

**State Board of Review Meeting
National Register of Historic Places
South Carolina Department of Archives and History
State Historic Preservation Office**

Minutes of the March 21, 2025, Meeting

The State Board of Review meeting was held in the Wachovia room of the South Carolina Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Members Present

Dr. J. Edward Lee (Chair), Mr. Phillip D. Smith (Vice Chair), Dr. Carolyn Dillian, Mr. J.R. Fennell, Ms. J. Haley Milner, Ms. Amy Moore, Dr. Rhondda Robinson Thomas, and Ms. Stacey Young.

Members Absent

Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr.

Call to Order

Dr. Lee called the meeting to order at 10:31 A.M. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Introduction of Board Members

At Dr. Lee's invitation, each of the board members introduced themselves, stating their names and professional affiliations.

Remarks

Dr. Lee invited Dr. W. Eric Emerson, director of the Department of Archives and History and State Historic Preservation Officer, to offer remarks. Dr. Emerson welcomed attendees to the South Carolina Archives and History Center and thanked them for being present at the meeting. He explained some of the functions of the Department of Archives and History and highlighted the importance of the State Review Board's work. Dr. Lee then invited Ms. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, to offer remarks. Ms. Johnson welcomed attendees and acknowledged the National Register Staff, including Mr. Brad Sauls, Supervisor of Registration, Grant, and Local Government Programs, and National Register co-coordinators Ms. Virginia Harness and Dr. Edwin Breedon.

Approval of Minutes

The members received the minutes of the November 15, 2024, meeting by mail (or e-mail) in the packets prior to the meeting. Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Milner. The motion was approved unanimously.

Explanation of Procedure

Dr. Lee outlined the procedure that would follow for considering each of the nominations, explaining presenters' time limits for each nomination, which would be followed by comments from visitors; questions from board members; uninterrupted board discussion; and a board decision.

Consideration of Nominations

Beginning at 10:37, the following nominations were considered:

1. **Hebron Presbyterian Church (Johns Island, Charleston County)** was presented by the preparer, Ms. Brittany Lavelle Tulla of BVL Historic Preservation Research. During the public comments, Rev. Patricia Jones of the current Hebron-Zion Presbyterian Church congregation thanked Ms. Tulla and others from Clemson University for preparing the nomination and working to document the property's history. She noted she was accompanied by two church elders, Ms. Nancy Butler and Ms. Kathleen Green. Dr. Dillian noted the nominated property was currently vacant and asked what was planned for it. Rev. Jones said they hoped to apply for funding to help rehabilitate the building and would possibly open it as a museum. Dr. Thomas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fennell, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
2. **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (Greenville, Greenville County)** was presented by the preparer, Ms. Staci Richey of Access Preservation. During the public comments, Rev. Tyler Proctor, Curate, spoke on behalf of the congregation and thanked Ms. Richey for her work on the nomination, and also the Board for their consideration. He said that much of Greenville's historic built environment had been lost to development and that the preservation of St. Andrew's was important both for the church and for the city as a whole. Ms. Harness noted that a letter of support for the nomination had been received from Greenville Mayor Knox White. Ms. Milner asked if there was any current threat of the church property being redeveloped, and Rev. Proctor said there was not a specific threat at the moment but that property in the surrounding area was in increasingly high demand. Mr. Smith added that development was still an issue even if there was not a specific threat at the moment. He spoke on his personal familiarity with how extensively the surrounding neighborhood had changed over the years and cited the removal of nearby Pendleton Baptist Church. Ms. Moore said that downtown churches were increasingly vulnerable to such pressures, especially those with shrinking congregations. Ms. Milner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
3. **Conway Downtown Historic District (Boundary Increase II & Additional Documentation)** was presented by the preparer, Ms. Jane Campbell of Rogers Lewis Group. During the public comments, Mr. Adam Emrick and Ms. Mary Catherine Hyman of the City of Conway were both recognized, as was their prior service on the State Review Board. Ms. Harness noted that one official letter of

objection had been received for the nomination from Yiu Wing Chan and Hoi Fai Chan. She reminded board members that a nomination is only blocked if a majority of property owners object. Mr. Smith asked if the start of the period of significance in 1824 was a typo, and Ms. Campbell said it was based on the original nomination. Dr. Lee said that downtown areas are increasingly fragile and was glad to see efforts like this to recognize and support them. Ms. Campbell added that the project was motivated by a desire among local property owners to apply for historic tax credits. Dr. Dillian made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moore, for approval at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

