

Executive Committee

July 25, 2022



TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel 2nd Floor Houston Room 303 W 15th Street Austin, TX 78701 July 25, 2022 3:30 p.m.

(or upon the adjournment of the 1:45 p.m. Historic Sites committee meeting, whichever occurs later)

This meeting of the THC Executive committee has been properly posted with the Secretary of State's Office according to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The members may discuss and/or take action on any of the items listed in the agenda. This meeting will be held by videoconference call pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.127. The presiding officer will be physically present at the location of the meeting listed above and will preside over the meeting at that location. The meeting will be accessible to the public at the physical location listed above. An audio or audio-video recording of the meeting will be available upon request after July 29, 2022. To obtain a copy of the recording, please email/ call esther.brickley@thc.texas.gov 512-463-5768. NOTE: The Executive Committee may go into executive session (closed meeting to the public) on any agenda item if appropriate and authorized by the Open Meetings Act, TGC, Chapter 551.

- 1. Call to Order – Chairman John Nau**
 - A. Committee member introductions
 - B. Establish quorum
 - C. Recognize and/or excuse absences
- 2. Consider approval of the Executive Committee meeting minutes**
 - A. April 29, 2022
 - B. June 17, 2022
- 3. Consider approval of a new appointment to the Texas Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Board (item 15.2) – Brummett**
- 4. Consider approval of the Project Fundraising Priorities list requiring private funds in excess of \$50,000 (Item 15.3) – Zutschi**
- 5. Consider confirmation of reappointments to the Board of Trustees of the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission (Item 15.4)– Zutschi/Wolfe**
- 6. Discussion and possible action regarding the Legislative Appropriations Request for the 2024-2025 biennium – Wolfe/Bell/Rubin**
- 7. Information technology update – Rubin**
- 8. Committee Chairman's Report**
 - A. Ongoing Projects; and
 - B. Updates and Upcoming Events
- 9. Adjourn**

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MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Alamo Hall
300 Alamo Plaza
San Antonio, TX 78205
April 28, 2022
2:45 p.m.

Note: For the full text of action items, please contact the Texas Historical Commission at P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711 or call 512-463-6100.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman John L. Nau, III at 3:55 p.m. on April 28, 2022. He announced the meeting had been posted to the Texas Register, was being held in conformance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 and that notice had been properly posted with the Secretary of State's Office as required.

A. Committee member introductions

Chair Nau welcomed everyone, and introductions were made around the table. Members present included:

Chair John Nau

Vice-Chair Catherine McKnight

Secretary Garrett Donnelly

Commissioner John Crain

Commissioner Pete Peterson

B. Establish quorum

Chairman Nau reported a quorum was present and declared the meeting open.

C. Recognize and/or excuse absences

Chairman Nau noted that Commissioner Daisy White was absent due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict. Commissioner John Crain moved, Vice-Chair Catherine McKnight seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to excuse the absence of Commissioner White.

2. Consider approval of the February 1, 2022 Executive Committee meeting minutes

Commissioner Pete Peterson moved, Vice-Chair McKnight seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2022 executive committee meetings.

3. Consider adoption of new rule to the TAC, Title 13, Part 2, Chapter 11, Subchapter A, Section 11.25 related to the Family Leave Pool, without changes as published in the February 25, 2022, issue of the *Texas Register* (47 TexReg 845-846) (Item 6.4)

Deputy Executive Director Alvin Miller reported that this new rule had been posted to the *Texas Register* following the February 1, 2022 approval by the commission. He explained that the new section, 11.25 was

proposed for adoption in order to comply with Texas Government Code requirements for rulemaking. He explained that the Commission had been in compliance with the requirements of the related statute but had not formally adopted rules. Miller noted that the Human Resources policy had been established in the personnel manual and no comments were received following the posting of the proposed rule. Commissioner Garrett Donnelly moved, Vice-Chair McKnight seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to send forward to the Commission and recommend adoption of the new rule to Texas Administrative Code, Title 13, Part 2, Chapter 11, section 11.25 related to the State Employee Family Leave Pool, without changes as published in the February 25, 2022, issue of the *Texas Register* (47 TexReg 845-846).

4. Hurricane Harvey Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund

A. Consider approval of grant award to alternate project (Item 15.2A)

THC Disaster Assistance Program Coordinator Lisa Hart reported that seven alternate projects had been awarded funding by the commission to date. She explained that the final project remaining on the alternate list, Texas Freedom Colonies Project, was a trademarked research initiative copyrighted by Andrea R. Roberts, Ph.D., an associate professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning in the College of Architecture at Texas A&M University. Hart noted that Dr. Roberts would be transitioning to employment with the University of Virginia this fall necessitating a contract directly through her company, Freedom Colonies Project LLC. She explained that the project would cover strategic and technical planning, including support for student research this summer (2022). Vice-Chair Catherine McKnight moved, Commissioner Pete Peterson seconded, and the committee voted unanimously send forward to the Commission and recommend approval of funding from the Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Grant program to Freedom Colonies Project LLC in the amount of \$151,211.

