

Approved Minutes

BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

9:30 a.m. March 21, 2024

Virginia Museum of History and Culture, 428 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Richmond, Virginia

BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

Board of Historic Resources (BHR) Members Present:

Dr. Colita Nichols Fairfax, Chair
W. Tucker Lemon, Vice Chair
Trip Pollard
Martin Townes
Aimee K. Jorjani

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) Staff Present:

Julie Langan, Director
Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director
Sarah Spota, Deputy Director
Kyle Edwards
Roger Kirchen
Elizabeth Lipford
Dr. Jennifer Loux
Blake McDonald
Brad McDonald
Megan Melinat
Wendy Musumeci
Jennifer Pullen
Karri Richardson
Caitlin Sylvester
Joanna Wilson Green

Board of Historic Resources Members Absent:

Dr. Ken Rutherford
Mary Pope Hutson

Guests Present from Attendees List at Meeting:

Helen Ames	Augustine Lewis
Viola Baskerville	Lew Longenecker
Donald Blake	Michael Reid
Michael Hill	Allison Thomas
Lisa Jordan	

Other State Agency Staff Present:

Andrew Tarne, Office of the Attorney General
Wesley Morgan, Office of the Attorney General

Guests Registered in Webex:

Louis Bernstein	Sabrina Lattimore
Margaret Crosson	Bessida White
Brian Fuller, DCR	

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fairfax called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Chair Fairfax requested a roll call of the Board members.

Chair Fairfax read the following Land Acknowledgment Statement:

The Department of Historic Resources/Board of Historic Resources/State Review Board acknowledges the indigenous peoples of Virginia and expresses 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.

Chair Fairfax also read the following DHR 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 Fairfax read the Board of Historic Resources Call to Order and invited those Board members present to introduce themselves: Vice Chair Lemon, Ms. Hutson, Ms. Jorjani, Mr. Pollard, Dr. Rutherford, Mr. Martin and Chair Fairfax.

Chair Fairfax welcomed students from Cumberland County Middle School who are in attendance in support of John Robinson Highway Marker. Chair Fairfax also recognized four teachers from Cumberland Middle School: Ley Langenecker, Helen Ames, Michael Reid and Michael Hill.

Chair Fairfax reminded everyone that this is a public meeting that is being streamed online. The online feed is being recorded. Chair Fairfax thanked the Virginia Museum of History and Culture for hosting this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Longenecker, Cumberland Middle School teacher, spoke in support of the John Robinson marker which was researched by his students.

Augustine (“Gus”) Lewis, King and Queen County Historical Society, spoke in support of the Lewis Family highway marker.

Dr. Loux read a statement from Peggy Crosson, Virginia Lewis and Clark Legacy Trail, in support of the Lewis Family highway marker.

Donald Blake spoke in support of the Highway Marker Program generally and suggested options to make the markers more accessible. Mr. Blake also noted increased awareness of First Landing in Virginia Beach.

BLACK INDIGENOUS AND PEOPLE OF COLOR (“BIPOC”) GRANT PROGRAM

Ms. Sylvester presented an overview of the application and review process as well as funding recommendations for the BIPOC Grant Program:

1. **BIPOC Application and Review Process**
 - Two application rounds--Project Screening Form (pre-application) and Full Application.
 - Following internal DHR eligibility review 14 applications were elevated to the scoring review panel.
 - In September 2023, a review panel convened to recommend grant awards for the first round of BIPOC Grant funding
 - The review panel recommend funding nine projects for a total of \$2,514,254.

2. **Project Descriptions (in alphabetical order)**

- A. **Cantauncack Archaeological Survey**

Applicants: Flagler College and College of William & Mary
 Funding: \$136,497

Working alongside a Virginia Indian Advisory Counsel and marine scientists, archaeologists from William & Mary and Flagler College seek funds for surveying and excavating oyster shell-rich archaeological deposits from the Powhatan town of Cantaunack. This will be done using traditional excavation methods as well non-invasive ground-penetrating radar and magnetometry surveys to understand the nature and extent of shell-bearing deposits at the site. This funding will support the first phase of this two-phase project.

B. Chatsworth School Stabilization Project

Applicant: Chatsworth School Museum

Funding: \$86,700

Chatsworth School, a partially Rosenwald-funded school for Black children, now functions as a museum. Rehabilitation funding is sought for external sheathing and roof repairs, as well as increasing accessibility through the installation for an ADA access ramp and gravel for the parking area.

C. Drexel-Morrell ADA Access and Accessibility

Applicant: Belmead on the James, Inc.

Funding: \$450,000

Funding is sought to provide ADA compatible access to the Drexel-Morrell Center that will allow the facility to operate as a fully approved Community Center that focuses on local Black history. This will include VDOT compliant property access and ADA compliant accessibility including lift, restroom, parking, and sidewalks.

D. Germanna BIPOC Archaeology, Engagement and Research Project (GBAER Project)

Applicant: Historic Germanna

Funding: \$292,510

The GBAER project aims to deepen understanding and fill a gap in BIPOC history and community connections in a region long overshadowed by a predominating focus on Civil War history. Funding is sought for two main project objectives: archaeological investigations of already identified BIPOC sites (Spotsylvania County Courthouse, east end of the Enchanted Castle, and associated BIPOC-related sites) and outreach and engagement with the Tribal and Black communities related to those sites.

E. John Wesley Community Church Restoration Project

Applicant: Waterford Foundation, Inc.

Funding: \$225,000

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F. Rappahannock Chief Otho S. and Susie P. Nelson House Rehabilitation

Applicant: Rappahannock Tribe of Virginia

Funding: \$771,309

At the Chief Otho S. & Susie P. Nelson House, the Rappahannock Tribe launched efforts to secure state and Federal recognition, battled Virginia's 1924 Racial Identity law denying Indian identity, operated an Indian school and apothecary, and began the fight for equal rights that continues today. Funding is sought for interior finishing – walls, plumbing, interior electrical and mechanical, and fixtures, as well as an accessible bathroom building and ramp/entry area to the house.

