


Alamance County Historic Properties Commission

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 6 p.m.

Commissioners' Meeting Room
124 W. Elm Street, Graham, NC 27253

AGENDA

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
 - II. OATH OF OFFICE**
 - III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 1. July 8, 2025
 - IV. OLD BUSINESS**
 - 1. John Braxton and Pat Bailey Proclamations
 - V. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. America 250 Plans/Discussion (guest, Grace VandeVisser)
 - VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - 1. Central High School Historic Marker
 - 2. Board member vacancy/discussion
 - VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

Members Present

Scott Ward
John Greeson
Rodney Cheek
Aric Geda
Laurie Smith
Megan Privett
Katherine Hadley
Emily White

Members Absent

Chris Copsey
Chris Wells
Arnetta Girardeau

Staff Present

Matthew Hoagland, *Planning
Director*
Keyshawn Haith, Planner 1

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Alamance County Historic Properties Commission met for its regularly scheduled meeting on July 8, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Aric Geda at 6 PM and proceed with the first item of business: the election of a new chair.

II. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Nominations were opened for the position of Chair. Mr. Cheek was nominated and received support from multiple members. A motion was made by Mr. Ward and seconded by Mr. Greeson to elect Mr. Cheek for the role. The motion passed unanimously, and Mr. Cheek officially assumed the position.

III. APPROVAL OF Meeting Minutes

Following the election, the Commission reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting held on January 14, 2025. Members were asked if there were any corrections or revisions needed. A motion by Mr. Ward was made to approve the minutes as presented, and with a second from Mr. Greeson, the motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Geda provided an update on the proclamations for John Braxton and Pat Bailey. The commemorative plaques had been finalized, paid and completed but were inadvertently left in Mr. Geda's truck, which had broken down in Bath, North Carolina. Due to this delay, the presentation will be rescheduled and placed back on the agenda for the next meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

No new business items were presented during the meeting.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the Announcements portion, the Commission reviewed a recent issue regarding the Central High School historic marker located at Graham High School, following an email Mr. Hoagland received from Assistant Principal Jennifer Lackey, who reported that the marker had been knocked down or broken. Photos of the broken marker were shared, and members discussed possible causes of the damage, which remain unclear. The marker includes the Alamance County seal, suggesting it was approved by this Commission. Staff shared that the marker had been dedicated on April 23, 2016, following an initiative led by Nettie Ball and other Central High School alumni.

While the marker is located within the city limits of Graham, the City's Historic Board only has jurisdiction over downtown properties. Staff contacted the City of Graham, who indicated that the matter should fall under the County Historic Properties Commission's purview. Discussion followed regarding property ownership, jurisdiction, and whether the school system's insurance might cover the replacement. Staff also communicated with the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, who confirmed that the school is not listed as a local landmark in their records. They suggested the Commission consult the Board of Education and the City of Graham for any potential zoning restrictions or insurance options.

Board members briefly discussed with Mr. Hoagland whether any plans were currently in the works for America 250 next year. They noted that a professor from Elon University had previously spoken with them about a potential project related to the commemoration, and the Board agreed they would be willing to assist her if needed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Ward. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.