B. Consider approval of process to award supplemental funding to previously awarded projects (Item 15.2B)

Hart reported that, after the grant awards were given, several projects had declined funding due to a variety of reasons and a process was being proposed to distribute the remaining funds as it becomes available. She stated that all projects would need to be completed by the deadline of March 31, 2024, as established by the NPS. Hart also stated that the process in the proposed policy would redistribute funding as efficiently as possible to ensure the state makes full use of grant funds according to terms of the THC's contract with the NPS. Executive Director Wolfe confirmed that the process was the same used for the Certified Local Government grants and, due to grant deadlines, expeditious funding was necessitated. He also stated that the projects being considered would be those that had already been approved and prioritized by the commission. Commissioner Crain moved, Vice-Chair McKnight seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to send forward to the Commission and recommend directing the Executive Director to award supplemental funding from the Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Grant program to the highest ranking qualified subgrantee projects as outlined in the motion policy (Exhibit #1).

5. Consider delegation of authority to the Executive Committee to approve the Legislative Appropriations Request for FY 2024-2025 (Item 15.3)

Executive Director Wolfe reported that the Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) for the 2024-25 biennium was the agency's budget request to the Texas Legislature. He provided an overview of the LAR components, process, and noted that agencies, including the THC, were also able to request additional funding for agency initiatives, known as exceptional items. Executive Director Wolfe stated that the LAR policy letter and submission schedule was expected to be released in mid-late June, with an expected due date to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) typically the first week of August, 2022. He explained that the timeframe fell in between THC quarterly meetings and warranted delegation of authority to the Executive Committee for approval of the LAR to facilitate the timely submission. Executive Director Wolfe clarified that the delegation would necessitate a committee meeting in the interim. Chairman Nau confirmed that delegating authority to the executive committee to approve the LAR had been the standard practice over the past years. Commissioner Peterson moved, Vice-Chair McKnight seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to send forward to the

commission, the recommendation to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to approve the Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) for FY 2024-25. Any final adjustments necessary before submission of the LAR to the Legislature may be made by the Executive Director with the approval of the Chairman.

6. Consider delegating authority to the Executive Committee to approve the THC Strategic Plan FY 2023-2027 (Item 15.4)

Executive Director Wolfe reported that the THC was required to submit a strategic plan to the Governor's Office of Budget, Planning and Policy and the Legislative Budget Board every biennium (even-numbered years). He explained the agency's final plan was due to the Governor's Office of Budget, Planning and Policy and the Legislative Budget Board on June 1, 2022. Executive Director Wolfe stated the request to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to approve the THC Strategic Plan for FY 2023-2027 was being submitted in order to meet the June 1, 2022 submission deadline. Discussion was held regarding optional dates for an interim committee meeting to consider the plan. Secretary Donnelly moved, Commissioner Peterson seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to send forward to the commission and recommend approval to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to approve the Strategic Plan for FY 2023 – 2027. Any final adjustments necessary before submission of the Plan may be made by the Executive Director with the approval of the Chairman

7. Human Resources Update

A. Survey of Employee Engagement (SEE) Report

Deputy Executive Director Alvin Miller reported that the THC had participated in the SEE biennial survey since 1994. He explained that the survey provided information about employees' perceptions of the effectiveness of the agency and their job satisfaction. Miller referred commissioners to their meeting packets for the full SEE report and stated that the results were better than average as compared to other state agencies. Miller presented numerous charts and graphs depicting the overall scores by constructs and explained that the scores had steadily increased over the years. Questions and discussion followed regarding the various reasons for the improved scores.

B. Consider approval of the FY 2020 Survey of Employee Engagement Operational action plan (item 6.6)

Miller reviewed the agency action plan that addressed the three lowest scoring construct areas of the SEE - pay; internal communications; and employee development. He noted that the plan consisted of a comprehensive list of actions under the following four strategies:

Strategy 1: Re-enforce THC as a positive place to work by recognition of staff performance through monetary and non-monetary recognition and awards.

Strategy 2: Re-enforce an environment where internal communications and feedback is welcomed, valued and utilized.

Strategy 3: Continue improvements to information systems infrastructure, data accessibility and productivity tools for staff.

Strategy 4: Re-enforce and Support Strategic Leadership and Supervisory Development.

