



CULTURAL PROPERTIES REVIEW COMMITTEE

New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs
Historic Preservation Division
Cultural Properties Review Committee
Regular Committee Meeting
HPD Conference Room, Santa Fe, NM
Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom
Friday, February 13, 2026
1:00PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mr. Toya called the Cultural Properties Review Committee to order at 1:03pm.

Chair Mr. Toya stated that the CPRC is both a policy-making and advisory board. It was established under the 1969 Cultural Properties Act. We serve as a professional board charged with identifying and advising on the protection of the state's cultural properties. CPRC meetings are run by parliamentary procedure. Any action taken by the committee during this meeting will be done by roll call vote. An added dimension of meeting virtually both in person and virtually, I'm asking for your patience as we follow these procedures in this hybrid setting. And finally, discussion on any agenda item may be suspended, and no committee action will be taken in the event there is an interruption in the audio and or video, which impacts our ability to move forward. And we will only resume when the issue is resolved. Let the record show that we have several guests here today. We will get to all the guests as we get to your portion of the agenda, unless there's someone that needs to be recognized at this time. With no response we will now call the roll and see if we have a quorum. Ms. Rubio.

Ms. Irene Rubio took the roll call, and it was determined that a **quorum was present**.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ronald Toya (Chair)
Ms. Tina Reames

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Dr. Kelly Jenks (Vice Chair)	Dr. Hanna Mattson
Dr. Audra Bellmore (Secretary)	Mr. Francico Uviña
Mr. Rob Martinez	Mr. Garron Yepa
Dr. Matthew Bandy	

HPD STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON:

Michelle Ensey, State Historic Preservation Officer
Jessica Badner, Archaeological Review/ Permitting Program/SiteWatch Coordinator
Steven Moffson, Historian / State and National Register Coordinator / Architectural Review
Irene Rubio, Senior Business Operations Analyst

HPD STAFF PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Cortney Wands, State Archaeologist, Archaeological Review
Gretchen Brock, Historian / Architectural Review

OTHER PRESENT IN PERSON:

Zach Shandler, Department of Justice	Ron Winters, Archaeologist
Joseph C. Garcia, Santo Domingo THPO	

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Stephen Hamway, DCA, Public Relations Specialist	Maria Hronicich-Conner
Elena Kervitsky	Mark Williams (KLJ)
Gordon Jarrel	Piper Lincoln Sanchez
Leif M	Travis
Lynn Perls	
Marcelina Gallegos	

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Ms. Reames made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Member Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

a. December 5, 2025

Member Dr. Mattson made a motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2025, as written. Member Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Mr. Toya updated the CPRC with the following information:

Mr. Toya stated he made a couple of trips to the legislature, mostly looking at the finance issues coming up for anything that would impact our budget and operations. The Cabinet Secretary has been very supportive of the Restoration Fund and there were good comments in the legislature about that. Mr. Toya, Michelle and the Governor's office worked on bringing on our new member Tina Reames, welcome to the CPRC and thank you for joining us. And, except for minor administrative issues, that is the end of my report.

5. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT

SHPO Michelle Ensey provided the CPRC with the following information:

We have a New HPD staff member as well as a new CPRC member. Ms. Ensey introduced Cash Ficke as HPD new archaeological reviewer. He joined the team on December 20th and he is a native to Lincoln, New Mexico. Mr. Ficke received his MA at Eastern New Mexico University. Prior to joining HPD he worked for various private sector archaeological firms.

On Legislative matters we are entering the final third day of the session and there are a couple of bills that we are tracking. HB 184 this incorporates amendments that basically clarify the language regarding investment and distributions of funds. It doesn't change the percentage that would be allocated to the department for the Cultural Properties Restoration Fund, but the other important thing that it does is extend the term to expend the funds from 2 years to 3 years, and so this is a really big change for us. It is hard to get all the applications in, and the agreements signed for the project to start. All agencies that have the funding from the Investment and Conservation and Legacy Fund have the same issues. HB 288 and its companion bill SB 230 will make an appropriation of \$450,000 to the Department of Cultural Affairs for the Women's Marker Program for fiscal years 2026 to 2029. So, we will be monitoring that as well.

Staffing Updates- There will hopefully be another new addition to HPD staff by the April CPRC meeting. Karla McWilliam, Gretchen Brock and I have been interviewing candidates for our vacant Historian position. This is the position that Karla previously held before her promotion to Deputy SHPO. We will conclude interviews next week.

