

**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 30, 2012, 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 10:35 a.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Members Present

Dr. Robert Benedict, Ms. Krista M. Hampton, Mr. Horace Harmon (vice-chairman), Hon. Elaine Harris, Dr. Carter C. Hudgins, Mr. John M. Sherrer III, Ms. Rosa Kennerly-Dance, Mr. Richard Sidebottom, Mr. Douglas Taylor, Mr. Sean Taylor, Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr., Dr. Abel Bartley, and Mr. William L. Kinney, Jr. (chairman).

Members Absent

Dr. J. Edward Lee.

Recognition of Service to Retiring Board Members

The terms of Board Members Ms. Krista Hampton and Mr. Horace Harmon expire after this meeting. Mr. Kinney presented Ms. Hampton and Mr. Harmon with certificates in appreciation for their service to the Board. Ms. Ashley R. Wilson was also recognized for her service to the Board. The Board congratulates Ms. Wilson on her new position with the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, DC.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 18, 2011, meeting, having been distributed to the members by mail in the members' packets, Ms. Harris made a motion, seconded by Mr. D. Taylor, to approve them. The motion carried unanimously.

Remarks

Mr. Kinney then introduced both Dr. W. Eric Emerson, director of the Department of Archives and History and State Historic Preservation Officer, and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, for remarks.

Dr. Emerson commented briefly on the value of historic preservation as part of the three-fold mission of Archives and History, the other two being Archives and Records Management. He also invited all attendees and guests to tour the building after the meeting, especially to see the Ordinance of Secession and other important documents that led South Carolina to war in 1860.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, gave welcoming remarks, and introduced the National Register staff present: Dr. J. Tracy Power, Mr. Andrew W. Chandler, and Mr. Bradley S. Sauls.

Consideration of 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. Faith Cabin Libraries in South Carolina, 1932-1943 (Multiple Property Submission) was presented by Dr. J. Tracy Power, on behalf of the preparer, Ms. Ashley D. Stevens. Mr. D. Taylor asked about the geographic boundaries of the Multiple Property Submission (MPS). Dr. Power replied that the document was a statewide context for this resource type. Dr. Benedict commented that this was a great story in state history suitable for a movie. Dr. Power noted that the library program was widely publicized and fascinated people across the country. Ms. Kennerly-Dance asked if all the extant Faith Cabin Libraries had been identified. Dr. Power replied that the SHPO staff was confident that the ones being nominated today (plus the one at Bettis Academy in Edgefield County) are the last known in the state. Ms. Harris suggested that the MPS and the individual nominations be considered at the state level of significance. Dr. Huff asked if the libraries in Georgia had ever been nominated. Dr. Power said that SHPO staff was not aware that they had but could find out. Mr. Sidebottom moved, and Mr. D. Taylor seconded, approval of the MPS at the state level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

2. Anderson County Training School Faith Cabin Library, in Pendleton, Anderson County, was presented by Dr. Power on behalf of the preparer of the nomination, Ms. Stevens. Mr. D. Taylor moved, and Dr. Bartley seconded, to approve the nomination at the state level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

3. Seneca Junior College Faith Cabin Library, in Seneca, Oconee County was presented by Dr. Power on behalf of the preparer of the nomination, Ms. Stevens. Mr. Sidebottom asked if there were others besides the one at Bettis Academy that were not log cabins. Dr. Power replied that most others were log cabins. Mr. D. Taylor moved, and Dr. Bartley seconded, to approve the nomination at the state level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

4. **Mulberry Chapel Methodist Church** in Pacolet vicinity, Cherokee County, was presented by Mr. Andrew W. Chandler, on behalf of the preparer of the nomination, Mr. Evan Kutzler, a graduate student in the Public History program at the University of South Carolina. Ms. Harris noted that, even though this church was located near the National Register-listed Nuckolls House, the church is certainly not “intimidated” by that grand house. Dr. Bartley asked if the cemetery dated before 1888. Mr. Chandler replied the oldest marked graves are from 1888, but there certainly may be unmarked graves from before that year. Ms. Kennerly-Dance moved, and Ms. Harris seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