G. Restoration of St. John Rosenwald School, Phase IV

Applicant: St. John Family Life and Fitness Center (“SJFLFC”)

Funding: \$138,480

The St. John School was built in 1923 using Rosenwald funding and served the Black community in the Cobham and Gordonsville areas of Albemarle County until 1954. Funding is sought for the final phase of a multi-phase rehabilitation project that began in 2003. The project scope involves siding and window repairs, interior and exterior paint, restoring the flooring, and repairing the roof and roof structure.

H. Salem School Stabilization Project

Applicant: Salem School Preservation Committee, Inc.

Funding: \$335,000

Salem School was constructed in 1924 for the education of rural Black students, funded by the Black community, school boards, and the Rosenwald Fund. It is an unusual three-teacher school. Due to water infiltration, funding is sought for an initial stabilization project to repair structural deficiencies, replace roofing, repair clapboarding, and restore windows

I. Woodland Cemetery/Grounds & Chapel Restoration Project

Applicant: Woodland Restoration Foundation

Funding: \$78,758

This Woodland Cemetery was built during the Jim Crow as a resting place for the Black community and many of the interred were instrumental in the growth and development of Richmond. Funds are sought to restore the stability, access, and use of the historic chapel for volunteers. This will include installing HVAC, repairing failing windows, and ensuring the walkways and chapel entrance are ADA complaint and accessible. Funding is also sought for a ground penetrating radar survey of the site to make sure the surrounding burials are identified and not disturbed.

3. BIPOC Resolution:

Ms. Sylvester read the following resolution into the record:

Whereas, Chapters 185 and 186 of the 2022 Acts of Assembly, codified as Virginia Code Section 10.1-2202.5, established the Virginia Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Historic Preservation Fund (the BIPOC Fund) and a grant program to protect and support Virginia’s historically underserved and underrepresented communities and the cultural and historical sites associated with them; and

Whereas, the BIPOC Fund will be used to provide grants for the acquisition, protection, and rehabilitation of historic and archaeological sites of significance associated with Virginia’s Black, Indigenous, and People of Color; and

Whereas, the Code provides that the Director of the Department of Historic Resources shall administer and manage the BIPOC Fund and shall establish guidelines for applications, evaluations, and recommendations to the Board of Historic Resources for the award of grants from the Fund;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that, in accordance with recommendations made by the Director, the Virginia Board of Historic Resources hereby awards the following grants from the BIPOC Fund, to the respective amount indicated below, all subject to each of the below applicants (the Applicants) executing a grant agreement with the Department of Historic Resources:

- \$771,306 to the Rappahannock Tribe of Virginia
- \$335,000 to the Salem School Preservation Committee, Inc.
- \$78,758 to the Woodland Restoration Foundation
- \$225,000 to the Waterford Foundation, Inc.
- \$138,480 to the St. John Family Life and Fitness Center
- \$136,497 to Flagler College
- \$450,000 to Belmead on the James, Inc.
- \$292,510 to Historic Germanna
- \$86,700 to Chatsworth School Museum, and

Be it further resolved that the Virginia Board of Historic Resources hereby authorizes the Director, on behalf of the Board and the Department, to execute all grant agreements and any amendments thereto with the Applicants.

Board Comments Summary: Board members agreed that they are happy to see this program moving forward and noted that first grant round awards were strong applications.

With a motion to approve the BIPOC Resolution by Mr. Lemon and a second from Ms. Jorjani, all members voted in the affirmative.

Chair Fairfax noted that she and Director Langan will sign the BIPOC Resolution at a separate time.

The BIPOC portion of the agenda ended at 9:57 a.m. and participants held a brief break.

HIGHWAY MARKERS

The meeting resumed at 10:09 a.m. with Dr. Jennifer Loux presenting the following eight (8) New Markers as a block.

New Markers

- * Marker Contributes to the diversification of the program
- ^ Marker Sponsored by DHR

1.) Gargaphia

Sponsor: Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society (Shore History)
Locality: Accomack County
Proposed Location: US 13 at intersection with Gargatha Landing Road

2.) The Lewis Family

Sponsor: Virginia Lewis and Clark Legacy Trail
Locality: King and Queen County
Proposed Location: Buena Vista Road (Virginia Route 14) half mile east of Poropotank Drive

***3.) Sales of Enslaved People in Court Square**

Sponsor: City of Charlottesville – Historic Resources Community
Locality: City of Charlottesville
Proposed Location: Court Square Park

***4.) John Robinson (ca. 1825-1908)**

Sponsor: Cumberland Middle School
Locality: Cumberland County
Proposed Location: 1489 Anderson Highway, Cumberland

***5.) Samuel Wilbert Tucker (1913-1990)**

Sponsor: Rodney D. Pierce
Locality: City of Emporia
Proposed Location: Near intersection of East Atlantic Street and North Main Street

***6.) Edward Richard Dudley III (1911-2005)**

Sponsor: Nelson Harris
Locality: City of Roanoke
Proposed Location: Intersection of Gilmer Ave. and Gainsboro Road NW, northwest corner

7.) State Military Reservation

Sponsor: Virginia Department of Military Affairs
Locality: Virginia Beach
Proposed Location: General Booth Blvd. at the State Military Reservation

***^ 8.) Holly Knoll**

Sponsor: DHR
Locality: Gloucester County
Proposed Location: Route 662 at Holly Knoll

Board Comments Summary: None.

With a motion to approve New Markers #1-#8 by Mr. Pollard and a second from Ms. Jorjani, all members voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following Replacement Marker:

Replacement Marker

^ 1.) Culpeper Minute Men J-10

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: Town of Culpeper

Proposed Location: Sperryville Pike (U.S. 522), west of the intersection with Virginia Avenue

Board Comments Summary: None.

With a motion to approve the Replacement Marker #1 by Mr. Lemon and a second from Mr. Townes, all members voted in the affirmative.