Richele Lake, an archaeologist at our Archaeological Records Management Section, is retiring at the end of this month. Richele has worked for the division at ARMS for 18 years. I will be following up with the Secretary's office about filling Richele's position, along with our other vacant archaeological review position after the legislative session is over.

Last year's anxiety over our federal funding dissipated. Congress, on January 23, 2026, passed FY26 Historic Preservation Funding as part of the Interior Appropriations Act. Currently, there is no timeline for the release of the Notice of Funding Opportunity; however, a 30–60-day window following enactment of the legislation is typical. If that's the case, we'll probably get our notice of funding earlier than we usually do. In addition, revenue generated by NMCRIS has been increasing over the last several years. Through the first half of FY26, user fees are on pace to increase 10 – 15% above FY25, which was a record high of \$480,000.

And then finally, over the last few meetings, I have provided regular updates about our Public Portal, which is our newest upgrade to NMCRIS. Through the public portal, we will have the permit applications, tax credits applications, project reviews, register nominations, anything needing review by HPD to be submitted to the Public Portal. What we're hoping is those will all be submitted to the public portal, and an automated email confirming receipt along with our HPD log number will be sent to the submitter and all communication will take place within the portal to reduce staff emails.

The Public Portal went live last Friday but we decided to do a soft rollout. So far, we have only received about a half a dozen submissions from Natural Resource Conservation Service. I expect this to increase significantly as soon as we update our website and provide this information to our state and federal partners.

6. STATE REGISTER MATTERS

a. Carl and Lulu Hopping House, (Bernalillo County)

Mr. Steven Moffson updated the CPRC on the Carl and Lulu Hopping House with the following.

The Carl and Lulu Hopping House is located in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County. The pyramidal roof cottage with four-equal-sized rooms was popular nationwide, but few were built in Albuquerque. Lulu Hopping purchased the property in 1901 for \$325.00. The next year, she built the pyramidal cottage. Her husband, Carl, operated the "Abq Novelty Works at 617 South Edith." He also operated a "bike shop." As many as seven Hopping family members resided within two blocks of Carl and Lulu. The house is one story and built of brick with a sheet metal roof. Since 2007, the current owners have undertaken a significant rehabilitation of the property. They repaired the foundation, rebuilt the deteriorated porch, and reclad the roof. Interior work is mostly limited to replacement of missing elements, such as window hardware and wainscots. The floor plan has four roughly square-shaped rooms that include the entry-slash-dining room, a parlor, a bedroom, and a kitchen. The square plan is essential to the pyramidal cottage house type.

The Carl and Lulu Hopping House is significant under National Register Criterion C - at the local level in the area of architecture because it is an excellent example of the pyramidal cottage house type, which is defined by a square-shaped house covered with a tall pyramidal roof. Common throughout the state in the early 20th century, few remain today.

This nomination was sponsored by property owners who prepared the nomination materials.

Guest Gordon Jarrell is the property owner and stated that it was a pleasure working with Steve Moffson. He acknowledged that they have lived there since 2007 and was unaware they would qualify for the National Register. He commented they bought the house for around 200 thousand and spent approximately that much restoring it. The history of the house supports the neighborhood in that the Hopping family was closely associated with the Albuquerque Foundry and Machine Works which is 2 blocks away and from 1920 to 1995 the house was occupied by a family of Hungarian immigrants. The father and son both worked as machinists at the Albuquerque Rail Yard in the machine shop. Before they were here there was an Atwood family from Kentucky and the head of the household Elmer Bug Atwood was the recording secretary for the Baptist Convention of New Mexico. He had two sons. One of them grew up to be a very notable aeronautical engineer by the name of Lee Atwood who was a chief executive of North American Airlines which became Boeing and instrumental in the formation of Rockwell and in the development of several very famous aircrafts. He was also one of the main contractors to the tune of about \$4 billion in US money on the Apollo moon landing. He was on the cover of Newsweek in 1964. So, I think we have a lot of history in this house. The house is almost perfectly original. Our restoration philosophy has been to keep at it as it was originally, and that's what we did. We didn't let our tastes interfere with it and the footprint has remained the same. Mr. Jarrell thanked everyone for their consideration on this nomination.

Member Dr. Bandy made a **motion to approve and list Carl and Lulu Hopping House, on the State Register of Cultural Properties and to forward it to the keeper of the National Register.** Member Ms. Reames **seconded the motion.** The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval.**

This concludes State Register Matters.

