

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

***Minutes of the July 25, 2014, 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**

Mr. William L. Kinney, Jr. (Chairman), Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr., Dr. Edward Lee, Dr. Millicent Brown, Dr. Louis Venters, Hon. Elaine Harris, Dr. Abel Bartley, Mr. Adam Emrick, Ms. Trudy Seibels, Mrs. Rosa Kennerly-Dance, Mr. Douglas Taylor, Dr. Carter Hudgins.

**Members Absent**

Mr. John M. Sherrer (Vice Chairman), Mr. Sean Taylor, Dr. Lydia Brandt.

**Call to Order**

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Introduction and Recognition of Board Members**

After Board Members introduced themselves, Mr. Kinney recognized the newest member of the Board, Dr. Millicent Brown of Charleston, recently retired professor of history and sociology at Claflin University in Orangeburg. Mr. Kinney also recognized four members who will be retiring from the board after this meeting and thanked them for their service. They are: Dr. Abel Bartley of Clemson University, Ms. Rosa W. Kennerly-Dance of Neeses, Mr. Douglas Taylor of Lexington, and Hon. Elaine Harris of Pacolet.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 15, 2013, meeting were distributed to the members by mail (or e-mail) in the members' packets. Mr. D. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Dr. Lee. The motion carried unanimously.

## Remarks

Mr. Kinney welcomed all present.

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: Mr. Andrew W. Chandler, Mr. Bradley S. Sauls, and Dr. Ehren K. Foley. Mrs. Johnson also recognized other staff present from the State Historic Preservation Office: Ms. Sarah Stephens, Ms. Emily Dale, Ms. Morgan Jones, and intern Ms. Kassandra Barbara.

## 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. **Dillon Graded School/Dillon Public School (Dillon, Dillon County)** was presented by Caroline Dover Wilson, preparer of the nomination. Mr. Kinney asked if any of the buildings were currently in use for schools. Ms. Wilson replied that they were not. Dr. Brown asked if Ms. Wilson was referring to “The Corridor of Shame”. Ms. Wilson replied affirmatively. Dr. Bartley asked what would be the new use of the auditorium if it were renovated. Ms. Wilson replied that others present in the audience could answer that question best. Mrs. Kennerly-Dance asked if there was asbestos present in the building. Ms. Wilson replied that she did not know but that it was possible. Mr. Kinney asked for any public comment or questions. Mr. Gerald Berry spoke as chairman of Dillon Historic School Foundation requesting approval of the nomination. Dr. Lee stated his support of the nomination adding that his wife attended the school and that former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke attended the school. Mrs. Kennerly-Dance asked if the school was still owned by the school district. Mr. Bruce Davis, attorney for the Dillon County Board of Education, replied that the school was owned by the Dillon County Board of Education and used by Dillon School District Four. Mr. Davis then addressed the Board and requested that the

nomination be denied by the Board. Mr. Davis asserted that the 1896 building was the only part of the campus that was historic and the rest of the buildings are just old and crumbling. Mr. Davis stated that the auditorium is closed for safety reasons and cannot be occupied until repairs are made to meet building and safety codes. Mr. Davis noted the high anticipated costs of such repairs and the lack of funding for such repairs. An audience member from Dillon stated that designation would not cost anyone anything. Mr. Ray Rogers, superintendent of Dillon School District Four, stated his support for renovating the building if the funds were available. Discussion continued in the audience regarding the school's future, then Mr. Kinney closed the discussion reminding all that the mission of the Board is to determine eligibility for the National Register and that the conversation about the school's future should resume in Dillon. Dr. Lee moved to approve the nomination, with a second by Hon. Harris. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. **J. C. Richardson House (Robertville, Jasper County)** was presented by the preparer of the nomination Dr. Eric Plaag. The owner, Mrs. Gloria Tuten, spoke in support of the nomination and thanked the Board for its consideration. Ms. Seibels recommended restoring the shutters on the house that were visible in a historic photo seen in Dr. Plaag's presentation. Mr. Douglas Taylor asked if later changes were evident in the attic framing. Dr. Plaag stated that access to the attic would have been "challenging" and did not investigate there. Mrs. Tuten stated that we would be interested in restoring the shutters in the future. Ms. Kennerly-Dance made a motion, and Mr. Douglas Taylor seconded, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

