominated properties are eligible for the NRHP. The reasons for returning the nominations are primarily related to justification for areas of significance and period of significance. Boundary descriptions and justifications also are being recommended to be stated with greater specificity. DHR staff also regularly engage with National Park Service staff to request preliminary review for complex properties. Going forward, staff will share with SRB members those nominations that are returned by the National Park Service.

Each of the PIFs on the Discussion Agenda was presented by DHR staff then discussed by the SRB members.

### **Discussion Agenda**

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

1. Gravel Hill Baptist Church and Cemetery, Botetourt County, DHR No. 011-5142, Criterion A and Criteria Considerations A and D

Comments: The property is representative of a significance historic resource type that is ideal for a multiple property submission (MPS). Black churches and cemeteries established during and immediately after the post-Civil War period through the early twentieth century served as culturally significant places for congregations and community members. Preservation of rural churches and cemeteries of all types has become increasingly difficult as congregations have dwindled and descendants have relocated. Although relocated descendants may no longer be able to attend church services, they often have an interest in preserving the churches historically attended by their relatives. The research value of these historic churches and cemeteries also is immense, particularly with regard to genealogy. Local community improvement and revitalization organizations can be key catalysts, working with descendants, to garner support for preserving these historic places. DHR staff informed SRB members that an MPS project recently was launched to document Virginia’s historic Black churches; the project, entitled “Sanctuaries of Governance,” is being funded with a National Park Service grant to a private nonprofit organization.

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

1. \*\*Marymount University Historic District, Arlington County, DHR No. 000-9859

Comments: The college campus is recommended as significant under Criterion A in the area of Education and under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. A period of significance for the area of Education can differ from one used for the area of Architecture. The campus buildings are quite large with complex footprints, making it challenging to take photographs that show the buildings in their entirety. The campus’s post-Vatican Council II practices to modernize Catholic schools, churches, and other activities warrants exploration with regard to their association with Modern Movement architectural designs that departed from traditional ecclesiastic architecture.

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

1. \*\* Beaverdam Store, Hanover County, DHR No. 042-0502, Criteria A and C

Comments: The store is a representative example of a rural country store, a once-common resource type that has become scarce. The precise date that the Beaverdam Store closed is not yet known but is expected to be ascertained through additional research.

2. \*\*, Δ Pollard-Paige House, King William County, DHR No. 050-5122, Criteria A and C  
Comments: The Pollard-Paige House’s architectural design by freedman Braxton Pollard appears to be an intact example of vernacular design specific to the early twentieth century. An in-depth analysis of this housing type/ design trend is available in *How the Working Class House Became Modern* by Thomas Hubka. The pattern of land subdivision of the subject property and its neighboring parcels is distinctive as each is a long, narrow strip of approximately 30 acres with road frontage at one narrow end and frontage along a creek at the other. This pattern may be associated with the tradition of Black families subdividing their property for distribution among heirs; it may also be associated with assuring water rights in perpetuity, which is a subdividing pattern seen in communities around the world.

The SRB members agreed that the Consent Agenda works well and allows time for sufficient discussion of PIFs for more complex properties with research potential. Going forward, DHR staff will inform Board members why a PIF has been selected for the Consent Agenda or Discussion Agenda. The Board members also requested that PIF rating sheets prepared by DHR staff be included with their advance review materials.

Chair Mullen requested a motion for the SRB to adjourn. Vice-Chair Allen made the motion and Mr. Klee seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The SRB meeting was adjourned at 3:10 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