

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

Minutes of April 3, 2009, meeting

The State Board of Review meeting was held on April 3, 2009, in the Wachovia Rooms of the South Carolina Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, in Columbia, South Carolina.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

Members Present

The following members were present: Mr. William L. Kinney, Jr., chairman; Dr. Gail Wagner; Dr. A.V. Huff, Jr.; Ms. Krista Hampton; Dr. Valinda Littlefield; Mr. Robert Benedict; Mr. Horace Harmon; Mrs. Gertrude Williams; Ms. Nena Rice, and Mrs. Lindsey Moore.

Minutes

Mrs. Moore made a motion, Mrs. Williams seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Remarks

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer introduced the National Register staff members: Mr. Brad Sauls, Mr. Andrew Chandler, Dr. Tracy Power, and Mrs. Deborah Jackson. Other staff members present were: Mrs. Caroline Wilson; Ms. Rebekah Dobrasko; Mrs. Fran Knight; Ms. Jennifer Satterthwaite; Mr. Dan Elswick and Mr. John Sylvest.

Mrs. Johnson informed the board that the State Historic Preservation Office has received a Federal grant but the funding has to be matched. Mr. Sauls distributed forms to the board members and asked that they complete them. The information obtained will be recorded as matching funds, such as travel time, preparation for meetings, etc.

Nominations

Mr. Kinney reviewed the procedures for the approval of nominations. The procedures include: 1) presentation of nomination; 2) statements and comments by visitors; 3) questions by board members; 4) uninterrupted discussion by board members; and 5) decision by board members.

Presentation of Nominations

1. ***Campbell's Covered Bridge***, Gowensville vicinity in Greenville County, was presented by Mr. Weylin Brown and Mr. Dean Campbell of the Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission.
Dr. Power commented that the bridge is the last "covered" bridge in South Carolina. Mr. Benedict asked approximately how much of the bridge is original. Mr. Brown stated that approximately 80% is original according to a survey that was done.
Dr. Huff moved, Ms. Rice seconded, to approve the nomination at the State level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Chandler commented that there has been a lot of discussion regarding the integrity of the bridge and whether it had been moved. He said he is finally glad to see the nomination get to this point.

2. ***Conestee Mill Complex*** in Greenville County was presented by Mr. Andrew Chandler of the State Historic Preservation Office.
Mr. Chandler stated that the boundaries in the nomination were clarified with the National Park Service (NPS) and the NPS has approved revisions to the nomination.
Dr. Littlefield moved, Mrs. Williams seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. ***John Lawton House***, Estill, Hampton County was presented by Dr. Eric W. Plaag, a private consultant in Columbia, South Carolina.
Mrs. Moore moved, Ms. Hampton seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. ***Guignard Brick Works [38LX100]***, Cayce, Lexington County, was presented by Dr. J. Tracy Power.
Mr. Byron Smith and Mr. Charles Thompson spoke on behalf of the nomination.
Ms. Rice moved, Mr. Harmon seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Equalization Schools in South Carolina, 1951-1960, Multiple Property Submission***
was presented by Ms. Rebekah Dobrasko, Archives and History.
Mr. Jeff Lamberson, Director of Planning at USC, spoke on behalf of the nomination.
Mr. Kinney said that he thinks it would be helpful if the counties in which the schools were located were listed with the nomination. He asked how many schools were in the program. Ms. Dobrasko reported that she did not have an actual number.
Dr. Wagner moved, Mrs. Williams seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. ***Florence C. Benson Elementary School***, Columbia, Richland County, was presented by Ms. Rebekah Dobrasko.

Mr. Chandler noted that the State Historic Preservation Office received a letter from Dr. Harris Pastides, University of South Carolina President, objecting to the nomination. He also noted that under National Register regulations, only the “private owners” of a property have a right to object to nominations.

Mr. Benedict moved, Mrs. Williams seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. ***South Carolina Memorial Garden***, Columbia, Richland County, was presented by Mr. John M. Sherrer, III, Director of Collections and Interpretation in Columbia.

Ms. Betsy Steele spoke on behalf of the nomination.

Ms. Rice moved, Mrs. Moore and Dr. Littlefield seconded, to approve the nomination at the State level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. ***A. Fletcher Spigner House***, Columbia, Richland County, was presented by Mr. Andrew Chandler.

Mrs. Williams moved, Dr. Littlefield seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. ***Hopkins Family Cemetery***, Hopkins vicinity, Richland County, was presented by Dr. John M. Bryan, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of the University of South Carolina.

Ms. Rice moved, Mr. Harmon seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business

The dates for the next Review Board meetings are July 24th and November 20, 2009.