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

a. Heritage Preservation Awards

SHPO Michelle Ensey advised the committee that we are behind on organizing the final details. She will send out an email with possible dates for the ceremony. We are working on a venue where we can have the award ceremony and reception and have a few possible locations. If anyone from the CPRC has any suggestions let Michelle or Irene know. The Chair suggested in Albuquerque since most of the members are in in that area and they could possibly get together for a dinner after the program. Ms. Ensey also requested that if anyone from the CPRC knows of anyone they would want to nominate for an award to please let her know as well. Member Ms. Reames commented that she has a few places that may work and will reach out to see if they are available in May. We will do some leg work before our next meeting and nail down the date and location by then.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE MATTERS

Cultural Properties Restoration Fund

a. Funding Updates

SHPO Michelle Ensey updated the CPRC with the two rounds of funding for the Cultural Properties Restoration Fund:

The 9 projects selected for this fiscal year are in various stages of completion. The funding for the National Hispanic Culture Center's preservation plan has been transferred. Although the agreements haven't been completed for all the other projects,

we don't seem to have the same problems that we had last year with getting the agreements signed on the state's side. The issues we have had are with the entities receiving the grant. This year, it's really with the entities that are receiving the grant, so there's a lot of holdups with the various cities. I can provide more detailed status on each grant if anyone would like the summary that Karla put together.

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, we will have \$1,545,000 to grant. I'll work with the CPRF subcommittee to determine if we should increase the cap to the maximum grant amount, which is currently \$250,000. We may also want to increase the minimum grant amount from \$5,000. I will follow up with the email next week with all of this and make some decisions right away. We need to get this up on our website, and an announcement out, so we can start receiving some applications. I'm also currently working on updating the grants manual so that we can put an announcement on our webpage. The webpage text also must be updated.

The Chair Mr. Toya summarized the process. Some of you know when the application is submitted, it has a time frame of 1 year, but when they submit it, it takes about 6 months before they get the funds at the earliest, so they're already 6 months behind. So, sometimes the budgets are outdated, the timeframes are outdated, they must be looked at. So, when it comes time for an activity report, or a final report, things get delayed, and so those types of administrative problems fall onto HPD in the management of those grants. The first round HPD was able to handle the workload. Second round, it's a little bit more, but it's still workable. But now we're going to have a third round, and so when you have an archaeologist, a historian and other staff working on the grants it's an added duty to their work. It does take some time away from their professional work, so that's something that we're going to have to talk about, and right now it's manageable, but we'll have to see how much longer it can do that, because the administrative part of these will eat you up. We will all be working to formalize this process.

Tax Credits Projects:

Member Mr. Uviña acknowledged Mr. Chair and members of the CPRC and advised that on Monday, February 2, 2026, the Architectural Subcommittee reviewed and discussed the applications for the State Income Tax Credit for Preservation of Cultural Property. After reviewing that material and the Tax Credit Memorandum, I would like to make the following motions:

- a. State Income Tax Credit Projects – **Part 1 Amendment Applications:**
 - i. 303 Twelfth Street NW, Albuquerque

Member Mr. Uviña **motioned to approve the Part 1 Amendment Application for 303 Twelfth Street NW, Albuquerque as submitted.** Member Dr. Bellmore **seconded the motion.** The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, is there anyone opposed to this motion? Hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval.**

- b. State Income Tax Credit Projects – **Part 1 Applications:**
 - i. 6 Link Street NW, Albuquerque

Member Mr. Uviña **motioned to approve the Part 1 application for 6 Link Street NW, Albuquerque,** with the following conditions:

- Any expenses for the roofing on the shared, detached garage pertaining to the other owner's portion of the building are ineligible for credit and are to be separated out as such in the Part 2 application.
- The following information is to be provided to staff prior to commencing work:
 - How the new roofing will be terminated on the applicant's half of the roof
 - How the canal is to be treated
 - What the exact cause of the leaking was determined to be
 - How flashing will be applied around any openings
 - How the new roof will be installed to ensure proper drainage
- Additional photos of the damaged interior areas to be repaired are to be keyed to a floorplan and provided to staff for review prior to commencing work.
- In-kind replacement of carpet in the stairwell is eligible for credit should a final estimate be provided to staff for review prior to commencing work.