5. **E. W. Montgomery Cotton Warehouse** in Greenville, Greenville County, was presented by Ms. Stephanie Ferrell, FAIA, architect from Tampa, Florida, and preparer of the nomination. Mr. Jerry Gilly (owner/developer of the property) and Mr. John Tennyson (architect) spoke on the significance of E. W. Montgomery and in support of the nomination. Mr. Kinney asked how many residential units were planned for the building. Mr. Gilly said there were sixty units planned. Ms. Kennerly-Dance asked about any mill houses associated with the property. Mr. Gilly replied that the City of Greenville acquired eighty-four mill houses to rehabilitated or replaced. Mr. Gilly said his company was also buying some of the houses. Dr. Benedict asked if the association with architect J. E. Serrine merited nominating the building under criterion C for architecture. Mr. Chandler replied that staff recommended focusing on the strongest areas of significance for the property (Criterion A for Commerce and Criterion B for E. W. Montgomery). Because some historic fabric has been concealed by later alterations, staff recommended not pursuing architecture as an area of significance. Dr. Benedict asked if a Multiple Property Submission for buildings designed by J. E. Serrine has ever been considered. Mr. Chandler said that could be considered and would likely include a very large number of properties. Mr. Sidebottom motioned, and Mr. Sherrer seconded, approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

6. **Earle R. Taylor House and Peach Packing Shed**, in Greer vicinity, Greenville County, was presented by Mr. Martin Meek, architect of Spartanburg and preparer of the nomination. Members of the Taylor family were present in support of the nomination. Mr. D. Taylor motioned, and Ms. Harris seconded, approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m for a lunch break. The Chairmen called the meeting back to order at 12:35 p.m. Dr. Bartley was not present for the remainder of the meeting.

7. **Efird’s Department Store**, in Columbia, Richland County, was presented by Ms. Rebecca Bush, co-preparer of the nomination with Mr. John M. Sherrer III. Mr. Sidebottom asked if the north entrance was original or an addition. Mr. Sherrer replied that it was part of the rehabilitation work. Dr. Huff noted that he remembered shopping

at the store when it was Efird's. Mr. Sherrer recused himself from voting on this nomination. Ms. Hampton motioned, and Mr. Harmon seconded, approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously (with Mr. Sherrer not voting).

8. **Drayton Mill**, in Spartanburg vicinity, Spartanburg County was presented by Mr. Martin Meek, architect of Spartanburg and co-preparer of the nomination. Mr. Stewart Wilson spoke in support of the nomination on behalf of the owner, Pacolet Milliken Enterprises. Mr. Wilson was asked about future plans for the mill and he replied that there were no plans at this time. Mr. Sidebottom motioned, and Ms. Harris seconded, approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

9. **Frank Evans High School**, in Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, was presented by Ms. Jill H. Rodgers, Associate AIA, McMillan-Pazdan-Smith Architecture, preparer of the nomination. Mr. Ray Switzer, Director of Facilities for Spartanburg Community College, spoke in support of the nomination on behalf of the college as owner of the property. Mr. Switzer said that the college plans to rehab the building and put it back to use for educational purposes as part of the college. Ms. Harris commended the college for re-using the historic school. Ms. Harris motioned, and Ms. Kennerly-Dance seconded, approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Kinney then recognized Mr. Chandler, who announced the following upcoming Review Board meeting dates:

The summer 2012 meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 27, 2012.

The fall 2012 meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 16, 2012.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

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Minutes of the July 27, 2012, 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 10:30 a.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Members Present

Dr. Carter C. Hudgins, Mr. John M. Sherrer III, Mrs. Rosa Kennerly-Dance, Mr. Richard Sidebottom, Mr. Douglas Taylor, Mr. Sean Taylor, Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr., Dr. Abel Bartley, Dr. Louis Venters, Mr. Adam Emrick, Dr. J. Edward Lee, and Mr. William L. Kinney, Jr. (chairman).

Members Absent

Dr. Robert Benedict, and the Hon. Elaine Harris.