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

Applications Under Consideration for June 2024 Board Cycle

- 1.) Dr. Lilli Vincenz (Arlington County)
- 2.) Craig County Poor Farm (Craig County)
- 3.) The Carver Inn (City of Charlottesville)
- 4.) Fairfax County Resolves (City of Alexandria)
- 5.) Douglas School (City of Winchester)
- 6.) Mahone's Tavern (Southampton County)
- 7.) Treble Clef & Book Lovers' Club (City of Richmond)
- 8.) North Pamunkey Baptist Church (Orange County)
- 9.) Freetown (Albemarle County)
- 10.) Brewing in Carver (City of Richmond)
- 11.) Chatsworth School (Henrico County)
- 12.) Dr. William M. T. Forrester (City of Richmond)
- 13.) Spring Hill Baptist Church (Nottoway County)

Applications #1-#5 (Dr. Lilli Vincenz, Craig County Poor Farm, The Carver Inn, Fairfax County Resolves, and Douglas School), will be presented at the March 2024 Board Meeting, and applications #6-#7 (Mahone's Tavern and Treble Clef & Book Lovers' Club) will serve as alternate selections.

Board Comments Summary: Board members asked why the Chatsworth School marker application was not ranked in the top 5 considering it was awarded a BIPOC grant. Dr. Loux stated that the Chatsworth School application was not prioritized because Henrico County already has a county marker at the site, therefore the addition of a state marker would be redundant.

With a motion to approve the June 2024 Board Cycle Applications #1-5 and Alternates #6-#7 by Mr. Pollard and a second by Mr. Lemon, all members voted in the affirmative.

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

The Lafayette Trail

The William C. Pomeroy Foundation seeks general design approval for Lafayette Trail markers. The markers measure 36" x 24" (smaller than DHR Highway Markers), include the Lafayette Trail seal at the top of the marker and are painted red and blue.

The William C. Pomeroy Foundation also seeks approval of the text (which has been fact-checked by DHR staff) for the following five (5) Lafayette Trail markers:

- 1.) **Location:** Petersburg
Text: Lafayette's Tour: On October 29, 1824, General Lafayette was feted at Niblo's tavern and theatre. The next morning, he was honored at Poplar Lawn.
- 2.) **Location:** Leesburg
Text: Lafayette's Tour: On August 9, 1825, General Lafayette, Revolutionary War hero, was greeted by local officials and escorted to the courthouse for a dinner.
- 3.) **Location:** Fredericksburg
Text: Lafayette's Tour: On November 20, 1824, General Lafayette was welcomed here at the town hall and conducted to Farmer's Hotel where a ball was held in his honor.

4.) **Location:** Loudoun County

Text: Lafayette's Tour: On August 9, 1825, General Lafayette, an abolitionist, attended baptism of Maria and Mary, youngest daughters of William Temple Thomson Mason.

5.) **Location:** Yorktown

Text: General Lafayette disembarked in Yorktown from the Frigate Nymphé on November 15, 1784, as he conducted a celebratory visit of the new nation.

Board Comments Summary: Board members asked if these are the first Lafayette Trail markers in Virginia. Dr. Loux confirmed that this is the not the first Lafayette Trail marker in Virginia, but it is the first since the William C. Pomeroy Foundation became aware of the DHR approval requirement.

With a motion to approve the design, dimensions and text of the Lafayette Trail Markers by Mr. Pollard and a second by Ms. Jorjani, all members voted in the affirmative.

Dr. Loux presented the following Revolutionary America, 1775-1783 markers for approval:

Revolutionary America, 1775-1783

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) seeks general design approval for Revolutionary America, 1775-1783 markers. The markers measure 32" x 18" (smaller than DHR Highway Markers), include the Revolutionary America logo at the top of the marker and are painted blue and gold.

The NSDAR is also seeking approval of the text (which has been fact-checked by DHR staff) for the following two (2) Revolutionary America, 1775-1783 markers:

1.) **Location:** Northampton County

Text: The Local Patriots : In 1776, county officials took oath of fidelity to Virginia. Provided men, food & supplies during fight for independence despite threat of privateers.

2.) **Location:** Pulaski County

Text: Trollingers' Cave : Henry Jacob and son Henry mined saltpeter from a local cave and manufactured gunpowder for patriot forces from 1776 to 1782.

Board Comments Summary: Board members asked if these are the first Revolutionary America markers in Virginia. Dr. Loux stated that she is unaware of any other Revolutionary America markers in Virginia.

With a motion to approve the Revolutionary America, 1775-1783 markers design and text by Mr. Lemon and a second by Mr. Pollard, all members voted in the affirmative.

The Marker portion of the agenda ended at 10:33 a.m.

BURIAL PERMITS

Joanna Wilson Green gave a brief presentation on burial permits:

1. **General Update:**

- Between December 15, 2023 and March 18, 2023 DHR issued 4 permits on behalf of the Board:
- All anticipatory (no purposeful disturbance of human remains proposed).
- 2 extensions granted to an existing permit to accommodate project complications.
- 6 projects were closed following completion of permit conditions.
- 25 projects remain open.

2. **Update on Flax Mill Creek Trail, City of Newport News:**

- Permit issued in response to the unexpected discovery of buried human remains during installation of boardwalk piers. Further investigation identified 30+ interments within and adjacent to the proposed trail alignment. No further disturbance is proposed, and the project is being rerouted to avoid the cemetery entirely.

- All remains disturbed by pier installation were transferred into DHR’s care pending reburial.

On March 14 all remains were transferred from DHR’s care and placed in a handmade wooden container crafted by a local carpenter.

DHR staff and construction crew carried the coffin to the reinterment site and placed it in the excavation.

All present then placed ceremonial shovelfuls of dirt onto the coffin and then stood in respectful silence while the unknown persons were reburied.

The project now includes an overlook near the identified cemetery that will include signage explaining the nature of the site and the giving context for those still buried there.

Board Comments Summary: Board members agreed that the Flax Mill Creek project was an impressive project and they were pleased to see that the City of Newport News accommodated the cemetery in their new plans for the boardwalk trail.

