



ALABAMA
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THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

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QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING SYNOPSIS

Commissioners Present

Eddie Griffith, Chair
David Breland, Vice-Chair
Walter Givhan, Treasurer
Shirley Foster, Secretary
Frank Barnes
Chris Blankenship
Thomas Coley
Jim Day
Lynne Hardee
Governor Kay Ivey / Baker Allen
Angelo Mancuso
Steve Murray
Karen Rogers
Craig Sheldon
Rebecca Williams

Commissioners Absent

Ralph Draughon
Pat Edington
Honorable Mac McCutcheon /
Andrew Westcott
Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth
Lee Sentell
Michelle Thompson

The Alabama Historical Commission met via WebEx on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 10:30 AM. The meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website, compliant with the Open Meetings Act. The meeting details were also posted on agency social media in order to grant the public as much access as possible.

There were two motions made during the meeting. The first motion was to adopt the changes to the Administrative Rule as discussed at the last meeting, with the following change: "Refunds may be given at the discretion of the Site Director." The previously discussed changes include:

Administrative Fee updates: Sites can collect a non-refundable deposit for rentals; Confederate Memorial Park is adding fees for outdoor weddings, pavilion rentals, and overnight camping – excluding Living History re-enactors; Fort Toulouse is lowering the rate for a child for major events – excluding Frontier Days.

Easements: There will be an additional stewardship fee based on the fair market value of the property rights being surrendered for non-Historic Preservation Funded grants.

Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program: The language that allows the AHC to disagree with the National Park Service will be removed, as recommended by the Alabama Attorney General's office.

The motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Sheldon, and passed unopposed.

The second motion was to authorize the Executive Director, Lisa Jones, to withdraw funds from the distributable income of the Alabama Cultural Resources Trust Fund in the amount of \$500,000 for operations should it become necessary. The motion was made by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner Givhan, and carried unopposed.

Commissioner Griffith introduced Commissioner Mancuso, the commissioner newly appointed by the Governor. Commissioner Coley gave an update on the Black Heritage Council. Executive Director, Lisa Jones, gave a legislative update and called on staff to update Commissioners on the preservation division and grants the agency has received.

There were no comments or questions posed by the public. There was no new business to discuss. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.