Member Dr. Bellmore **seconded the motion.** The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, is there anyone opposed to this motion? Hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval.**

- c. State Income Tax Credit Projects – **Part 2 Application:**
 - i. 404 Amherst Drive NE, Albuquerque
 - ii. 18 Berm Street NW, Albuquerque
 - iii. 311 Bishop's Lodge Road, Santa Fe
 - iv. 1535 Columbia Drive NE, Albuquerque
 - v. 1 Pool Street NW, Albuquerque
 - vi. 1602 Sigma Chi Road NE, Albuquerque
 - vii. 303 Twelfth Street NW Albuquerque

Member Mr. Uviña motioned to approve the **Part 2 applications for the following seven properties for the stated eligible expenses and tax credits:**

Addresses	Eligible Expenses	50% Tax Credits
404 Amherst Drive NE, Albuquerque	\$9,686.25	\$4,787.84
18 Berm Street NW, Albuquerque	\$25,550.14	\$12,775.07
311 Bishops Lodge Road, Santa Fe	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00
1535 Columbia Drive NE, Albuquerque	\$39,986.88	\$19,993.44
1 Pool Street NW Albuquerque	\$40,945.93	\$20,472.97
1602 Sigma Chi Road, NE, Albuquerque	\$31,527.58	\$15,763.79
303 Twelfth Street, NW, Albuquerque	\$1,582.09	\$791.05

Member Dr. Bellmore **seconded the motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, is there anyone opposed to this motion? Hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

This concludes with tax credit matters.

9. PERMIT MATTERS

Member Dr. Bellmore advised the committee that the Architectural Subcommittee met on Monday, February 2, 2026, to review the applications for the SHPO Directory.

- a. Applicants for Listing in the SHPO Directory under **Historic Architecture**:
 - i. Tina Reames

Member Dr. Bellmore **motioned that Tina Reames be listed in the SHPO Directory under the category of Historic Architecture**. Member Dr. Bellmore **seconded the motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**. **Let the record show that Tina Reames abstained from voting**.

That concludes, matters of the Architectural Subcommittee.

Member Dr. Bandy stated the Archaeology Subcommittee met this morning to discuss archaeology permit matters, and a result of our deliberations we would like to put forward the following recommendations:

- b. Applicants for Listing in the SHPO Directory under **Supervisory Archaeologist/Crew Chief**:
 - i. Patrick Harjo
 - ii. Kegan Roady
 - iii. Sebastian Schipman

Member Dr. Bandy **motioned that Patrick Harjo, Keegan Rohde, and Sebastian Shipman be listed in the SHPO Directory under the category of Supervisory Archeologist/Crew Chief**. Member Dr. Jenks **seconded the motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, is there anyone opposed to this motion? Hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

- c. Applicants for listing in the SHPO Directory **under Principal Investigator**:
 - i. Travis Kern
 - ii. Katherine Tipton

Member Dr. Bandy **motioned that Travis Kern and Catherine Tipton not be listed in the SHPO directory under Principal Investigator**. Member Dr. Jenks **seconded the motion**. The Chair inquired if there was any further discussion, Dr. Mattson asked if an explanation is needed. The Chair commented that if the subcommittee or the applicant brings it forward we can discuss it formally. A letter goes to the applicant. Unless the CPRC Committee wants to hear why they are denied. The CPRC agreed that the subcommittee will work directly with the applicants. Not hearing any further discussion, is there anyone opposed to this motion? Hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

- d. Applicants for listing in the SHPO Directory under **Supervisory Archaeologist or Principal Investigator**:
 - i. Jason Chambers

Member Dr. Bandy **motioned that Jason Chambers not be listed in the SHPO Directory under the category of Supervisory Archeologist or Principal Investigator**. Member Dr. Jenks **seconded the motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, is there anyone opposed to this motion? Hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

- e. Applications for Listing in the SHPO Directory under **Human Burial**:
 - i. Shelby Mageson
 - ii. Joshua Vallejos

Member Dr. Bandy **motioned that Shelby Mageson and Joshua Vallejos be listed in the SHPO Directory under the category of Human Burial.** Member Dr. Jenks **seconded the motion.** The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, is there anyone opposed to this motion? Hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval.**

- f. Applications for a **3-year 2026-2028 General Investigation Permit**:
 - i. KLJ Engineering
 - ii. PNM