Recognition of New Board Members

Mr. Kinney recognized and welcomed two new members of the Board: Mr. Adam Emrick, Senior Planner with Horry County, and Dr. Louis Venters, Assistant Professor of History at Francis Marion University.

Recognition of Service to Retiring Board Members

The term of Board Member Dr. Robert Benedict expires after this meeting. Mr. Kinney acknowledged Dr. Benedict's service and contributions to the Board. Staff will forward a certificate to Dr. Benedict in appreciation for his service to the Board.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 30, 2012, meeting, having been distributed to the members by mail in the members' packets, Dr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sherrer, to approve them. The motion carried unanimously.

Remarks

Mr. Kinney then introduced both Dr. W. Eric Emerson, director of the Department of Archives and History and State Historic Preservation Officer, and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, for remarks.

Dr. Emerson commented briefly on the value of historic preservation as part of the three-fold mission of Archives and History, the other two being Archives and Records Management. He also invited all attendees and guests to tour the building after the meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, gave welcoming remarks, and introduced the National Register staff present: Dr. J. Tracy Power, Mr. Andrew W. Chandler, and Mr. Bradley S. Sauls. Mrs. Johnson also recognized other staff present from the State Historic Preservation Office: Mr. Dan Elswick, Ms. Rebekah Dobrasko.

Election of Vice-Chair

Mr. Kinney asked for nominations to replace Mr. Horace Harmon as vice-chair of the State Board of Review. Mr. Harmon's term on the Board expired since the last meeting. Mr. D. Taylor nominated Mr. Sherrer. Mr. Sidebottom moved to accept the nomination and elect Mr. Sherrer as vice-chairman. Mrs. Kennerly-Dance seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of 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. **Cherry Hill School (Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County)** was presented by Dr. J. Tracy Power, on behalf of the preparers, Ms. Francetta J. White and Ms. JoAnn Zeise. A large delegation from the St. James Baptist Church, owner of the property was present in support of the nomination. Mrs. Francetta J. White and Mrs. Ethel Rivers spoke in support. Mr. Sidebottom acknowledged the importance of the school and the surrounding Mitchelville community and thanked them for nominating the property. Dr. Bartley moved, and Mr. D. Taylor seconded, approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

2. **Florence Downtown Historic District, Boundary Increase (Florence, Florence County)**, was presented by the preparer, Agnes Willcox of Florence. Ella Frazier, owner of a non-contributing property in the boundary increase area, spoke in support of the nomination. Ms. Frazier stated her plans to restore the historic appearance of her property. Mr. D. Taylor asked when the metal façade was added to the Schofield Building. Ms. Willcox stated this took place about 1970. Ms. Kennerly-Dance asked about the other non-contributing buildings. Ms. Willcox replied that two or three others may be restored if later additions to the facades are removed by the owners and that there

is increasing interest in redeveloping downtown Florence. Mr. Kinney remarked how Bennettsville building owners lacked the resources to modernize which had the effect of preserving many of the historic commercial facades there. Mr. Sherrer moved, and Dr. Lee seconded, to approve the boundary increase at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

3. Snow's Island, Additional Documentation and Boundary Increase (Johnsonville vicinity, Florence and Marion Counties), was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Dr. Steven D. Smith of the S.C. Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology. Dr. Venters asked to clarify if the boundaries included Witherspoon's Ferry. Dr. Smith replied that the boundaries do not include Witherspoon's Ferry because it is too far from and discontinuous with the nominated area. Mr. Chandler added that Witherspoon's Ferry would bring in a significant amount of additional acreage to include and additional owners which could invite controversy. Mr. Chandler further clarified that this nomination only expands the National Register boundaries and does not affect the National Historic Landmark boundaries. The boundaries may not be decreased since the listing took place prior to December 1980 when owner notification rules went into effect. Dr. Power added that National Register rules prevent the existing nomination from being replaced so that Dr. Smith's work represents a significant addition to that nomination originally listed in 1973. Mr. Sidebottom asked if boundaries could be expanded again later and Mr. Chandler replied that they could. Dr. Smith commented that the National Park Service discouraged the idea of arguing that the nominated area be considered a Traditional Cultural Property. Mr. Douglas Doster of the Eutaw Springs Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution spoke in support of the nomination and said that he appreciated Dr. Smith's research. Dr. Huff asked if the sites will be noted on the Francis Marion Trail. Dr. Smith replied that they would. Mrs. Kennerly-Dance asked if further excavations were completed. Dr. Smith replied that he plans to do more. Mrs. Kennerly-Dance moved, and Dr. Huff seconded, to approve the additional information and boundary increase at the national level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

