

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION APPEALS BOARD
MINUTES
MONDAY, 25 AUGUST 2025
CITY HALL ANNEX, 900 BAGBY ST., PUBLIC LEVEL, HOUSTON TX**

Called to Order at 9:01 AM by J.D. Bartell, Chair

Board Members	Quorum – Present/Absent
J.D. Bartell, Chair	Present
Douglas Elliott, Vice Chair	<i>Absent</i>
Libby Viera-Bland	Present
Truman Edminster	Present
Rob Hellyer	Present
Robert Williamson, Executive Secretary	Present

CHAIR'S REPORT – Quick overview of the format and guidelines of this meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – None

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration of and possible action on the minutes for the HPAB Meeting of July 14, 2025.
Commission action: Approved.

Motion: Viera-Bland
Second: Edminster

Vote: Unanimous
Opposed: None

**II. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPEAL OF THE DECISION OF THE
HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) ON JULY 17,
2025, DENYING A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (COA) FOR WINDOW
REPLACEMENT AT 1108 E. 16TH STREET IN THE NORHILL HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

Commission action: Grant the appeal to overturn the HAHC decision.

Motion: Hellyer
Second: Viera-Bland
Vote: Unanimous
Opposed: None

III. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPEAL OF THE DECISION OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) ON JULY 17, 2025, DENYING A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (COA) FOR DEMOLITION AND ISSUING A COR FOR THE DEMOLITION AT 1138 FUGATE STREET IN THE NORHILL HISTORIC DISTRICT.

Commission action: The HPAB moves to reverse and overturn the action related to the illegal demolition under the COR issued by the HAHC and remand the matter back to the HAHC for additional review and consideration.

Speaker(s): Keith Rhyms, Virginia Kelsey, Kevin Simmons, Pete Stockten

Motion: Edminster
Second: Viera-Bland
Vote: Carried
Opposed: Bartell

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. HPAB MEMBER COMMENTS –

Commissioner Edminster, design guidelines in Norhill need to go to city council soon. Secretary Williamson, actions are in the works for guidelines to this neighborhood. Commission Hellyer asked if staff are abiding by the new guideline today, staff member Terrance Jackson, stated they are not.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board; Chair J.D. Bartell adjourned the meeting at 10:17 AM.

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Robert Williamson
Robert Williamson, Secretary
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