



## City of Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals

Action Minutes  
March 26, 2026 10:00am  
112 East State Street, Arthur Mendonsa Hearing Room

### March 26, 2026 City of Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals

Members Present: Stephen Merriman, Jr., Chair  
Stephen Plunk  
Benjamine "Trapper" Griffith  
Brad Baugh  
Michael Condon  
Betty Jones

Members Absent: Armand Turner

MPC Staff Present: Subhashi Karunaratne, Planner, Development Services/Current Planning  
Sally Helm, Administrative Assistant II, Development Services/Current Planning  
Hind Patel, IT Helpdesk & Support  
Ken Gorski, Senior Planner, Development Services

#### I. Call to Order and Welcome

#### II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

#### III. Swearing in of Witnesses

#### IV. Notices, Proclamations and Acknowledgements

#### V. Item(s) Requested to be Removed from the Final Agenda

#### VI. Item(s) Requested to be Withdrawn

#### VII. Approval of Minutes

##### [1. Approval of the January 22, 2026 SZBA Meeting Minutes](#)

##### **Motion**

Approval of the January 22, 2026, SZBA Meeting Minutes.

##### **Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Betty Jones

Second: Michael Condon

Stephen Merriman, Jr. - Abstain

Michael Condon - Aye

Stephen Plunk - Aye

Betty Jones - Aye

Armand Turner	- Not Present
Brad Baugh	- Aye
Benjamin Griffith	- Aye

**VIII. Approval of Final Agenda**

**IX. Consent Agenda**

**X. Old Business**

**XI. Regular Agenda**

[2. 11512 Abercorn St | variance to increase the maximum sign area for signs in B-C zoning district | 26-000821-ZBA](#)

**Motion**

Approval of the requested variances for this signage as it is a reasonable request given the property features and is generally consistent with the Signage Ordinance and design standards.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Michael Condon	
Second: Betty Jones	
Stephen Merriman, Jr.	- Abstain
Michael Condon	- Aye
Stephen Plunk	- Aye
Betty Jones	- Aye
Armand Turner	- Not Present
Brad Baugh	- Aye
Benjamin Griffith	- Aye

[3. 7 Park of Commerce Way | variance for a billboard sign in B-C zoning district | 26-000820-ZBA](#)

**Motion**

Item continued to the May 28, 2026, meeting due to the petitioner not being present.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Michael Condon	
Second: Betty Jones	
Stephen Merriman, Jr.	- Abstain
Michael Condon	- Aye
Stephen Plunk	- Aye
Betty Jones	- Aye
Armand Turner	- Not Present
Brad Baugh	- Aye
Benjamin Griffith	- Aye

[4. 1407 E. 41st St. | relief to expand a non-conforming use in the RSF-6 zoning district | 26-000775-ZBA](#)

**Motion**

Approval of the request to expand nonconforming transitional shelter use in the RSF-6 zoning district, as it continues a long-standing residential use without adverse neighborhood impacts, and the proposed interior-only modifications will not alter the site or create new nonconformities.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Stephen Plunk

Second: Michael Condon

Stephen Merriman, Jr.	- Abstain
Michael Condon	- Aye
Stephen Plunk	- Aye
Betty Jones	- Aye
Armand Turner	- Not Present
Brad Baugh	- Aye
Benjamin Griffith	- Aye

[5. 809 W. 53rd St | variance to reduce rear yard setback in RSF-6 zoning district | 26-000832-ZBA](#)

**Motion**

Item continued to the May 28, 2026 SZBA meeting due to the petitioner not being present.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Michael Condon

Second: Betty Jones

Stephen Merriman, Jr.	- Abstain
Michael Condon	- Aye
Stephen Plunk	- Aye
Betty Jones	- Aye
Armand Turner	- Not Present
Brad Baugh	- Aye
Benjamin Griffith	- Aye

[6. 2107 Downing St | Variances to front and rear yard setbacks in RSF-6 zoning district | 26-000747-ZBA](#)

**Motion**

To accommodate the off-street parking requirement and to align the front yard setback with the lot, Approval of a variance to reduce the rear yard setback from 20 feet to 10 feet.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Michael Condon

Second: Brad Baugh

Stephen Merriman, Jr.	- Abstain
Michael Condon	- Aye
Stephen Plunk	- Aye
Betty Jones	- Aye
Armand Turner	- Not Present
Brad Baugh	- Aye
Benjamin Griffith	- Aye

**XII. Other Business**

**XIII. Adjournment**

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