The Burial Permits portion of the agenda ended at 10:38 a.m.

EASEMENTS

Culpeper Battlefields State Park

Ms. Musumeci presented the following Culpeper Battlefields State Park Amendment and Phase I Assignment and Amendment of Easements. This multi-faceted project associated with development of a new Virginia State Park in Culpeper County. The park will be owned and managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The park, referred to as the Future State Park at Culpeper Battlefields or Culpeper Battlefields State Park, is comprised of discontinuous areas in the Culpeper vicinity associated with multiple Civil War battles and sites, some of which include Brandy Station (1863), Cedar Mountain (1862), Rappahannock Station I (1862), Rappahannock Station II (1863), Kelly’s Ford (1863) and the Hansbrough Ridge Winter Encampment (1863-1864). While the park will focus on Civil War period history and battle activity, there are other significant historic resources related to Virginia’s prehistory and history present on these properties which DCR intends to interpret. The Virginia General Assembly approved legislation establishing the park in 2022 and the FY23-24 budget established a provision for acquisition of Culpeper Battlefields State Park, noting that:

- DCR shall accept the donation of at least 1,700 acres of real property in Culpeper County to establish the Culpeper Battlefields State Park.
- DCR shall open the park for public visitation on July 1, 2024.
- DHR and the Virginia Outdoors Foundation shall assign any easements they hold on applicable acreage to DCR.

DCR’s associated acquisition of lands for the park will occur over multiple phases and years. Phase 1 involves seven separate properties within the boundaries of the Brandy Station Battlefield. Of these, six are subject to historic preservation and open-space easements held by the Board. Per the budget language establishing the park, BHR must assign its interest in these easements to DCR. However, DCR and DHR have agreed to partner as co-holders of a consolidated and amended easement over these six properties. The assignment to DCR and amendment of the easements to include both DCR and BHR as co-holders will be accomplished in one deed. All restrictions and preservation and conservation purposes laid out in the original easements will be continued in perpetuity in the consolidated and amended easement. Ms. Musumeci then explained to the Board the following components of the project that will impact the six Phase 1 easements held by the Board:

1. **Amendment of Fleetwood Heights/Golden Oaks Tract Easement on the Brandy Station Battlefield**
Property Owner: Brandy Station Battlefield
Acreage for ±18.9 acres
Proposed amendment to incorporate adjoining 3.112 acres into existing easement
2. **Phase I Assignment and Amendment of Easements held by the Board of Historic Resources on the Brandy Station Battlefield**
 - a. Fleetwood Heights/Golden Oaks Tract, ±18.9 acres easement recorded on 05/02/07, plus 3.112 additional acres
 - b. Troilo Tract, ±56.48 acres, easement recorded on 08/01/14
 - c. Louis Pound Tract, ±23.237 acres, easement recorded on 12/31/2008
 - d. Whitney Pound Tract, ±26.18 acres, easement recorded on 12/31/2008
 - e. Mitchell Tract, ±10.49 acres, easement recorded on 12/23/2017

- f. Bly Tract, ±29.557 acres, easement recorded on 09/26/2018

As part of the Phase I acquisition for the new Culpeper Battlefields State Park, the Easement Acceptance Committee recommends that the Board of Historic Resources:

1. Approve amendment of the 2008 Fleetwood Heights/Golden Oaks Easement to incorporate an adjoining 3.112 acres owned by the Brandy Station Foundation.
2. Assign the following easements to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR):
 - a. Fleetwood Heights/Golden Oaks Tract
 - b. Troilo Tract,
 - c. Louis Pound Tract
 - d. Whitney Pound Tract
 - e. Mitchell Tract
 - f. Bly Tract
3. Join with DCR as co-holder of an amended and consolidated easement for properties 2(a) through 2(f) above.
4. This approval is subject to the following condition: 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.

Ms. Musumeci also noted that DHR's counsel at the OAG asked that the following item be included in the Board's motion to approve the project:

5. The DHR Director is authorized to execute an assignment of and any amendments to the Phase I easements that the Director deems necessary to facilitate the Culpeper Battlefields State Park project.

Board Comments Summary: Ms. Musumeci noted that Brian Fuller, Manager of DCR's Real Property section, was attending the meeting virtually and available to answer questions. Board Members inquired about the uneased parcel between the Whitney Pound Tract and Bly Tract easement properties. Ms. Musumeci responded that this parcel is privately owned and includes a residence. The American Battlefield Trust (the "Trust") is in active negotiations with the owner to acquire this land and make it part of the new state park. If the Trust acquires the property, it will be transferred to DCR in a later phase of the project and may not be subject to BHR easement. Board members also asked about 97-acre parcel that will be included in the park but not subject to a BHR easement. Ms. Musumeci explained that DCR intended to accept that property unencumbered so it can be utilized for park facilities. Board members asked about the status of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation easements located north of the Phase I properties. Ms. Musumeci noted that DHR is a consulting partner on some of these easements. These properties are slated to become part of the state park in a later phase, approximately three years from now. Ms. Musumeci also noted that DCR is currently conducting a cultural landscape survey on these properties. Board members also asked about the order of land acquisition for the entire state park. Musumeci provided an approximate order of phased acquisition for future park lands. Ms. Musumeci also noted that all applicable state and federal grant programs have approved the current Phase I easement assignments and amendments. Board members inquired about the monitoring and enforcement of the easements will occur between two state agencies. Ms. Musumeci responded that the deed of assignment and amendment will carry forward restrictions and provisions from the existing easements and be consistent with the Easement Program policies. DHR will still be responsible for monitoring and stewardship of the amended easement. This will occur in coordination with DCR. Although the specific easement language regarding the process for joint approvals and enforcement under the easement must still be written, the language will be drafted so that DHR will be the final arbiter in these areas.

Motion for Item #1

Mr. Pollard motioned to approve amendment of the 2008 Fleetwood Heights/Golden Oaks Tract easement to include an adjoining 3.112 acres as presented by staff. Mr. Townes seconded the motion, and all members voted in the affirmative.