Commissioner Peterson moved, Secretary Donnelly seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to send forward to the commission and recommend approval of the THC FY 2022 SEE action plan.

8. Information technology update

Miller offered a summary of the IT activities over the past quarter including the completion of a password change initiative and annual network penetration testing.

9. Committee Chairman's Report

Chairman Nau stated that, in the interest of time, he would provide his report at the full commission meeting the following day.

10. Adjourn

On the motion of the vice-chair, and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

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Item 15.2B
Texas Historical Commission
April Quarterly Meeting
April 28-29, 2022

Consider approval of process to award supplemental funding to previously awarded Hurricane Harvey Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund projects

Background

Congress appropriated \$50 million from the Historic Preservation Fund to address the impacts of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, which occurred in 2017. In August 2018, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) applied to the National Park Service to receive an apportionment of these funds to assist affected historic properties in Texas. Staff received official notice on March 8, 2019 of the successful grant award in the amount of \$12,318,047. In August of 2019, the NPS awarded THC an additional \$200,000 for a mid-century modern survey and elevation study, bringing the grant funding total to \$12,518,047.

The THC Commission awarded 39 projects in May and July 2019 for a total of \$8,373,401. In addition, eight projects were identified as alternate projects. The Commission reserved \$626,599 in grant funding for distribution to alternate project funding, program-required National Register nominations and possibly supplementing projects which previously received awards. Since the grant awards were made, several projects have declined funding due to a variety of reasons. Now that all eight alternate projects have been funded, a process is proposed to distribute the remaining funding as it becomes available. All projects must be completed by the deadline established by the National Park Service of March 31, 2024. The process below will redistribute funding as efficiently as possible to ensure the state makes full use of grant funding according to terms of the THC's contract with the National Park Service award contract.

Proposed Policy

To facilitate distributing all funds awarded to the state, the Executive Director will award supplemental funding to those subgrant projects that identified the need for additional funding in their original applications, in the order of the original score ranking and project status. To be eligible for supplemental funding, a project must have an executed subgrant agreement and a filed preservation easement in place and demonstrate progress in project development.

The Executive Director shall defer awarding supplemental funding to projects that do not meet the required criteria or are unready to utilize the additional funding and will then consider the next highest-ranked qualified project. As additional funding becomes available, the Executive Director will again consider the highest ranked project for supplemental funding, with no guarantee that funding will become available to projects at a later date. Internal THC projects may also be considered for supplemental funding.

Prior to determining the amount of a supplemental funding award, the applicant may submit a revised budget and scope of work. The Executive Director may use updated cost and budget to determine supplemental funding, if appropriate. The Executive Director may make multiple awards to a single project, depending on the viability of the project, the use of prior funding, and the demonstrated ability to meet the final project closure deadline of March 31, 2024

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Recommended motion (Committee):

Move to send forward to the Commission and recommend directing the Executive Director to award supplemental funding from the Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Grant program to the highest ranking qualified subgrantee projects as outlined in the motion policy.

Recommended motion (Commission):

Move to direct the Executive Director to award supplemental funding from the Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Grant program to the highest ranking qualified subgrantee projects as outlined in the motion policy.

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**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
Summerlee Foundation Library
5556 Caruth Haven Lane
Dallas, TX 75225
June 17, 2022
1 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman John Nau at 1 p.m. He announced the meeting had been posted to the Texas Register, was being held in conformance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 and that notice had been properly posted with the Secretary of State's Office as required.

A. Committee member introductions

Chairman Nau welcomed everyone and called on commissioners to individually state their name and the city in which they reside. Members in attendance included Commissioners Cathy McKnight, Pete Peterson, Garrett Donnelly, Daisy White, and John Crain. Staff attendees included Executive Director and SHPO Mark Wolfe; Deputy ED for Historic Sites Joseph Bell, and Deputy ED for Administration Amy Rubin.

B. Establish quorum

Chairman Nau reported a quorum was present and declared the meeting open.

C. Recognize and/or excuse absences

There were no absences.

2. Consider approval of the May 24, 2022 Executive Committee meeting minutes

Commissioner McKnight moved and Commissioner Peterson seconded that the committee meeting minutes for May 24, 2022 be approved and the commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the marker application for the New Hope Baptist Church

Executive Director Wolfe told the commissioners that New Hope Baptist Church had applied last year for a marker, but that the application required extensive corrections and so was not approved. The church resubmitted a much-improved application this year, and would be recommended by staff for approval at the upcoming quarterly commission meeting. In view of the fact that Juneteenth occurs on June 19th and the church is holding a special celebration, State Rep. Holland had requested permission to announce to the congregation that their application would be approved. However, marker approval requires commission action. Wolfe explained

that chairman Nau agreed to add this to the executive committee agenda. Commissioner White, in her position as chair of the History Programs committee, spoke in favor of approving this marker, noting that the actual language of the marker is still in development and would come back to the commission for approval at a later date. She moved approval of the request, seconded by Commissioner Crain. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Legislative Appropriations Request for the 2024-2025 biennium

Committee members discussed the agency's various planning processes and directed Executive Director Wolfe to work with his staff to develop an agency plan in advance of the upcoming legislative session. Chairman Nau directed that the framework for the plan be completed before the October quarterly meeting.