4. **Marlboro County Training School (Bennettsville, Marlboro County)** was presented by the preparer, Mr. John Sherrer of Vintage Palmetto Preservation SC. During the public comments, Mr. Tyrone Davis, Ms. Pat Broughton, and Ms. LeVone Evans of the Marlboro School Community Center, the property's current owner, spoke in support of the nomination. They thanked the board for their consideration and described some of the various types of programming offered at the property, emphasizing its importance to Marlboro County as a whole. Ms. Moore said she was struck by the school's architecture and asked how common it was among Black schools of the period. Mr. Sherrer he had not come across very many similar examples but noted that the school's architect, Harry D. Harrell, was locally prolific and had designed a number of other Colonial Revival institutional buildings. Ms. Milner noted the funding support the building received from the Julius Rosenwald Fund and asked why that association was not more prominent in the nomination. Mr. Sherrer said it was because he was not absolutely certain the Rosenwald funds went to this specific school, but that it seemed very likely. Mr. Sherrer also expressed thanks to SHPO staff for their assistance in researching the property and said it had been an especially challenging property to document. Mr. Smith asked for more information on the extent of the recent renovations, and Mr. Sherrer clarified they only took place on the first floor. Mr. Smith asked how much additional work was needed, and Mr. Sherrer said he was unsure and said that the second floor of the building was extremely well-preserved but also probably presented usability issues, such as the presence of lead paint. Mr. Smith said the extent that the building was intact was remarkable and encouraged the Community Center to do further conditions assessments to see what might be needed to make the property more fully usable. Dr. Thomas said that the story that unfolded at the property also needed to be preserved, as it speaks to the important but often neglected period of African American education prior to desegregation. She said it was an important example of how, despite the prevailing context, Black children were sometimes able to attend a beautiful school like Marlboro. Mr. Smith asked for more details on the "Training School" curriculum, and Mr. Sherrer said it centered on industrial arts and agriculture and was common at Black schools of the period. Dr. Thomas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
5. **Gallman High School (Newberry, Newberry County)** was presented by the preparer, Mr. John Sherrer of Vintage Palmetto Preservation SC. During the public comments, Ms. Pat Caldwell, chair of the property's owner Building Thriving Communities Foundation, thanked the board for their consideration and also Mr.

Sherrer for his work on the nomination. She summarized some of the school's history and highlighted its namesake, local educator Dr. Ulysses Gallman. She described the formation of the Foundation that now owns the property and their acquisition of the school, and she noted some of the ongoing and planned work to make the facility more fully usable. She described some of the community programming they planned to offer from the school. She also recognized two colleagues in attendance, Mr. Scott Sandor and Mr. Wayne Pratt, Jr. Ms. Moore said she loved learning about the student activism that took place at the school, and Mr. Sherrer said it was an aspect of the property's history he stumbled across during his research and was then able to learn more about it directly from community members, including a book by a participant, Mr. Joe McDonald. Dr. Thomas said she had wondered if a book had been written yet about the event and was glad to know of Mr. McDonald's book. She asked if any oral histories had ever been conducted with participants. Ms. Caldwell said that college students had conducted interviews with some participants in the past. Dr. Thomas asked if they were publicly available and Ms. Caldwell said she was unsure. Dr. Lee said that the significance of the years between 1968 and 1970 to the story of school desegregation is still not fully appreciated, despite that being when most school districts actually ended up integrating. Mr. Smith expressed appreciation for how many nominations over the last several meetings have been for properties with important civil rights or desegregation connections. Ms. Milner made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Dr. Thomas. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

6. **Middleburg Park Historic District (Columbia, Richland County)** was presented by the preparer, Ms. Meredith Funderburk of Rogers Lewis Group. Ms. Young asked for clarification if the historic name was "Middleburg Park" or "Middleburg Office Park," since the former evokes more of a recreational space. Dr. Thomas added that she wondered if the original developers hoped to create a park-like setting for the property. Ms. Funderburk said that the original name was "Middleburg Park" and that she did think they were trying to evoke that kind of setting. Dr. Lee asked if SHPO staff had any insight to share on the park name, and Ms. Harness said that it was standard practice to use a property's historic name and that it did seem that the use of "Park" was part of an original concern for creating more of a natural setting. Ms. Moore said she was surprised it was so intact and that no portions of it had been substantially redeveloped. Mr. Smith asked what was the ultimate goal for this project, and Ms. Funderburk's colleague Ms. Campbell said local property owners were interested in pursuing historic tax credits. Ms. Moore said she never realized there had been a sanitarium on that property and wondered what additional records might be available to speak to its history. Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Ms. Milner. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
7. **Fort Mill Manufacturing Company Mill No. 2 (Fort Mill, York County)** was presented by Dr. Edwin Breeden of the SHPO on behalf of the preparer, Ms. Heather Fearnbach of Fearnbach History Services, Inc., who could not attend the meeting. During public comments, Mr. Jerry Gronske of the current property owner Unique Fabrics spoke in support of the nomination and thanked the board for their

consideration. Mr. Fennell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moore, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Dr. Lee then explained the procedure by which the approved nominations would be submitted for the review of the National Park Service.

Other Business

Dr. Lee announced the following upcoming Review Board meeting dates:

The summer 2025 meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 25, 2025.

The fall 2025 meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2025.

The spring 2026 meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2026.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Lee asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Smith. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M.