Mr. Chandler informed the Board that he spoke with the National Park Service and told them that he would convey the following information:

The SHPO is reviewing information on the Veteran’s Hospital in Columbia. The VA hired a consultant to prepare a nomination for the Veteran’s Hospital. However, the property does not have to come before the board.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Deborah Jackson

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Minutes of July 24, 2009, meeting

The State Board of Review meeting was held on July 24, 2009, in the Wachovia Rooms of the South Carolina Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, in Columbia, South Carolina.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

Members Present

The following members were present: Mr. William L. Kinney, Jr., chairman; Mr. Richard Sidebottom; Dr. A.V. Huff, Jr.; Ms. Krista Hampton; Dr. Valinda Littlefield; Mr. Horace Harmon; Dr. J. Edward Lee; Mrs. Gertrude Williams; Ms. Nena Rice, and Mrs. Lindsey Moore, vice-chair.

Members Absent

Dr. Gail Wagner and Mr. Robert Benedict

Minutes of the April 3, 2009, meeting

Ms. Rice made a motion, Dr. Huff seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Remarks

Dr. Rodger Stroup, Acting Director and State Historic Preservation Officer made the following announcements:

- The agency has not printed many publications lately; however, the agency has been digitizing original documents and putting them online. There is one publication about the history of the agency which has been printed and is in the gift shop. The publication is entitled *The Palmetto State's Memory: A History of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, 1905-1960* by Charles Lesser and is available for \$10.00.
- Since it was his last Review Board meeting, Dr. Stroup stated that he has enjoyed working with the Department of Archives and History for the past twelve years. He began in April 1997 and staff moved into the new building in 1998.
- Dr. Stroup commended the Archives and History staff for doing a tremendous amount of work with less funding over the years. He stated

that he believes the new director will be a wonderful person to work with and will be good for the agency.

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer introduced the National Register staff members: Mr. Brad Sauls, Mr. Andrew Chandler, Dr. Tracy Power, and Mrs. Deborah Jackson. Other staff members present were: Mrs. Caroline Wilson; Ms. Rebekah Dobrasko; Mr. John Sylvest, and Ms. Elizabeth Almlie, USC graduate assistant.

Mrs. Johnson also reminded the board that the State Historic Preservation Office is funded through Federal grants and the funding has to be matched. She asked that board members continue to submit the time they spent travelling to and from the meetings as well as reviewing nominations which can be used as matching funds.

Nominations:

Mr. Kinney reviewed the procedures for the approval of nominations. The procedures include: 1) presentation of nomination; 2) statements and comments by visitors; 3) questions by board members; 4) uninterrupted discussion by board members; and 5) decision by board members.

Presentation of Nominations:

- 1. Ashwood School Gymnasium and Auditorium**, Bishopville vicinity in Lee County, was presented by Ms. Elizabeth Almlie, University of South Carolina graduate assistant.

Ms. Betty Truesdale and other members of the Ashwood Alumni Association as well as Ms. Marion Messier, Lee County Historical Society President, spoke in favor of the nomination.

Mr. Sidebottom asked where the Ashwood School was located in relation to the gymnasium. Ms. Truesdale replied that it was to the left of the gymnasium around the walkway. She stated that there were divisions between different buildings. Ms. Almlie passed around an aerial photograph of the site that answered Mr. Sidebottom's question more fully. Mr. Chandler noted that in the original nomination, the cupola was missing from the gymnasium, but staff felt that the building was important enough to move forward with the nomination. He noted, however, that during the building's rehabilitation the cupola was restored and the staff was pleased to see that it had been.

Ms. Rice moved, Mrs. Williams seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 2. Manning Commercial Historic District**, Clarendon County, was presented by Mr. Andrew Chandler.

Ms. Rebecca Rhodes, City Administrator for the City of Manning, spoke in favor of the nomination. Ms. Rice asked about the second floor in the buildings. Ms. Rhodes responded that in most of the buildings with second floors the spaces were used for professional offices.

Dr. Lee moved, Mrs. Moore seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 3. The Oaks**, Coronaca vicinity in Greenwood County, was presented by Mr. T. Gordon McLeod, Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation.

Ms. Margaret Burch, owner of the property, was present and in support of the nomination.

Mr. Sidebottom moved, Mr. Harmon seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 4. Conway Downtown Historic District (Boundary Increase)**, Horry County, was presented by Ms. Paige Wagoner, Architectural Historian, Brockington and Associates, Inc. Mr. Joe Henderson, Zoning Administrator with the City of Conway was present and in support of the nomination. The State Historic Preservation Office also received a letter of support for the nomination from the Mayor of Conway.

Dr. Lee moved, Ms. Rice seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 5. Conway Residential Historic District**, Horry County, was presented by Ms. Paige Wagoner as well.