Commissioner Donnelly guided the Committee members through the draft list of potential exceptional items. Committee members asked that the San Jacinto project be placed as priority #1, followed by a new item covering the cost of filling in the slip that will be left vacant by the departure of the Battleship Texas. They agreed that the third priority should be vehicles, but left the decision as to how much should be requested for another meeting.

There was extensive discussion regarding vehicles, and Deputy E.D. Rubin explained that state agencies are required to request capital authority every biennium for the funds necessary to purchase both vehicles and IT equipment.

Several individual items on the list were discussed including the General Counsel position, the deferred maintenance list, and exhibit improvements. The decision was made to remove the request for funding for exhibits at Mission Dolores, and to remove the shade structure at the French Legation from the "Health Safety and Urgent Deferred Maintenance" project list.

During the discussion regarding the Levi Jordan project, Wolfe shared an email from the agency's Development Director, Anjali Zutshi, regarding her thoughts for the next steps in defining this project and determining public financial support. The committee members generally agreed with her approach, and chairman Nau expressed his support.

Committee members agreed that they would meet again to finalize the list.

5. Committee Chairman's Report

Chairman Nau updated the committee members on the Vicksburg monument, announcing that the time capsule had been discovered, but would be returned to its place for later rediscovery as the monument is only about 60 years old. He noted that he had shared with the committee members a report from John Poindexter proposing the reconstruction of the town of Shafter and suggested that once the project is complete it might operate as an "affiliate" of the THC's historic sites program. He announced that a replica of the severely damaged 1936 monument at Ft. Bliss was almost complete. He then asked staff to prepare one-pagers on each of the exceptional items, with particular regard to the courthouse program where such information might be useful to former first lady Laura Bush in her advocacy efforts.

Executive Director Wolfe noted that funds to cover staff salary increases are typically handled by the legislature without reference to any particular agency, so there is no request for such funds in

the THC's LAR. However, it has become very difficult to find qualified applicants for staff vacancies due in large part to the increasing cost of housing in Austin. Chairman Nau requested a one-pager on this subject for his use in meetings with elected officials.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

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Item 15.2
Texas Historical Commission
July Quarterly Meeting
July 25-26, 2022

Consider approval of a new appointment to the Texas Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Board

Background:

The Texas Preservation Trust Fund (TPTF) Advisory Board is an eleven-member board comprised of dedicated Texans with special expertise and interest in historic preservation. In accordance with the Texas Preservation Trust Fund rules and regulations, members of the TPTF Advisory Board shall serve a two-year term expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. Advisory board members may be reappointed. Barry Moore, FAIA, a longstanding member of the board, recently resigned from the Architect (Place 2) position, which now provides an opportunity for a new member to join the board. The Executive Committee and full Commission will consider a new appointment to the board.

The individual being considered for the new appointment is Dohn LaBiche, FAIA, an architect and principal of The LaBiche Architectural Group, Inc., formed in 2000 in Beaumont, Texas. Mr. LaBiche and his firm have been involved in many historic preservation projects including the Jefferson County Courthouse, Tyler County Courthouse, Orange County Courthouse, and Rose Hill Manor, a previous TPTF grant project. In 2021, Mr. LaBiche and firm were recognized with the THC's Award of Excellence in Historic Architecture for the rehabilitation of the City of Galveston's 30th Street Water and Electric Light Pump Station. This project was a labor of love for Mr. LaBiche and has since gone on to win numerous awards from AIA Houston, City of Galveston, and Preservation Texas.

THC staff confirmed with Mr. LaBiche that he is willing to serve on the TPTF Advisory Board if appointed by the Commission. He stated that he is honored and flattered to be considered for such a position.

Recommended motion (Committee):

Move to send forward to the Commission and recommend approval for the appointment of Don LaBiche, Architect (Place 2), to the Texas Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Board.

Recommended motion (Commission):

Move to approve the appointment of Don LaBiche, Architect (Place 2), to the Texas Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Board.