4. Lawtonville Baptist Church (Estill, Hampton County), was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Dr. Eric W. Plaag. Mrs. Marie Ellis spoke in support of the nomination and introduced the former pastor of the church who also spoke in support. Mrs. Ellis also complimented the church on the quality of its history room. Dr. Bartley moved, and Mr. Sidebottom seconded, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

5. Palmetto Theatre (Hampton, Hampton County) was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Dr. Eric W. Plaag. Visitors speaking in support of the nomination were: Mrs. Marie Ellis, Mr. Robert Harrelson, director of the Hampton County Arts Council, and the Honorable John Rhoden, Mayor of the Town of Hampton. The Mayor noted that the theater was great for downtown revitalization and was a definite tourist draw for the town. Mr. D. Taylor remarked that it was a beautiful building. Ms. Kennerly-Dance said that the information in the nomination about the blue laws controversy at the theater was very interesting. Mr. Sidebottom asked Dr. Plaag if he had any sense of how close to

Hampton were any extant examples of architect S. Charles Lee's theaters that might have inspired the design of the Palmetto Theatre. Dr. Plaag was not sure where any nearby examples were located. Mr. Kinney asked if the colors of the neon on the sign were original. Mr. Harrelson replied that they were, and added that a ghost, perhaps of the original owner, inhabits the theater, leaving a seat folded down. Mr. Kinney asked how they balanced live performances and film. Mr. Harrelson said the theatre was very busy with films being shown to school groups and at other times around the live theater schedule. Mr. D. Taylor motioned, and Mr. Sherrer seconded, approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

6. **Hester Store (Easley vicinity, Pickens County)**, was presented by Mr. Michael Bedenbaugh, Executive Director of The Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, on behalf of the preparer, Caroline D. Wilson. The Palmetto Trust received the property as a donation and sold it to the current owners. Melissa Falcone spoke on behalf of the property owner, Falcone Crawl Space Repair, and in support of the nomination. Mrs. Falcone's business is rehabilitating the building for use as their Upstate South Carolina office. Mrs. Falcone said they purposefully sought out a building with termite damage in order to make the kind of repairs that are their specialty. Deteriorated sills have been replaced with reclaimed lumber instead of new pressure-treated lumber. Mr. Kinney asked if there were any other buildings in the Dacusville community with a stone exterior similar to that of the Hester Store. Mrs. Falcone noted that the Hester home next door to the store, built in the 1920s, has a similar stone exterior. Dr. Bartley motioned, and Mr. D. Taylor seconded, approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

7. **Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company (Rock Hill, York County)**, was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Ms. Gigi L. Sizer. Mr. Stephen Turner, Economic Development Director for the City of Rock Hill, spoke in support. Mr. Turner said that the City began redevelopment plans for the Printing and Finishing Company property in 2000 (it closed in 1998) with hopes of adapting the historic buildings for mixed use development to link Winthrop University and downtown Rock Hill. Dr. Lee expressed his enthusiasm for the project and how the property symbolized the rise and fall of the textile industry. Dr. Bartley asked about the cemetery located adjacent to the Printing and Finishing Company property. Ms. Sizer confirmed that this was historic Laurelwood Cemetery, previously listed in the National Register. Dr. Lee motioned, and Dr. Venters seconded, approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Kinney then recognized Mr. Chandler, who announced the following upcoming Review Board meeting dates:

The fall 2012 meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 16, 2012.

The spring 2013 meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 15, 2013.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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The November 16, 2012 State Board of Review Meeting was cancelled.