Motion for Items #2-5

Mr. Pollard motioned to approve assignment and amendment of the 6 easements (Items #2a through #2f) as presented by staff. Mr. Townes seconded the motion, and all members voted in the affirmative.

Easement Assignment

Ms. Musumeci notified the Board of the following Easement Assignment:

1. **Fort Gregg on the New Market Heights Battlefield, Henrico County**
Property Owner: American Battlefield Trust
Acreage for ±7.1545 acres

The American Battlefield Trust conveyed an easement on this property to the Board of Historic Resources in 2012. Although owned by the Trust, his 7.1545-acre property is within the boundaries of the Richmond National Battlefield Park, which is managed by the National Park Service (“NPS”). The Trust recently transferred ownership of the property to the United States of America (“USA”) for incorporation into Richmond National Battlefield Park. This was completed per a 2019 Memorandum of Understanding between the USA, NPS, Commonwealth of Virginia (SNHR), and the Board that addressed conflicts between certain existing easements to be assigned, transfer of fee ownership, and laws applicable to Federal ownership and administration of the property. On March 15, 2024, the Property became part of the Richmond National Battlefield Park.

Staff is notifying the Board of the Easement Assignment. No vote is required.

Board Comments Summary: None.

New Easement Offer for Consideration

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

1. **Bond Street Barn and Meadow, Waterford Historic District, Loudoun County**

Easement Applicant: Waterford Foundation

Offer for ±1.5222 acre

Proposed Grant Funding/Tax Incentives: None

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends acceptance of the Bond Street Barn and Meadow easement offer subject to the following conditions:

Continued negotiation of easement terms to the satisfaction of DHR, particularly provisions regarding the cap on collective footprint and proposed new parking area.

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: Board members inquired about the age Waterford Historic District. Edwards confirmed that it was listed in 1969 also declared a National Historic Landmark in 1970.

With a motion to approve the New Easement Offer #1 as presented by staff by Mr. Lemon and a second by Ms. Jorjani, all members voted in the affirmative.

Easement Offer for Reconsideration

Mr. Edwards presented the following easement offer for reconsideration:

1. **Deane II Tract, Deep Bottom II Battlefield, Henrico County**

Easement Applicant: Richmond Battlefields Association

Offer for ±4.92 acres

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

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommends reapproval of the Deane II Tract easement offer, subject to the following conditions:

1. The dwelling may be leased to accommodate a caretaker for the duration of a life estate on the adjoining property to the west, also owned by the Richmond Battlefields Association (“RBA”). Such lease shall not extend beyond life estate granted to the tenant on the adjoining property, plus 1 year to allow for settlement of the estate (“Adjoining Property Lease Period”).
2. Demolition and removal of the existing non-historic buildings and structures and rehabilitation of the battlefield landscape shall be completed within three (3) years of the expiration of the Adjoining Property Lease Period.

3. Rehabilitation of the battlefield landscape shall be conducted according to a written rehabilitation management plan negotiated by DHR and RBA, and such plan shall be incorporated into the easement either directly or by reference.
4. 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: Board members noted that this application was originally submitted in 2015 and asked why it had taken so long to record this easement. Ms. Musumeci responded that this was one of the first projects where Henrico County had required accommodation in the easement for road widening in order for the project to be consistent with its comprehensive plan. It has taken time for DHR and Henrico County to come to a satisfactory solution to these kinds of requirements. Board members also asked what DHR and Henrico County have agreed to with regards to the required road widening. Ms. Musumeci responded that DHR is keeping the widening area within the easement with language that requires archaeological survey prior to any road widening.

With a motion to approve Reconsideration Offer #1 as presented by staff by Mr. Pollard and a second by Mr. Lemon all members voted in the affirmative.

Easement Violation Update

Mr. McDonald presented the following violation update:

1. Berry Hill, Halifax County

Property Owner: Founders Land SPE, LLC

Easement Recorded: December 18, 1991

Update to major and willful violation

Proposed Investigation:

- Owner received a scope of work and research design to complete the requested Phase I Archaeology Survey from a qualified, professional consultant in February 2024.
- Work will be focused within an approximately 0.6-acre area surrounding the Overseer's House
- Proposal included a summary of tasks typical of this level of investigation including close interval shovel testing, test unit excavation, artifact cataloging and analysis, background documentary research and context development, and preparation of a technical report detailing the research results.
- Following consultation with the owner, DHR approved the methods outlined in the submitted proposal and encouraged the owner and their consultant to work together to complete the investigation in an expeditious manner.
- Work is expected to begin in the next 2-3 months.

Board Comments Summary: Board members asked what the cost would be for the Phase I survey of the Overseer's House area. Mr. McDonald state that this Phase I survey would cost approximately \$15,000.

Easements Recorded Since the March 2023 BHR Meeting

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

Mair Tract, Great Bridge Battlefield, City of Chesapeake

Easement Donor: American Battlefield Trust

Acreage: ±0.664 acres

Recorded December 6, 2023

Peeler Tract, Buckland Mills Battlefield, Prince William County

Easement Donor: Randall Peeler

Acreage: ±10.26 acres

Recorded December 28, 2023

Little Malvern Hill, Malvern Hill Battlefield, Henrico County

Easement Donor: Capital Region Land Conservancy

Acreage: ±41.019 acres

Recorded February 2, 2024

Board Comments Summary: None.

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

Chair Fairfax adjourned the meeting of the Board of Historic Resources at 11:42 a.m.

Draft Minutes

State Review Board

Approximately 9:30 A.M. March 21, 2024

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

State Review Board Members Present

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

State Review Board Members Absent

Dr. Eleanor Breen
Greg Rutledge
Dr. Larissa M. Smith

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Amanda Terrell
Joanna McKnight
Dr. Elizabeth Moore
Michael Pulice
Aubrey Von Lindern
Marc Wagner
LaToya Gray-Sparks
Taylor Calloway
Angel Williams
Jolene Smith

Other State Agency Staff Present:

none

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

James Gabbert of the National Park Service
Richard Blick

Chair Mullen called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. for discussion and consideration of the Preliminary Information Forms (informal guidance session). Chair Mullen stated a reminder that this is a public meeting that this is being recorded. Chair Mullen thanked DHR for hosting today's session.