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Item 15.3

Texas Historical Commission
Quarterly Meeting
July 25 & 26, 2022

Review and approve projects requiring private funds in excess of \$50,000 for FY 2023

Background

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas Historical Commission and the Friends of THC projects exceeding \$50,000 requiring funding from the Friends must be approved by a vote of the Commission or by a vote of the Executive Committee of the Commission.

The attached list of projects (*attachment provided for your review*) was developed by the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, with input from, and consultation with, the division directors of each THC division, as well as with final review by the Executive Director of the THC. Upon approval by the Commission, this list of projects requiring private funds in excess of \$50,000 will be approved by the Board of the Friends of the THC at their quarterly board meeting on July 29, 2022.

Suggested Motions

Move to approve projects as presented and to request that the Friends proceed with fundraising.

**FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
PROJECT FUNDING PRIORITIES FY 2023 (FINAL July 08, 2022)**

Notes:					
1. Friends fundraising priorities are categorized into three focus areas - Capital, Education, and Stewardship					
2. Projects marked with a plus sign (+) were approved in previous fiscal years, but have amended (increased) \$ goals.					
2. Projects marked with a minus sign (-) were approved in previous fiscal years, but have amended (decreased) \$ goals.					
Project name	Division	Project Description	Fundraising Goal	FY	Notes
Priority 1					
Mobile App <i>(Education)</i> <i>(new)</i>	Admin	Curate, catalog, and process images for mobile app (2 temps at \$33K per, for 8 months)	\$66,000	2023-2024	Immediate need for temp staff to curate, catalog and process images for the app, to be added following Ph 1 launch. Additional funding for the launch of Phase 1 includes 1 year of maintenance and support, as well as funding for additional refinements of the app before launch. Funding requirements for Phase 2 are being reviewed and will be provided as soon as possible.
		Launch current Phase 1 features of the App	\$60,000	2023-2024	
		Develop and launch Phase 2 features of the app	TBD	2023-2025	
Texas Archeology Stewardship Network <i>(Stewardship)</i>	Archeology	Ongoing training/workshops for the TASN	\$10,000	2023	Still a priority - Archeology Division is expanding the program and exploring ideas for regional workshop; coming up on the 40th anniversary year
Real Places Conference & Awards Banquet <i>(Education)</i> (+)	CHD	Conference underwriting	\$90,000	2023	No commitments as of yet; revising sponsorship program for RP2023
Eisenhower Birthplace <i>(Capital)</i> (-)	HSD	Pedestrian Plaza Capital Improvements - Monument, landscape design, upgrades (Ph I)	\$295,336	2022-2023	Total cost of pedestrian Plaza is \$2.12M. Total fundraising goal for Phase 1 is \$610,336; \$315,000 raised towards this goal; \$295,336 remaining.
Caddo Mounds - Visitor Center Phase II <i>(Capital)</i> (+)	HSD	Construction of Phase II (education building) of the Caddo Mounds SHS visitor center and outdoor educational infrastructure; match for \$2.9 million in state appropriations	\$2,100,000	2023-2024	Numbers included here are for the Education Center building only (as provided by Richter Architects), and do not include support buildings (renovation of the old packing building and site improvements), additional storm protection, as well as archeology (as included in the LAR capital projects list).
Goodnight Ranch - Acquisition <i>(Capital)</i> <i>(new)</i>	HSD	Acquisition of the neighboring property as an addition to Goodnight Ranch SHS	\$480,000	2023-2024	New. FTCH to buy and hold until THC receives statutory authority to spend SGST \$s to acquire from the Friends.
Levi Jordan Plantation Museum <i>(Capital)</i>	HSD	Capital Improvements and interpretation over the next 3-5 years	\$250,000	2022-2024	To begin and complete a full campaign feasibility analysis as recommended by the Friends. Funds expended for this process will be included in the final campaign budget and will be reimbursed to the Friends.
Star of the Republic Museum <i>(capital)</i>	HSD	Construction of the museum	No fundraising by the Friends	??	The fundraising is being coordinated by WOBHF, with the FTCH supporting. FTCH Staying on this project as a consultant, support the WOBHF's campaign.

