

Alamance County Historic Properties Commission

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 6 p.m.

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

Present:

Brian Ward
Rodney Cheek
John Greeson
Katherine Hadley
Laurie Smith
Chris Copsey
Gale Pettiford
Megan Privett

Absent:

Aric Geda
Chris Wells
Emily White

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cheek called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

II. OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Cheek took the oath prior to the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 9, 2025

Mr. Greeson made a motion to approve the minutes from September 9th. With a second with Mr. Copsey

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. John Braxton and Pat Bailey Proclamations

Mr. Hoagland reported that Mr. Geda had delivered the plaques and advised that the next course of action would be to contact the family. Mr. Cheek acknowledged the lengthy process involved in obtaining the proclamations and expressed appreciation for the effort that led to their completion. The Board members reviewed the proclamations and engaged in a discussion about the historical significance and lasting contributions of John Braxton and Pat Bailey. Mr. Hoagland and Mr. Cheek stated that they would get the ball

rolling on potentially contacting the family. It was agreed that staff would first reach out to determine the family's interest in attending a meeting to view the proclamations. If the family is interested, both the family and the County Commissioners will be invited to the November meeting. Mr. Hoagland suggested that, rather than presenting the proclamations during a commissioners' meeting, the family could be recognized at the November meeting with a photograph taken to commemorate the occasion. He further recommended issuing a press release through the local newspaper or the County website to publicly highlight and honor their contributions.

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. By Laws Update / Applicant Review Process

Mr. Hoagland discussed with the board a few bylaws that have to do with the application process. Mr. Cheek stated that he believes the language in the bylaws should specify that members must reside in the unincorporated areas of the county. He then inquired about which municipalities fall under the jurisdiction of the Historic Properties Commission. Mr. Hoagland explained that the Alamance County HPC oversees historic preservation matters within the municipalities of Elon, Swepsonville, and the Village of Alamance, as well as other smaller jurisdictions. The Commission discussed the possibility of amending Section 4.3 of the bylaws to clarify that members must reside in an area where the Alamance County HPC holds jurisdiction. Mr. Hoagland posed the question of whether the Commission wished to narrow the potential applicant pool by limiting membership based on place of residence, or to expand it by allowing individuals who reside within municipal boundaries. Following discussion, Ms. Hadley and Mr. Greeson made a motion to amend Section 4.3 to state that members must reside in an area of Alamance County represented by the Alamance County Historic Properties Commission. Mr. Hoagland suggested that he would draft the proposed amendment to Section 4.3 and present it at the next meeting for review. Ms. Hadley and Mr. Greeson further motioned for Mr. Hoagland to draft a new Section 4.3 and bring it to the next meeting. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Hoagland informed the Commission that a new member, Ms. Alanna Coombes, had been appointed during the October 6 County Commissioners meeting. He also reported that Mr. Aric Geda had submitted his resignation from the Commission. Mr. Hoagland read Mr. Geda's resignation letter aloud to the members and encouraged the Commission to reach out to anyone who may be interested in applying to fill the vacant position. Ms. Pettiford recommended that the Commission elect a new Vice Chair prior to the arrival of the newly appointed member. Ms. Pettiford nominated Mr. Greeson for the position, and Ms. Smith seconded the nomination. Mr. Greeson noted that he would be unable to attend the next scheduled meeting. Following discussion, the Commission agreed to postpone the next meeting date to ensure his participation. All members voted in favor of Mr. Greeson serving as Vice Chair. Mr. Cheek inquired whether the Commission could formally amend the meeting schedule for the upcoming month. Mr. Hoagland confirmed that the change could be made and stated that the Planning Department would prepare a flyer announcing the revised meeting date of November 18 at 6:00 p.m. A motion to amend the meeting schedule was made by Mr. Ward and seconded by Mr. Greeson. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hoagland concluded by stating that there were no further announcements.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.

