

Historic Preservation Board
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2025. 10 a.m.

Attendance: Board Members: Joi Cuartero-Austin, Jessica Ballard-Lawrence, Elizabeth Ann Blasius, Jacob Kane Friefeld, Devin Hunter, Robin A, Jones, Jeff Nevins, Don Edwards-Patton; **Illinois State Museum Staff:** Jennifer Edginton; **Illinois Department of Natural Resources Staff:** Joshua Daniels, George Sisk.

1. **Welcome**
 - a. Jeff Nevins started the meeting at 10:00 am.
2. **Roll Call**
 - a. Jeff Nevins called the roll, and all members were present with the addition of George Sisk, Jennifer Edginton, and Joshua Daniels.
3. **New Business:**
 - a. **Historic Preservation Board:**
 - i. **Purpose and Goals:**
 1. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, for the administration and execution of the powers granted under this act. All rules that are authorized to be adopted under this Act shall be adopted after the consultation with and written approval by the department.
 2. The board shall list, delist, create specific list designations, create designation definitions, create property assessment criteria, or change the listing designation of State Historic Site. Such actions shall be undertaken by administrative rule. The listing, delisting, creation of specific list designation by the board shall only be done with the written approval of the Director of Natural Resources. When listing, delisting, or making a change of listing designation, the board shall consider, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. The budgetary impact on the full historic site portfolio when taking such action.
 - b. If the action includes the stories of historically excluded and marginalized people.
 - c. The geographic balance of the portfolio.
 - d. Disability access.
 - e. Opportunity to coordinate with federal historic designations or federal funding opportunities.
 - f. Any other criteria that have been set out in administrative rule.
 3. The board shall advise the Department on Methods of assistance, protection, conservation, and management of State Historic Sites, which are all subject to Department approval

and available appropriations to implement those recommendations.

b. Method of Election of Officers.

- i. Chairperson shall be appointed by the governor.
- ii. Other titles will be voted on by the board as to what other titles are necessary, their role and responsibility, and how the voting process will be done.

4. State Historic Sites

a. History

- i. Historic Sites started under the Department of Conservation
- ii. With the addition of the ALPLM, Historic Sites and SHPO all three became the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.
- iii. In 2017 IHPA was abolished and the ALPLM went out on its own and Historic site and SHPO were moved to IDNR Management. Historic Site were places under The Office of Land Management.
- iv. As of July 1st, 2025, Historic Sites was moved from the Office of Land Management and moved to the Management by the Illinois State Museum.

b. Management under IDNR

- i. Historic Sites was place in the Office of Land Management because some of the sites have camping, hunting, and fishing. So, it seemed reasonable for sites to be placed with State Parks and Recreational Areas with those previously list similarities.

c. Funding

d. Current Status

5. Public Comment:

- a. George Sisk asked if there were any comments or questions from the public to one of the board members.
 - i. There was no response as there were no other parties present for this meeting.

6. Adjournment

- a. Jeff Nevins took a vote to adjourn the meeting. All members of the board agreed by sating "I".
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 am.