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Project name	Division	Project Description	Fundraising Goal	FY	Notes
San Jacinto Monument - Museum Addition <i>(Planning) (new)</i>	HSD	Feasibility study	No fundraising by the Friends	2023-2025	Priority 1 project, but TBD about Friends of the THC involvement in the fundraising. On the project as a consultant.
K-12 Education Access Program for Historic Sites <i>(Program) (New)</i>	HSD	The program will provide funding for economically disadvantaged school districts, for transportation and admission for field trips to SHSs	\$100,000	2023-2024	New program. This need has been identified over the years by several HS managers and educators who are currently doing outreach to school districts ahead of the 2021-22 school year. Transportation and admission fees are among the primary hurdles, especially for schools from economically disadvantaged districts, to send students on field trips. MOVED TO PRIORITY 1
Priority 2					
Old Socorro Mission <i>(Capital)</i>	Archeology/HSD	Development plan	\$200,000	2023	Primarily for development and interpretation. Check with JB: Does this tie in with the Capital Construction project for Old Socorro, and does the FTHC need to be in that loop?
The 1554 Shipwrecks at 50 - the Archeology of North America's Oldest Excavated Shipwrecks	Archeology	Raise research funding for new archeological research on 1554 shipwrecks and salvage camps, including re-release of previous publications as digital files in English <i>and translated into Spanish.</i>	\$50,000 - \$100,000	2023-2025	NEW PROJECT; Note from BJ: THC has been partnering with NPS the past year to do work on the island and offshore, and with the exception of our staff time, NPS has provided all the funding. They have asked if we could start helping support the project if we want to continue. It is a good project, but we'd be hard pressed without outside funding. This would involve raising money to assist in supporting the offshore research and investigation of the onshore salvage camps. It could also be raised to support educational efforts, but I would particularly like to see the existing publications re-released by THC as digital resources (we already have them, but we need to do some marketing) with Spanish translation versions.
Archeological Stewards and Staff Research Fund <i>(Program)</i>	Archeology	A grant program for Stewards to support on-site research	\$20,000	2023-2024	Provide grant funding to TASN stewards for on-site research, like chronometric dating, or materials analysis. Also provide additional funding for regional review staff for research.
Courthouse Stewardship Program. <i>(Stewardship)</i>	Architecture	Two regional and one statewide workshop	\$20,000	2023	Request approved. Funds will be received in FY 2023.
First Lady's Tour <i>(Education) (+)</i>	CHD	Main Street Tour	\$30,000	2023	Traditionally funded primarily by IBAT.

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Project name	Division	Project Description	Fundraising Goal	FY	Notes
Historic Sites Virtual Learning Portal, Phase II <i>(Education)(new)</i>	HSD	Continue to build on Phase I, which was supported by the IMLS Cares Act grant	\$1,000,000	2023-2025	NEW. TO build on the IMLS funded virtual learning portal.
Collections Care Project <i>(Program)</i>	HSD	Expand emergency response and salvage capabilities at all regional collections repositories for THC, and institute environmental & condition monitoring for all collections stored at THC HS and THC Curatorial Facility for Artifact Research. Includes software, equipment, and remote monitoring.	\$250,000	2023-2024	Working with Jamie Ross on identifying potential federal funding sources for this project.
THC Digital Archives <i>(Education & Stewardship)</i>	THC	A complete management system (software license and server/cloud storage) to digitize all THC-owned images, videos, oral histories, designation application files, permit files, legal documents such as funding agreements and easements, completion reports, historic structure reports, and construction documents to be shared between THC divisions.	\$500,000	TBD	This has been identified as a priority by multiple divisions. Mark and Amy's input required to define scope, identify requirements, archival standards, etc.
Priority 3					
Cemetery Support Fund <i>(Program) (new)</i>	Archeology/HPD	Grant program to assist private landowners with preservation of prehistoric and abandoned or lost cemeteries.	??	2023-2024	To fund a grant program to assist private landowners with preservation efforts for prehistoric & abandoned or lost cemeteries, including recording, protecting and possibly for exhumation. The changes to the Health and Safety Code has created tension between landowners and their interest groups & archeologists, and developing a program that could provide resources might be a way to mitigate the anxiety and lack of trust.

