



Savannah Historic District Board of Review

Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room
February 11, 2026
1:00 P.M.
DECISIONS

February 11, 2026 HISTORIC District Board of Review Meeting

A Pre-Meeting was held at 12:00 PM in the Jerry Surrency Conference Room, 112 East State Street. Items on the Agenda were presented by Staff, as time permitted, and the Board asked questions. No testimony was received, and no votes were taken.

Members Present: Thomas L. Thomson, Chair
Shedrick Coleman
Mariel Hamer
Robert Helm
Sabrina Nagel

Members Absent: Melissa Rowan, Vice Chair
Karen Guinn

MPC Staff Present: Caitlin Chamberlain, Director of Historic Preservation
Jodie Brown, Principal Planner
Alexander Merced, Planner
Rohan Urs, Planner
Bri Morgan, Administrative Assistant II
Hind Patel, Information Technology

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

II. SIGN POSTING

III. CONSENT AGENDA

[1. Petition of Tegan Cuyar | 26-000220-COA | 322 West Hall Street | Rehabilitation & Alterations](#)

Motion

The Savannah Historic District Board of Review does hereby Approve the proposed work at 314-322 West Hall Street with the following condition to be reviewed and approved by staff, because the work is otherwise visually compatible and meets the standard:

1. Upon drying, the rear fence must be painted or stained, and staff must be notified to review and approve color selection.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Shedrick Coleman

Second: Robert Helms

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| Karen Guinn | - Not Present |
| Melissa H. Rowan | - Not Present |
| Thomas L. Thomson | - Aye |
| Sabrina Nagel | - Aye |
| Sara Woodfield | - Aye |
| Shedrick Coleman | - Aye |
| Mariel Hamer | - Aye |
| Robert Helms | - Aye |

[2. Petition of Marchese Construction, LLC | 26-000118-COA | 234 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd | Alteration - Handrails](#)

Motion

The Savannah Historic District Board of Review does hereby Approve the work proposed for the property at 234 MLK Blvd As Requested because the work is visually compatible and meets the standards.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Shedrick Coleman
Second: Robert Helms

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| Karen Guinn | - Not Present |
| Melissa H. Rowan | - Not Present |
| Thomas L. Thomson | - Aye |
| Sabrina Nagel | - Aye |
| Sara Woodfield | - Aye |
| Shedrick Coleman | - Aye |
| Mariel Hamer | - Aye |
| Robert Helms | - Aye |

[3. Petition of GMSHay Architects | 26-000078-COA | 225 East President Street | Stair Rebuild](#)

Motion

The Savannah Historic District Board of Review does hereby approve the request to reconstruct the collapsed staircase at 225 East President Street as requested because the work is visually compatible and meets the standards.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Shedrick Coleman
Second: Robert Helms

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| Karen Guinn | - Not Present |
| Melissa H. Rowan | - Not Present |
| Thomas L. Thomson | - Abstain |

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| Sabrina Nagel | - Aye |
| Sara Woodfield | - Aye |
| Shedrick Coleman | - Aye |
| Mariel Hamer | - Aye |
| Robert Helms | - Aye |

[4. Petition of J. Elder Studio, Jerome Elder | 26-000105-COA | 8 East Broughton Street | Illuminated Wall Sign](#)

Motion

The Savannah Historic District Board of Review does hereby approve the request to install one (1) illuminated wall sign for the business establishment at 8 East Broughton Street as requested because the work is visually compatible and meets the standards.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Shedrick Coleman

Second: Robert Helms

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| Karen Guinn | - Not Present |
| Melissa H. Rowan | - Not Present |
| Thomas L. Thomson | - Aye |
| Sabrina Nagel | - Aye |
| Sara Woodfield | - Aye |
| Shedrick Coleman | - Aye |
| Mariel Hamer | - Aye |
| Robert Helms | - Aye |

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

[5. Adopt the February 11, 2026 agenda as presented.](#)

Motion

The Historic District Board of Review motioned to approve the February 11, 2026 agenda.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Shedrick Coleman

Second: Sara Woodfield

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| Karen Guinn | - Not Present |
| Melissa H. Rowan | - Not Present |
| Thomas L. Thomson | - Aye |
| Sabrina Nagel | - Aye |
| Sara Woodfield | - Aye |
| Shedrick Coleman | - Aye |
| Mariel Hamer | - Aye |
| Robert Helms | - Aye |

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Approve the January 14, 2026 Historic Board of Review meeting minutes as presented.

Motion

The Historic District Board of Review motioned to approve the January 14, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Mariel Hamer

Second: Sara Woodfield

- Karen Guinn - Not Present
- Melissa H. Rowan - Not Present
- Thomas L. Thomson - Aye
- Sabrina Nagel - Aye
- Sara Woodfield - Aye
- Shedrick Coleman - Aye
- Mariel Hamer - Aye
- Robert Helms - Aye

VI. ITEM(S) REQUESTED TO BE REMOVED FROM THE FINAL AGENDA

VII. CONTINUED AGENDA

VIII. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

IX. REGULAR AGENDA

7. Petition of Rose Architects, Kevin Rose | 25-005674 COA | 402 E Broughton Street | New Construction, Part I

Motion

STAFF REPORT:

CONTINUE the request for New Construction, Part I: Height and Mass at 402 East Broughton Street AS REQUESTED, to allow the applicant to address the following concerns:

Evaluate the code sections associated with Multiple Volumes, Roofline Variation, Setback Standard and Recess Standard to ensure that at least two of these design elements are incorporated into the building proposal.

Verify the exterior dimensions of the proposed building.

Apply for the Special Exceptions prior to the Part 2 review.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Robert Helms

Second: Mariel Hamer

- Karen Guinn - Not Present
- Melissa H. Rowan - Not Present
- Thomas L. Thomson - Abstain
- Sabrina Nagel - Aye
- Sara Woodfield - Aye
- Shedrick Coleman - Aye
- Mariel Hamer - Aye
- Robert Helms - Aye

8. Petition of Paul Bush | 25-005014-COA | 318 East Huntingdon Street | After-the-Fact Alterations

Motion

The Savannah Historic District Board of Review does hereby deny the after-the-fact request for exterior alterations at 318 East Huntingdon Street, as the installed and updated materials do not comply with the Downtown Historic District Design Standards.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Robert Helms

Second: Shedrick Coleman

- Karen Guinn - Not Present
- Melissa H. Rowan - Not Present
- Thomas L. Thomson - Abstain
- Sabrina Nagel - Aye
- Sara Woodfield - Aye
- Shedrick Coleman - Aye
- Mariel Hamer - Aye
- Robert Helms - Aye

X. APPROVED STAFF REVIEWS

XI. WORK PERFORMED WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

XII. REPORT ON ITEMS DEFERRED TO STAFF

XIII. NOTICES, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

9. Stamped Drawings Report- February

10. Staff COA Inspections Report - February

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

[11. Text Amendment discussion](#)

XV. ADJOURNMENT

[12. Next HDBR Pre-Meeting - Wednesday March 11, 2026 at 12pm - 112 East State Street](#)

[13. Next HDBR Meeting - Wednesday March 11, 2026 at 1pm - 112 East State Street](#)

[14. Adjourn](#)

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