Chair Mullen asked SRB members to introduce themselves. Mr. Klee, Vice-Chair Allen, Ms. Shull, and Chair Mullen introduced themselves, establishing a quorum. Dr. Breen, Mr. Rutledge and Dr. Smith were not in attendance. Due to the fact that there were no members of the public who wished to make comments, the Board began its Preliminary Information Forms (PIFs) session.

The Preliminary Information Forms (PIFs) on the Consent Agenda were considered first. 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. Cedarbrook Elementary School, City of Danville, DHR No. 108-6195, Criteria A and C
2. Old Salem Methodist Church, Nelson County, DHR No. 062-5275, Criteria A and C

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

1. Liberty Farm, King George County, DHR No. 048-0011, Criterion C

A board member wanted a clarification on the period of significance (POS) for Liberty Farm considering the SRB training with James Gabbert of NPS. The POS should be 1825-1935.

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

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. Oak Level Primitive Baptist Church, Henry County, DHR No. 044-6467, Criterion A and Criteria A and D considerations

Comments: A rare African American Primitive Baptist church built c. 1933 with generally reversible loss of visual integrity and no recorded history of its own, it is nonetheless worthy of recordation and evaluation as an a once-important religious and social center of a very small rural community.

2. Massie's Mill Historic District, Nelson County, DHR No. 062-5276, Criteria A and C

Comments: The case for eligibility is made mainly through existing surveys dating to 1992, current photographs and Google Street View. All the extant resources including an 1886 church, two c. 1900 houses, an agricultural warehouse, a former Odd Fellows Lodge, and the DePriest Bank are relatively well preserved. The site of Massie's Mill is also included as a potential historic archaeological site. The close proximity to the Tye River also raises potential for prehistoric archaeological finds. Currently there are no individually listed fraternal lodges in Nelson County.

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

1. Dunnottar, Fauquier County, DHR No. 030-0423, Criteria A and C

The primary residence at Dunnottar was built in 1904, replacing the original 1799 house that burned in 1899. The property encompasses 400 acres of rolling farmland and includes a variety of outbuildings, including a tenant house, pig house, a 2-room corncrib, dairy barn and 2 silos, bank barn, all from the early 20th century. The property also includes a late 18th century log building (1799) and a spring house and meat house, both from the early 19th century. Located on the property and east of the primary residence is a small Payne family cemetery. The proposed period of significance begins in 1799, with the construction of the log building and continues until 1974, encompassing the 20th century agricultural buildings and the agricultural history associated with the farm. The property is eligible under Criterion C, architecture and Criterion A, Agriculture. Period of significance 1799-1974

Eastern Region.....presented by Joanna McKnight

1. Blick Plantation, Brunswick County, DHR No. 012-5471, Criterion C

Abandoned 50 years and lost; Benj. Blick builder, Rev War soldier, lawyer, judge. Blick family owned, descendent now trying to rehab the buildings. Changed hands 1919, subdivided 1930. House ca 1730, mostly intact, condition poor. Cemetery and outbuildings. Eligible under Criterion C, ca. 1780-early 19th c.

The SRB meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

**JOINT MEETING
STATE REVIEW BOARD and BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
1:00 p.m. March 21, 2024**

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. Jeffrey Klee
Dr. Larissa M. Smith

Historic Resources Board Members Present

Dr. Colita Nichols Fairfax, Chair
W. Tucker Lemon, Vice-Chair
Mary Pope Hutson
Aimee K. Jorjani
Trip Pollard
Martin Townes

Attending Online

None.

State Review Board Members Absent

Dr. Eleanor Breen
Mr. Greg Rutledge

Historic Resources Board Members Absent

Dr. Ken Rutherford

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Julie Langan, Director
Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director
Sarah Spota, Deputy Director
Taylor Calloway
LaToya Gray-Sparks
Roger Kirchen
Elizabeth Lipford
Dr. Jennifer Loux
Brad McDonald
Joanna McKnight

Megan Melinat
Andy Poole
Michael Pulice
Heather Smolka
Jolene Smith
Ivy Tan
Amanda Terrell
Aubrey Von Linder
Marc Wagner
Angel Williams

Other State Agency Staff Present:

Secretary Travis Voyles, Office of Natural and Historic Resources
Andrew Tarne and Wes Morgan, Office of the Attorney General

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

James "Jim" Gabbert, National Park Service (NPS)
Randy Shuford
Debra McClane
Stephen McElroy
Joanna McElroy
Kristin Kirchen
Elizabeth Nowak
Sally Ware

Board of Historic Resources (BHR)

Chair Fairfax called the Joint Meeting of the Board of Historic Resources to order at 1 p.m. She invited members of the BHR to introduce themselves. Each BHR member in attendance introduced themselves. Dr. Rutherford is absent from today's meeting.

Chair Fairfax advised that today's meeting is taking place in person and online and is being recorded. Chair Fairfax requested a motion to approve the meeting format. Vice-Chair Lemons so moved, and Mr. Pollard seconded. The Board voted unanimously in the affirmative. Chair Fairfax requested a motion to approve the December 14, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Vice-Chair Lemon so moved and Ms. Hutson seconded. The Board voted unanimously in the affirmative.

State Review Board (SRB)

Chair Mullen called the SRB to order at 1:04 p.m. Deputy Director Williams took roll call of SRB members to confirm the presence of a quorum. Vice-Chair Allen, Ms. Shull, Dr. Smith, Dr. Klee and Chair Mullen are present. Dr. Breen and Mr. Rutledge are absent from today's meeting.

Chair Mullen explained purpose and duties of the SRB and the process of Register designation. He next read the land acknowledgement statement. He next explained the purpose and duties of the SRB and the process of Register designation. Chair Mullen asked 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. Smith so moved, and Dr. Klee seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative. Chair Mullen requested a motion to approve the December 14, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Vice-Chair Allen so moved and Dr. Smith seconded.