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Project name	Division	Project Description	Fundraising Goal	FY	Notes
Texas Music History Trail <i>(new)</i>	CHD	Visioning/Planning to develop the full scope of the Texas Music History Trail Program, and to identify long term resource needs. Initial funding will provided for professional planning expertise.	\$10,000	2023	The 85th legislature, by passing H.B. 2079 authored by Rep. Todd Hunter, calls for the Texas Historical Commission to develop a Texas Music History Trail program to promote tourism related to the musical heritage of the state. The THC is working with the Texas Music Office of the Office of the Governor, the Center for Texas Music History at Texas State, and Texas Folklife to bring together musicians, scholars, and experts to realize this project.
THC Education Program <i>(Program) (new)</i>	HPD	A comprehensive Education Program that provides funding for K-12, post-secondary, and professional development programs.	\$30,000	2023-2024	\$10,000 for Youth Education (virtual summer camps and content development); \$10,000 for 3rd party e-learning platform for K-12 education & professional development; and \$10,000 for Museum Services Webinars program. Some funding for these initiatives will be available from the THC Education Fund (distributions from the Texas Heroes Endowment).
Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery <i>(Capital)</i>	HSD	Architectural restoration; stabilization of the ruins; interpretive masterplan for the ruins	\$560,000	2023-2025	This number includes \$485K for restoration, stabilization, etc., and \$75K for the interpretive masterplan.
		Pavilion at the site	TBD		Cost of the pavilion is not included in the LAR capital projects list. Actual numbers will be updated once the a design concept is in place The Friends will work with Friends of Kreische Brewery on the fundraising for the pavilion.
Digital Collections Archives <i>(Education)</i>	HSD	Expanding capabilities of the existing Digital Collections Database to enable all collections to be digitally inventoried, and collection information made "web ready". Cost: part time staff, equipment, software, ops costs, etc. Focused primarily on archeological sites.	\$225,000	2023-2024	Potentially submitting a NPS request for this project (confirm project budget with Jamie Ross)
Sam Bell Maxey House <i>(planning)</i>	HSD	Cultural Landscape Plan and implementation	\$75,000	2023-2025	
Ft. Griffin - Longhorn Herd <i>(Capital)</i>	HSD	Land/easement acquisition (~2,000 acres) for effective management of the THC longhorn herd at Ft. Griffin	\$11,000,000	TBD	Address herd needs with consolidation. Amount increased.

**FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
PROJECT FUNDING PRIORITIES FY 2023 (FINAL July 08, 2022)**

Project name	Division	Project Description	Fundraising Goal	FY	Notes
Friends Fundraising - PRIORITY 1					
Preservation Scholars Program (<i>Education</i>)	Friends - Restricted	Stipend for at least four interns for FY 2023	\$22,000	2023	Per FTHC 2023 Draft Budget
Friends Unrestricted Fundraising (<i>Gen Operating</i>)	Friends - Unrestricted	Unrestricted \$s from the Spirit of Texas program.	\$45,000	2023	Per FTHC 2023 Draft Budget
FTHC Fundraiser/Unrestricted fundraising from foundations & Corporations (<i>Gen Operating</i>)	Friends - Unrestricted	Unrestricted funds	\$25,000	2023	Per FTHC 2023 Draft Budget
Development Seminars (<i>Education</i>)	Friends - Unrestricted	One annual seminar at RP, and one field seminar hosted at a historic site, and multiple virtual seminars offered	\$3,500	2023	Per FTHC 2023 Draft Budget

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Item 15.4
Texas Historical Commission
Quarterly Meeting
July 25 & 26, 2022

Confirm re-appointments and new appointment to Board of Trustees of the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission

Background:

The Friends of the Texas Historical Commission (Friends) is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to supporting the historic preservation programs of the THC. The Friends was formed in 1996 to assist the THC in the protection, preservation, and promotion of the state's rich heritage, and in educating Texas citizens about their shared legacy. Through the Friends, the THC has raised more than \$15 million to support programs such as the *La Belle* Shipwreck Project, the Red River War Battle Sites Project, the excavation of La Salle's Fort St. Louis, the Texas in World War II Initiative, the THC Diversity Internships, the Texas Civil War Monuments Fund, and most recently the San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site Museum. A board of trustees, including the executive director of the Texas Historical Commission, oversees the Friends.

Trustees are appointed for three-year terms and are selected to provide preservation, operational and investment advice to the organization and to ensure that the activities of the organization support the preservation efforts of the THC.

In order to facilitate a close working relationship, the Commission appoints at least one more than half of the Trustees who serve as "Commission-appointed Trustees". The Friends board appoints the remaining trustees as "Corporate Trustees". The current Board of Trustees includes twelve (12) Commission appointees, and nine (9) Corporate appointees. Please see the attached "*Trustees Term of Service FY 2023-2025*".

Suggested Motion

Move to confirm the **re-appointment** of **Jane Barnhill, Lareatha Clay, Bonnie McKee, and Welcome Wilson Jr.** as Commission Trustees of the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission for another three-year term (FY 2023-2025), beginning on September 1, 2022 and ending on August 31, 2025, and confirm the **new appointment** of **Joe Thrash** as a Commission Trustee of the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission for a three-year term (FY 2023-2025) beginning September 1, 2022 and ending on August 31, 2025.

CLASS III (September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2025)

Jane Cook Barnhill (re-appointment)
Lareatha Clay (re-appointment)
Bonnie McKee (re-appointment)
Joe Thrash (new appointment – bio attached)
Welcome Wilson Jr. (re-appointment)

JOE THRASH, Attorney, Austin

Joe Thrash is a native Texan, born in Beaumont, raised in Houston, and a resident of Austin since 1968. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in government. After two years in the United States Army, he attended and graduated from the University of Texas School of Law.