Member Dr. Bandy **motioned that KLJ Engineering and PNM receive their permits under the category of a 3-year 2026-2028 General Investigation Permit.** Member Dr. Jenks **seconded the motion.** The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, is there anyone opposed to this motion? Hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval.**

- g. Application for a **2026 Annual Permit to Excavate Human Burial(s)**:
 - i. KLJ Engineering
 - ii. New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
 - iii. New Mexico Gas Company
 - iv. Stantec

Member Dr. Bandy **motioned that KLJ Engineering and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish received their permit upon receipt of revisions to the satisfaction of staff under the category of 2026 Annual Permit to Excavate Human Burial(s).** Member Dr. Jenks **seconded the motion.** The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, is there anyone opposed to this motion? Hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval.**

Member Dr. Bandy **further motioned that New Mexico Gas Company and Stantec received their permits under the category of 2026 Annual Permit to Excavate Human Burial(s).** Member Dr. Jenks **seconded the motion.** The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, is there anyone opposed to this motion? Hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval.**

- h. **Project Specific Permit, Request for Extension**:
 - i. Rio del Oso Anthropological Services request for permit extension, *LLC-- SE-426* for the Pueblo of Acoma--L-Bar Ranch Ethnographic Study.

Member Dr. Bandy **motioned that Rio del Oso Anthropological Services request for permit extension, LLC-- SE-426 for the Pueblo of Acoma--L-Bar Ranch Ethnographic Study be extended for an additional 2 years.** Member Dr. Jenks **seconded the motion.** The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, is there anyone opposed to this motion? Hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval.**

- i. Applications for a **Project-Specific Permit and Individual Case Burial Permit**:
 - i. SE-440 & BE-124 Ron Winters – Testing and Data Recovery Plan for Sites LA 54777 and LA 54785 B within the New Mexico School for the Deaf Property Boundaries, for the Tierra Contenta Phase 3A Development in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Member Dr. Bandy **motioned that SE-440 & BE-124 Ron Winters – Testing and Data Recovery Plan for Sites LA 54777 and LA 54785 B within the New Mexico School for the Deaf Property Boundaries, for the Tierra Contenta Phase 3A Development in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico application for a Project-Specific Permit and Individual Case Burial Permit not be issued at this time.** Member Dr. Jenks **seconded the motion.** The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, is there anyone opposed to this motion? Hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval.**

- ii. SE-441 & BE-126 SWCA Cultural Resources Treatment Plan for Buena Vista III, Otero County, New Mexico.

Member Dr. Bandy **motioned that SE-441 & BE-126 SWCA Cultural Resources Treatment Plan for Buena Vista III, Otero County, New Mexico application for a Project-Specific Permit and Individual Case Burial receive their permit upon receipt of requested revisions.** Member Dr. Jenks **seconded the motion.** The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, is there anyone opposed to this motion? Hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval.**

- j. Applications for a Mechanical Excavation Permit and Individual Case Burial Permit:**
 - i. ME-069 & BE-125 SWCA Data Recovery Plan for LA 137191, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.**

Member Dr. Bandy **motioned that ME-069 & BE-125 SWCA Data Recovery Plan for LA 137191, Bernalillo County, New Mexico for a Mechanical Excavation Permit and Individual Case Burial Permit application receive their permit.** Member Dr. Jenks **seconded the motion.** The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, is there anyone opposed to this motion? Hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval.**

- ii. ME-068 & BE-127 Resi - A Data Recovery Plan for LA 43519, an Archaeological Site on Private Lands in Eddy County, New Mexico.**

Dr. Bandy stated the final item directly concerns his own and interest and will be recusing himself and Dr. Mattson will continue with the motion. Dr. Bandy will be put into a waiting room until item **j. ii.** is finalized.

Member Dr. Mattson **motioned that ME-068 & BE-127 Resi - A Data Recovery Plan for LA 43519, an Archaeological Site on Private Lands in Eddy County, New Mexico receive their permit conditionally upon receipt of additional information.** Member Dr. Jenks **seconded the motion.** The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval with one recuse from Dr. Bandy. Let the record show that Dr. Bandy was put into the waiting room for motion and voting until it was completed.**

This concludes Permit Matters.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

- a. April 3, 2026**
- b. June 12, 2026**
- c. August 14, 2026**
- d. October 9, 2026**
- e. December 18, 2026**

Member Chair Toya stated once the final date and location is scheduled for the Award Ceremony the CPRC will be notified.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair inquired if there was any further discussion, not hearing any, we adjourned at 2:10pm.