Chair Mullen announced the segment on elections for the SRB. Ms. Shull moved that Mr. Mullen and Dr. Allen be approved to serve another term as respectively Chair and Vice-Chair of the SRB. Dr. Klee seconded the motion. The SRB members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Director's Report:

Chair Fairfax introduced Director Julie Langan. Director Langan started by thanking Chair Mullen and Vice-Chair Allen for their willingness to serve a second term. She also introduced Secretary Travis Voyles, Andrew Tarne, and Wes Morgan from the Office of the Attorney General. Director Langan also introduced Jim Gabbert from the National Park Service. She thanked Jim Gabbert for spending two days at DHR which included providing training for the BHR and SRB.

Director Langan thanked staff for their work in preparing for this Board Meeting. She highlighted Amanda Terrell, Director of Community Services Division and Jolene Smith, Director of the Division of Survey and Information Management. Both Terrell and Smith led the planning efforts for this quarter's Board meeting during the absence of a Register Coordinator. Director Langan also thanked Jen Pullen and Brad McDonald for their efforts in planning and coordinating this quarter's Board meeting. Director Langan also thanked the Board members for their flexibility and accommodating the change in the Board agenda. The agenda was re-arranged to ensure that a quorum was present for the portion of the meetings that required votes. She reminded Board members to notify DHR as soon as possible once they become aware that they cannot make the Board meeting. Once legal notifications and a massive amount of correspondence is issued in anticipation of an upcoming Board meeting, it is very challenging to re-adjust the anticipated schedule and agenda.

Director Langan noted that a lot has happened since the last Board meeting. There has been an increase in opportunities over the last quarter. DHR applied for and was awarded multiple federal grants through the National Park Service (NPS). Simultaneously, there are a few key DHR staff positions that are currently vacant—and it has been challenging to fill those vacancies. Director Langan stated that there are three new DHR positions approved and included in this year’s General Assembly budget. These positions will help to alleviate the workload in DHR. Director Langan thanked Ms. Shull for joining her in Washington, D.C. during advocacy week on Capitol Hill. Director Langan encouraged other Board members to join her during Advocacy Week next year. Per Langan, DHR can expect “level funding” through NPS. Considering that this is not a time to expect an increase in funding, the expectation of level funding is positive news. DHR also received a one-year extension on the Historic Preservation Fund authorization. Director Langan mentioned that she, Secretary Voyles and Deputy Director Sarah Spota attended a conference in Colonial Williamsburg hosted by the VA250 Commission. The gathering included 400+ people from thirty-seven states and was kicked off by Governor Youngkin. Blake McDonald, the Cost Share Program Manager of DHR, presented at a session at the conference. During his presentation, Blake shared various grants administered by DHR that stakeholders can apply for as they prepare for VA250.

Director Langan also shared that the proposed budget includes \$20 million for a new grant program for VA250. Also, there is an additional \$1 million designated for the BIPOC program. Further, there are a number of pass-through grants included in the budget. Finally, Langan is hopeful there will be funding to replace the barn at Clermont. Director Langan shared an update on the proposed contextualization regulations. They have been approved by Governor Youngkin, the regulations will appear in the Virginia Register in two weeks and a 60-day comment period will take place, closing on June 8, 2024. Director Langan mentioned that due to the pending Spring season, there will be an increase in historic marker dedication. Langan recognized Chair Fairfax for attending the most marker dedications as a Board member. Langan encouraged the Board members to volunteer if they feel inclined.

Director Langan recognized LaToya Gray-Sparks, DHR Community Outreach Coordinator, for her work in building relationships that led an increase in recruiting and hiring interns for the HBCU Internship Program. A new cohort was on-boarded at DHR on March 11, 2024. DHR is hoping to continue and sustain this momentum. Langan also mentioned that DHR is also spending more energy and time on compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). There were modifications to NAGPRA that took effect in January 2024. DHR is in the process of working with and collaborating with Indigenous Tribes for the purpose of being in compliance with NAGPRA. Jess Hendrix, Tribal Community Outreach Coordinator, is leading a working group to work on this important initiative.

Director Langan shared a few projects that she is working on. She is co-chairing a national working group that is conducting a national study of the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. The standards guide preservation at the local, state and federal levels. The study was prompted by recent criticisms of the standards. A report on their findings will be released in July 2024. Director Langan is also serving on committee working on the Barbara Rose Johns statue. The committee is waiting for approval of the full-scale model. Once approved, the production of the statue will begin.

The June 2024 meeting will be held in Winchester and the day before, on Juneteenth, a visit to the historic Clermont Farm will take place. Claremont Farm is a working farm owned by DHR. In addition, there will be a tour of the Third Battle of Winchester led by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation. The location for September 2024 meeting has not been determined yet.

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.

Stephen McElroy spoke and shared that he and his wife submitted the application for the Paxton house in Fairfield. The McElroys support the nomination and are available for questions. present to support the Fairfield nomination.

There were no persons attending online who wished to speak. Chair Fairfax thanked everyone who spoke and noted that their comments will receive careful consideration. She concluded the public comment period.

NOMINATIONS

Eastern Region

1. **Beach Carousel Motel, City of Virginia Beach, DHR No. 134-0460, Criteria A and C
2. DAW Theatre, Town of Tappahannock, Essex County, DHR No. 310-0024-0024 Criterion A
3. Fuqua Farm Boundary Decrease, Chesterfield County, DHR No. 020-0337, Criterion C
4. Δ, ^ St. Clare Walker School Complex, Middlesex County, DHR No. 059-0078, Criteria A and B

Mr. Wagner presented nominations 1 and 2.

The Beach Carousel Motel was constructed by local builders in 1967-68 and operated by local citizens. The motel embodies the homegrown quality of the hospitality industry in the oceanfront resort area of Virginia Beach during the 1960s. The architecture of the motel, best described as a Midcentury Modern style featuring a large parking lot and a swimming pool in the front as well as a floorplan that includes two-room suites with kitchenettes and standard motel rooms, contrasts with the large national franchises of the 1970s.