Following law school, Joe worked for agencies of the State of Texas for 42 years, including the Comptroller of Public Accounts, Lieutenant Governor's Office, the Governor's Office, and, for the last 21 years of his career, with the Office of the Attorney General.

As an Assistant Attorney General, Joe represented a number of state agencies, including the Texas Historical Commission, in both general counsel and litigation roles. He retired from the state in 2016. Since retiring, he has volunteered with Foundation Communities and is Treasurer of the AFSCME Retired State Employees Union. Mr. Thrash is married to Kay Trostle and has two grown daughters.



**Trustee Terms of Service
FY 2023-2025
(September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2025)**

Class I (Term Expires August 31, 2023)

Aaron Dorfner – Corporate
Sarah Zenaida Gould – Corporate
Francisco Guajardo – Corporate
Sarita Armstrong Hixon – Commission
Harriet Latimer – Commission
Jessica Rule – Corporate
Dianne Duncan Tucker – Commission

Class II (Term Expires August 31, 2024)

Donna Carter – Commission
Sehila Mota Casper – Commission
Rowena Houghton Dasch – Corporate
Courtney Read Hoffman – Commission
John Mayfield – Corporate
Wes Reeves – Commission
Sally Anne Schmidt – Corporate
Brian Shivers – Commission

Class III (Term Expires August 31, 2025)

Jane Cook Barnhill – Commission
Lareatha Clay – Commission
Terry Colley – Corporate
Michael Hurd – Corporate
Bonnie McKee – Commission
Welcome Wilson, Jr. – Commission

THC Commission Liaisons

Monica P. Burdette
John W. Crain
John L. Nau, III

Advisory Board

Killis Almond	Joan McLeod
Diane Bumpas	Robert Oliver
Harold Courson	MariBen Ramsey
Mary Stripling Duncan	Gay Ratliff
Stuart Gleichenhaus	
Albert "Boo" Hausser	

Lynn McBee

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

LAR
Texas Historical Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
July 25, 2022

Discussion and possible action regarding the Legislative Appropriations Request for the 2024-2025 biennium

Background:

The Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) for the 2024-25 biennium is the agency's budget request to the Texas Legislature and is due to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) on approximately August 5, 2022. A due date is expected from the LBB in June 2022.

The LAR contains the actual expenditures from the previous year (2021), the estimated expenditures from the current year (2022), budgeted expenditures for the coming year (2023), and the requested budget for the coming biennium (FY 2024-2025). Agencies, including THC, are also able to request additional funding for agency initiatives, known as exceptional items.

Suggested Motion:

Move to approve the Legislative Appropriations Request for FY 2024-25. Any final adjustments necessary before submission of the LAR to the Legislature may be made by the Executive Director with the approval of the Chairman.

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM AND FTE REQUEST SUMMARY

Priority	EXCEPTIONAL ITEM	PROGRAM/FUNCTION	FY24-25 TOTAL COST	RUNNING TOTAL
1	San Jacinto Capital Construction	Historic Sites	\$ 89,000,000	\$ 89,000,000
2	USS Texas Battleship Site Restoration	Historic Sites	\$ 15,000,000	\$104,000,000
3	Vehicle Replacement	All	\$ 1,966,983	\$105,966,983
4	Computer Replacement	All	\$ 425,804	\$106,392,787
5	FTE Request	All	\$ 1,280,000	\$107,672,787
6	Austin Campus -Deferred Maintenance	All Non-Historic Sites	\$ 327,000	\$107,999,787
7	Magoffin Home - Structural Integrity Repairs	Historic Sites	\$ 4,144,000	\$112,143,787
8	Varner-Hogg Plantation House Stabilization	Historic Sites	\$ 825,000	\$112,968,787
9	Historic Sites Deferred Maintenance	Historic Sites	\$ 2,875,000	\$115,843,787
10	Courthouse Grant Funding	Courthouse	\$ 45,000,000	\$160,843,787
11	Levi Jordan Plantation Capital Construction (Amt. Tentative)	Historic Sites	\$ 5,000,000	\$165,843,787
12	Heritage Tourism Publication Re-prints	Community Heritage	\$ 522,240	\$166,366,027
13	NMPW (Bush Gallery)	Historic Sites - Nimitz	\$ 7,500,000	\$173,866,027
14	Eisenhower - Visitor Center - Renovation & Addition	Historic Sites	\$ 3,401,000	\$177,267,027
15	Kreische Brewery - Visitor Center (New)	Historic Sites	\$ 4,300,000	\$181,567,027