3. **Columbia Commercial Historic District (Columbia, Richland County)** was presented by Ms. Jessica Childress, preparer of the nomination. Ms. Childress is a recent graduate of the Public History program at the University of South Carolina and was hired by the Historic Columbia Foundation to produce the nomination. The nomination was also sponsored by the City Center Partnership and the Richland County Conservation Commission. Mr. Jim Papadea, property owner in the district, spoke neither in support nor in opposition but requested additional information of what listing means for owners. At Mr. Kinney's request, Brad Sauls of the SHPO staff provided brief remarks about the effects of listing. Matt Kennell of City Center Partnership described opportunities they sponsored for property owners to become informed about the nomination. Mr. Kennell also described potential benefits for owners in the district. An unidentified property owner spoke in support of the nomination. Mrs. Martha Fowler, owner of the Habenicht Building in the district, spoke in support of the nomination. Ms. Seibels asked if "Columbia's Commercial Heritage", a 1977 study of Columbia's downtown historic buildings had been fully utilized by the preparer and recommended that facts about buildings be checked against this study. Ms. Childress replied that she had referenced the study as part of her research. Mr. Kinney stated that staff would work with Ms. Childress to make

any necessary corrections. Hon. Harris requested that in the future Board members with questions about nominations please consult with staff before the meeting. Mr. Douglas Taylor recommended that further clarification was needed in the document regarding why some buildings were determined non-contributing when they had construction dates within the period of significance. Ms. Seibels stated that some information included in the 1977 study was not included in the nomination. Mr. Douglas Taylor said that it was possible that some alterations had occurred on buildings between the 1977 study and the present. Mr. Kinney suggested that the final nomination clarify the difference between the National Register and Landmarks. Dr. Bartley made a motion, and Mr. Douglas Taylor seconded, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

**4. Arcadia Mill No. 1 (Spartanburg vicinity, Spartanburg County)**, was presented by Mr. Martin Meek, architect of Spartanburg, and preparer of the nomination. Mr. Kinney asked about the square footage. Mr. Meek said the dimensions for the two story building are approximately 125 feet by 850 feet. Dr. Huff recommended that the nomination could also reference Ernest M. Lander, Jr.'s *The Textile Industry in Antebellum South Carolina*. Mr. Douglas Taylor asked if the work of architect/engineer J. E. Serrine could be the subject of a Multiple Property Submission. Mr. Meek replied that he thought there should be as well as one for the work of Lockwood, Greene and Company. Mr. Chandler replied that the only current MPS for mills in South Carolina is for those designed by W. B. Smith Whaley. Dr. Brown asked about the percentage of historic textile mills in the state that have been rehabilitated for tax credits and if there were other uses besides residential. Staff and Mr. Meek recalled projects such as Mills Mill in Greenville and the Southern Bleachery in Taylors that featured retail and artisan uses. Hon. Harris made a motion, and Dr. Lee seconded, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

**5. Lincoln High School (Sumter, Sumter County)**, was prepared by Mr. Robert Petrulis of Columbia and presented by Mrs. Deloris Pringle of Sumter and past president of the Lincoln High School Alumni Society. Col. Richard Singleton, a graduate of the school, spoke in support of the nomination. Mr. James Green, president of the Lincoln High School Alumni Society, also spoke in support. Mrs. Maggie Ellison, graduate and former teacher at Lincoln High School, spoke in support. Mr. Chandler advised the Board that two letters of support were received for this nomination from Hon. Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor of Sumter, and Mr. Scott Bell, chairman of the Sumter Board of Historic Preservation. Dr. Bartley asked about the size of the alumni organization. Mr. Green replied that they had 141 life members in addition to annual members. Dr. Bartley asked if the second floor was planned for a museum. Mrs. Pringle said yes. Hon. Harris commended the alumni organization for their inspiring work on behalf of preservation of the school. Dr. Venters recommended that any additional information about the funding source for construction of the school in 1937

should be added to the nomination. Dr. Bartley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Venters, to approve the nomination at the local level of significance. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Kinney announced the following upcoming Review Board meeting dates:

The fall 2014 meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2014.

The spring 2015 meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2015.

The summer 2015 meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 24, 2014.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

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**Members Present**

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**Members Absent**

Dr. Edward Lee, Mr. Sean Taylor, Dr. Millicent Brown, Dr. Louis Venters, Dr. Carter Hudgins.

**Call to Order**

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Introduction and Recognition of Board Members**

After Board Members introduced themselves, Mr. Kinney recognized the newest member of the Board, Ms. Amalia Leifeste of Charleston, assistant professor in the historic preservation graduate program at Clemson University/College of Charleston.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the July 25, 2014, meeting were distributed to the members by mail (or e-mail) in the members' packets. Mr. Emrick made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Dr. Huff. The motion carried unanimously.

**Remarks**

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1. **Standard Oil Company Headquarters Building (Charleston, Charleston County)** was presented by Ms. Lissa Felzer, preparer of the nomination. Mr. Emrick moved to approve the nomination, with a second by Mr. Sherrer. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. **Federal Land Bank (Columbia, Richland County)** was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Ms. Meg Southern. Dr. Brandt made a motion, and Mr. Sherrer seconded, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

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After adjournment, the SHPO staff presented a training session for the Board on National Register basics and how nominations are processed before and after Board meetings.