The DAW Theatre was built in 1938-39 in the Tappahannock Historic District in Essex County, the DAW Theatre. The DAW Theatre exemplifies a movie and live-performance venue from the pre-World War II era in a rural courthouse town. The second theater in the town's 400-year history, it served as the community entertainment center for Black and White customers during segregation in the 20th century.

Ms. McKnight presented nominations 3 and 4.

Fuqua Farm in Chesterfield County was listed in the register in 2017 at the local level under Criterion C for architecture. The boundary decrease is requested due to a reduction in acreage of the historic property due to proposed residential development on adjacent land.

The St. Clare Walker School District in Middlesex County comprises the campuses of two historic schools that served Black students during Jim Crow segregation in Virginia's public education system. The local Black community's grassroots movement to create better educational opportunities for their children—an initiative shepherded by prominent local educator John Henry St. Clare Walker—led to the establishment of St. Clare Walker High School, which operated from 1939 to 1969, and Rappahannock Central Elementary School, active from 1962 through 2002.

Chair Fairfax asked for a motion to approve the Eastern Region nominations 1, 2, 3 and 4 as present Mr. Lemon so moved, and Mr. Townes seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative to approve the Eastern Region nominations 1, 2, 3 and 4 as presented.

Chair Mullen notified that he had to recuse himself from vote on Fuqua Farm and asked that it be reviewed and voted on separately from the other items. Chair Mullen read a recusal statement regarding Fuqua Farm. Vice-Chair Allen asked for a motion to approve the Fuqua Farm boundary decrease. Dr. Smith so moved; Dr. Klee seconded. Deputy Director Williams called roll: Dr. Allen, Ms. Schull, Dr. Smith and Dr. Klee, voted in the affirmative.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve items 1, 2 and 4 of the Eastern Region nominations as a block. Vice-Chair Allen so moved, and Dr. Smith seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Eastern region nominations 1, 2, and 4 as presented.

Northern Region

1. ** Staunton Coca-Cola Bottling Works, City of Staunton, DHR No. 132-5071, Criteria A and C
2. *** Warrenton Historic District 2024 Boundary Increase, Town of Warrenton, Fauquier County, DHR No. 156-5159, Criteria A and C

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

Constructed in three phases starting in 1927, the Staunton Coca-Cola Bottling Works building is a local landmark located on a major thoroughfare in the City of Staunton. While the bottling business moved to a larger facility in the 1970s, the building represents the regional growth of the Coca-Cola Company in Virginia during its years of operation by producing soda, serving as a steady source of employment for local citizens, and playing an active role in the Staunton community.

The Warrenton Historic District in the Fauquier County Town of Warrenton has been home to famous Virginia lawyers and politicians since its beginnings as a colonial village. The district's 2024 Boundary Increase expands the original district to include primarily residential properties located along key arterial roads, which were brought into Warrenton after the town's 1959-1960 annexation of more than six times its previous acreage. This expansion doubled the town's population and was representative of Warrenton's growth in the mid-20th century within the county and the Northern Virginia region and its investment in public infrastructure and utility services after World War II.

Chair Fairfax asked for a motion to approve the Northern Region nominations 1 and 2 as presented. Mr. Pollard so moved, and Ms. Hutson seconded. The Board members voted unanimously in the affirmative to approve the Northern Region nominations 1 and 2 as presented.

Chair Mullen asked for a motion to approve the Northern Region nominations 1 and 2 as presented. Dr. Klee so moved, and Ms. Schull seconded. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Northern region nominations 1 and 2 as presented.

Chair Fairfax called for a break at 2:18 p.m.

Chair Fairfax called meeting back to order at 2:28 p.m.

Western Region

1. Columbian Paper Company, City of Buena Vista, DHR No. 103-5192, Criterion A
2. Δ, Dixon Cemetery, Campbell County, DHR No. 015-5604, Criterion A
3. Δ, <, { Oak Hill, Pittsylvania County, DHR No. 071-0026, Criteria A and D
4. Paxton House, Rockbridge County, DHR No. 081-0307, Criterion C
5. Vinton Downtown Historic District, Town of Vinton, Roanoke County, DHR No. 149-5010, Criteria A and C.

Mr. Pulice presented nominations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 as a block.

The Columbian Paper Company is located on the banks of the Maury River in Buena Vista. The water-powered mill serves as a rare, well-preserved example of a historic complex associated with paper production, one of the city's leading industries from the late 19th to mid-20th century.

The Dixon Cemetery was established between 1752 and 1756, in Campbell County. The cemetery contains the graves of some of the earliest settlers in the west-central piedmont, with the unusual distinction of including both African Americans, enslaved and freed, and White persons, some of whom were soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary and Civil wars; as well as many others who made historical contributions to Virginia and the nation.

The Oak Hill property, located west of Danville in Pittsylvania County, is representative of the history of plantation agriculture in Southside Virginia, starting from the antebellum period through the Civil War. As one of many plantations owned by the wealthy Hairston family, Oak Hill provides a rare opportunity to study the lives of enslaved and free individuals who lived and worked on the property, as well as the rise and decline of the planter class from the 18th and 19th centuries.

Built in ca. 1820, the Paxton House in Rockbridge County is a notable example of the Federal architectural style, a design that was popular in the region during the early years of the American republic. The house embodies the

characteristics of a significant period of construction in American architectural history through its layout, materials, and stylistic touches.

The Vinton Downtown Historic District encompasses the commercial core of the Town of Vinton in Roanoke County. The district, which features a collection of commercial and municipal buildings from the early to mid-20th century, typifies a rural community in Southwest Virginia that developed into a downtown business hub over the course of the 20th century, after the establishment of railway transportation in the region.

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

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

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

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

The joint meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Register Summary of Resources Listed: Historic Districts: 2
Buildings: 4
Structures: 0
Sites: 4
Objects: 0
MPDs: 0