Dr. Littlefield moved, Ms. Wilson seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business

Dr. Power commented on the public meeting in Conway, He stated that they were pleased with the turnout.

Mr. Chandler noted the dates for upcoming Review Board meetings: November 20, 2009, March 26, 2010, and July 23, 2010.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Deborah Jackson

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Minutes of the November 20, 2009, 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.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

Members Present

Ms. Ashley Wilson; Mr. Richard Sidebottom; Dr. Robert Benedict; Dr. A.V. Huff, Jr.; Dr. Gail Wagner; Mrs. Gertrude Williams; Ms. Nena Rice; Mr. Horace Harmon; and Mr. William Kinney, Jr., chairman

Members Absent

Ms. Lindsey Moore, vice-chair; Dr. Edward Lee; Ms. Krista Hampton; and Dr. Valinda Littlefield

Approval of Minutes

There was one correction to the minutes: Ms. Ashley Wilson was inadvertently not listed in attendance at the meeting in July. Ms. Rice made a motion, Dr. Huff seconded, to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Remarks

Mr. Kinney welcomed and introduced Dr. Eric Emerson as the new Archives and History Director.

Dr. Emerson commented on the mission of the agency and how preservation is a part of that mission. He urged the visitors to let the State Historic Preservation Office staff know of any help they might need with their preservation efforts. Dr. Emerson expressed his delight in being a part of the agency and in working with the review board members.

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, welcomed the University of South Carolina and the College of Charleston's Public History program students to the meeting. Mrs. Johnson then introduced the National Register staff: Mr. Brad Sauls; Dr. Tracy Power; Mr. Andrew Chandler; and Mrs. Deborah Jackson. Mrs. Johnson also introduced other historic preservation staff members: Mrs. Caroline Wilson; Mr. John Sylvest; Ms. Elizabeth Almlie, graduate assistant and Ms. Anjuli Grantham, graduate assistant. Other staff members included Mr. Justin McIntyre with the National History Day program and Mr. Mike Bedenbaugh and Mr. Gordon McLeod of the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation.

Mrs. Johnson reminded everyone of the Landmark and Preservation Conference which will be held from March 3-6, 2010, and Preservation Month which will be in May 2010.

Nominations

Mr. Kinney reviewed the procedures, which include five steps, for considering nominations. The procedures are: Presentation of nominations; comments by visitors; questions by board members; uninterrupted discussion by board members; and decision by board members.

The following nominations were considered:

1. **Gravel Hill Plantation** in Hampton County was presented by Dr. John Bryan, Distinguished Professor Emeritus from the University of South Carolina, Department of Art.

Mr. Sidebottom asked approximately how much acreage of Gravel Hill is still intact. Dr. Bryan said about 2,200.

Mr. Sidebottom moved, Ms. Rice seconded, to approve the nomination at the state level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. **Lydia Plantation** [Benjamin Sydney Josey Farm] in Darlington County was presented by Mr. Michael Bedenbaugh, Executive Director of the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation. Ms. Meredith Josey Mims, owner of the property, and her sister Sharon Morgan were present. Ms. Mims spoke on behalf of the nomination. Mr. Sidebottom commented that the buildings are incredible and encouraged the owners to talk with the State Historic Preservation Office staff regarding tax credits.

Ms. Rice moved, Dr. Huff seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. **Hopewell Rosenwald School** in McCormick County was presented by Ms. J. Haley Grant of the University of South Carolina's Public History Program. Mr. Charles Jennings, McCormick County Council chairman, spoke on behalf of the nomination. He said he wanted to thank Mrs. Georgia Collier Scott, now 93 years old, who was a student at the school and went on to become a teacher.

Mr. Sidebottom asked the SHPO staff if the building is the first one-room Rosenwald School. Mr. Chandler answered "yes".

Dr. Huff moved, Dr. Wagner seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. **Ridge Hill High School** in Saluda County was presented by Ms. J. Haley Grant. Ms. Effie Martin, a resident of Ridge Spring, spoke in support of the nomination. The former principal of the school spoke in favor of the nomination. He stated that to help support the school, people donated wagons, and mules, etc. for the building.

Dr. Wagner moved, Ms. Rice seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. **Relocation of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Ingham*** was presented by Mr. Andrew Chandler of the State Historic Preservation Office.

The board was called upon to approve the relocation of the *Ingham* from Charleston County to Wade County in Florida.

Dr. Wagner asked if the Florida State Review Board will also have to approve the move.. Mr. Chandler stated that they must go through a process as well.

Ms. Rice moved, Mr. Harmon seconded, to approve the relocation of the *Ingham*. The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business

Review Board meeting dates:

The March meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2010.

The July meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2010

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.