

# TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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## AGENDA

Renaissance Austin Hotel  
9721 Arboretum Blvd.  
Bluebonnet Room  
Austin, TX 78759  
April 8, 2026  
9:00 a.m.

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*This meeting of the Texas Historical Commission 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.*

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*Members of the public may provide public comments in person concerning any matter within the authority of the Commission by registering at the meeting location on April 8, 2026.*

*\*NOTE: The THC may go into executive session (close its meeting to the public) on any agenda item if appropriate and authorized by TGC, Ch. 551.*

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### **1. Call to Order and Introductions – Chairman Nau**

- 1.1 Welcome
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
  - A. United States
  - B. Texas
- 1.3 Commissioner introductions
- 1.4 Establish quorum
- 1.5 Recognize and/or excuse absences

### **2. Public comment**

Members of the public may address the Commission concerning any matter within the authority of the Commission. The Chairman may limit the length of time available to each individual.

*\*The Commission will meet concurrently with the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB)*

### **3. Presentations**

- 3.2 Friends of the Governor's Mansion Annual Report– *Erika Herndon, Administrator, TxFGM*
- 3.3 Update on the Alamo Plan – *Alamo Trust, Inc.*
- 3.4 Update on Iwo Jima – *Patrick Gallagher*

*\* The AAB will adjourn, and the Commission will proceed with its regular business meeting*

### **4 Executive Director's Report – Joseph Bell**

- 4.2 Staff introductions
- 4.3 Report on activities of THC Executive Director

### **5. Chairman's Report – Chairman Nau**

- 5.2 Report on the ongoing projects and operations of the Commission

**6. Legal matters** – *Kristen Worman, General Counsel*

6.2 Report from and/or conference with legal counsel on ongoing and/or pending legal matters

**7. Friends of the THC** – *Anjali Zutshi, E.D., Friends of THC*

**8. Texas Holocaust, Genocide & Anti-Semitism Advisory Commission (THGAAC)**

8.2 Advisory Commission Report – Report on items considered at the Advisory Commission quarterly meeting held on March 4, 2026, and activity update– *Kenneth Goldberg, Chair & Joy Nathan, E.D., THGAAC*

**9. Consent Items** – The Commission may approve agenda items 9.1 – 9.9 by a majority vote on a single motion. Any commissioner may request that an item be pulled from this consent agenda for consideration as a separate item.

9.2 Consider approval of January 30, 2026, meeting minutes

9.3 Certification of Historic Texas Cemetery Designations:

Bula Cemetery; Pinchback-Obenchain Cemetery; Justin Cemetery; Westhoff Milagro Cemetery; Fannin Memorial Garden Cemetery; Pleasant Hill Cemetery; Athens Church Cemetery; Long Ridge Cemetery; Mission Catholic Cemetery; San Jose Cemetery; Bruceville Moore Cemetery; Bueno Vista Cemetery; Arlington Cemetery; Old Georgetown Cemetery

9.4 Consider approval of text for Official Texas Historical Markers

9.5 Consider approval of 2nd permit extension for 5 years for archeology permit #8920 for the St. John's Seminary Investigation, Bexar County, Texas, Sarah Wigley PI.

9.6 Consider approval of proposed rule review to the Texas Administrative Code for first publication in the *Texas Register*:

A. Chapter 12, related to the Texas Courthouse Preservation Program

B. Chapter 13, related to the Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program

C. Chapter 15.3, related to State Board of Review

D. Chapter 21, Subchapter B related to historical markers

E. Chapter 21, Subchapter E related to historic roads and highways

F. Chapter 24, related to restricted cultural resource information

G. Chapter 25, related to state archeological program

9.7 Consider re-adoption of rules to the Texas Administrative Code in the *Texas Register*

A. Consider re-adoption of Texas Administrative Code, Title 13, Part 2, Chapter 20, related to awards.

B. Consider re-adoption of Texas Administrative Code, Title 13, Part 2, Chapter 29 of the related to management and care of artifacts and collections.

9.8 Consider approval of amendment with Chanin Engineering for Professional Engineering Services at Palmito Ranch Battlefield State Historic Site.

9.9 Consider acceptance of donations / gifts-in-kind

**10. Agency Services & Communications** – *Vice-Chair Donnelly*

**11. Archeology** – *Commissioner Hinder*

**12. Architecture** – *Commissioner Limbacher*

12.2 Consider award of supplemental funding through the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program to Emergency Grant for the Washington County Courthouse

**13. Community Heritage Development – Commissioner Peterson**

- 13.2 A. Consider Approval of the Application Ranking and Funding Recommendations for the FY 2026 Certified Local Government Grants
- B. Consider Approval of the Allocation Plan for Remaining FY2024 and FY2025 Grant Funds

**14. Historic Sites – Commissioner Crain**

- 14.2 Consider approval of The Captain James Asbury Tait Chapter of the US Daughters of 1812 to place a permanent monument at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site
- 14.3 Consider approval of Themes and Subthemes in the Presidio La Bahía State Historic Site Interpretive Master plan
- 14.4 Consider approval of Contract Number 808-25-252870 to purchase a parcel of land, Socorro, TX

**15. History Programs – Commissioner Garcia**

**16. Executive – Chairman Nau**

- 16.2 Consider approval of the recommended funding of the highest scoring applications for the THGAAC Education Grant.
- 16.3 Consider approval of appointments to the Antiquities Advisory Board
- 16.4 Consider approval of recommendations for 2025 Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation
- 16.5 Consider approval of the Historic Infrastructure Sustainability Trust Fund reallocation for the acquisition of a 79.5-acre property in Goliad County and Mary Ann Goodnight Ranch State Historic Site statue, landscaping, and visitor center project
- 16.6 Consider approval of the recommended opening of a THGAAC education grant cycle

**17. Adjourn**

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