

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Pursuant to notice, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust was held as an in-person meeting with certain members of the Board attending virtually. The meeting was held at Teackle Mansion in Princess Anne, Maryland.

Trustees present: Jeffrey Buchheit, Julie Ernstein, Laura Davis Mears, and Kristine Roome

Area Representatives present: Dickerson Charlton, Sakinah Linder, Lisa Sasser, and Tom Vitanza

Office of the Attorney General: Rieyn DeLony

MHT Staff: Elizabeth Hughes, Anne Raines

MDP Staff: N/A

Guests: Terry Klima, Warner Sumpter, Randy George

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Laura Mears called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. A quorum of voting Board members was not present so no action could be taken at the full board meeting.

Ms. Mears thanked the Somerset County Historical Society for hosting the meeting of the Board. Warner Sumpter, President of the Somerset County Historical Society, provided an overview of the history of Teackle Mansion and the work undertaken by the Somerset County Historical Society and the Somerset County Historical Trust to rehabilitate and maintain the building over time. Board members were invited on a tour of the Mansion following the Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No corrections were offered to the July 24 meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Klima, who attended the meeting virtually, expressed his concern about the unresolved vandalism at the site of the Baltimore Confederate Monuments and inquired if the City had filed an insurance claim to resolve the vandalism. He stated that there had been no report on the status of the RFP prepared by the Monument Relocation Committee and shared with Baltimore City and that CHAP had not been providing monthly reports to the Board regarding the status of the monuments. He indicated that it was only 198 days before the closure of the MOCA MONUMENTS exhibition and the City still has no plan for the final destination for the monuments. He urged the Board to ensure that the Committee focuses on measurable outcomes related to the preservation of the Confederate monuments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

V100 Capital Programs Committee

V101 Monument Relocation Committee Report

Ms. Hughes reported that the Monument Relocation Committee met on August 26th. The Committee discussed the opening of the MONUMENTS exhibit on October 23rd in Los Angeles, California, met Lauren Schiszik, the newly appointed executive director of the Baltimore City Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation.

V200 Survey, Registration, Community Education & Museums Committee

V201R Heritage Preservation Fund Awards, FY26

Ms. Raines reported that \$73,466.62 in funds from the Board's Maryland Heritage Preservation Fund remain available for award in FY26. Disbursement requests for use of those funds include the following projects which total \$73,400.

Up to \$7,200 for the 2026 MHT Summer Internship in Archaeology;

Up to \$6,000 for JPPM Program Consulting with Indigenous Tribal Groups;

Up to \$12,600 for JPPM Woodland Indian Village Summer Educator position;

Up to \$30,500 for a National Register Assistant - contractual staff position;

Up to \$7,200 for a JPPM Archaeology Intern; and

Up to \$9,900 for MHT Staff Training Activities.

No action was taken on this request since a quorum of the Board was not present.

V300 Management & Planning Committee

V301 Interim Actions of the Executive Committee

Ms. Hughes reported that the Executive Committee has met twice since the July 24 meeting of the Board as noted below due to the lack of a quorum. She noted that a quorum has been particularly difficult to achieve recently due to vacancies on the Board and that she is working closely with the Appointments Office to try to fill those vacancies.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 25, 2025

A virtual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust was held on July 25, 2025 at 2:00 PM.

Trustees present: Franklin Robinson, LaShay Harvey, Laura Davis Mears

MHT Staff: Anne Raines, Elizabeth Hughes

OAG Staff: Rieyn DeLony, Adam Snyder

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mears called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. She noted that the purpose of the meeting was to take action on those items discussed at the regularly scheduled Board meeting held on July 24, 2025 at which a quorum was not present.

May 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Mears made a motion to approve the May 15, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and approved unanimously.

Capital Programs

Old Colony Cove Easement Modification

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Harvey, to approve the following resolution. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees conceptually approves the Easement Program Change/Alteration Request Application for the property known as Old Colony Cove Farmhouse to construct an addition to the Manor House, subject to conditions to be set forth in the Director's response letter.

Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Regulations Update

Dr. Harvey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mears, to approve the following resolution. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees delegates to the Director the authority to adopt amendments to the regulations for the Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Program as are appropriate and necessary to implement legislation, enacted as Chapter 449 in the 2022 session, that increased the amount of competitive commercial credit from \$3 million to \$5 million, deleted provisions specific to agricultural and post-World War II small commercial projects, and created a "Small Commercial Project Trust Account" within the Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Reserve Fund.

Skipjack F.C. Lewis - Termination of MOA

Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Dr. Harvey, to approve the following resolution. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees approves the termination of the "Memorandum of Agreement for Preservation of Historic Skipjack F.C. Lewis, Jr." with Phillip George Todd, dated February 11, 2016, and recommends that the longhead and bowsprit rails be disassembled and retained by the Richardson Maritime Museum in its collection, and the new keelson and chine logs be salvaged for reuse, as these do not have historical significance as a part of the Vessel.

MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

Resolution of Appreciation – Dr. Susan Langley

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mears, to approve the following resolution. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Whereas the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) was created in 1961 as an instrumentality of the State of Maryland for the purpose of preserving, protecting, and enhancing districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in the prehistory, history, upland and underwater archeology, architecture, engineering, and culture of the State, to encourage others to do so and to promote interest in and study of such matters;

Whereas Dr. Susan B.M. Langley has served the State of Maryland since August of 1994;

Whereas she has served as the Maryland State Underwater Archaeologist and led the Maryland Maritime Archaeology Program throughout her 30-year career with the Maryland Historical Trust;

Whereas she oversaw the Maryland Maritime Archaeology Program's grant-funded research, served as the MHT Dive Supervisor, and lead the MHT Diving Safety Board;

Whereas she was instrumental in the creation of Maryland's first shipwreck preserve, U-1105 Black Panther Historic Shipwreck Preserve and the establishment of Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary;

Whereas she has been the leading voice in the Mid-Atlantic advising the United States Coast Guard and Environmental Protection Agency regarding consideration of historic properties during hazardous materials / oil spill emergency response;

Whereas she has provided technical guidance to state and federal partners such as the Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management;

Whereas she has played an instrumental role in the development of Underwater and Maritime Archaeology throughout the United States and abroad through her service as an advisor and expert in submerged cultural resource management;

Whereas she has served multiple terms on the Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology and Society of Historical Archaeology Government Affairs Committee, and has co-hosted the annual Government Maritime Managers Meeting for countless years;

Whereas she has served on the Advisory Board of Historic Ships in Baltimore and a reviewer for the Maryland Center for History and Culture Maritime Committee which awards the annual Brewington Book Prize for maritime history;

Whereas she has supported and developed lasting partnerships with the educational and field activities of groups such as the Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society, the Institute of Maritime History, and the Battle of the Atlantic Research and Expedition Group;

Whereas her dedication to helping Marylanders understand maritime history, archaeology, and preservation is exemplified by her habitual outreach to groups ranging from school children to true antiquities via lectures, walking and kayak tours, and hands on activities;

Whereas she has fascinated colleagues, legislators, and the public with her encyclopedic knowledge of beekeeping, mills, spinning, pirates, pelt dressing and anything else you can think of;

Whereas she has spent hundreds of hours assisting with the maintenance of the former apiary at Government House, and would never allow a cat living at 100 Community Place to go hungry;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees wishes to express its deep appreciation to Dr. Susan B.M. Langley for her thirty plus years of service and to wish her a healthy, happy, and prosperous retirement and a rewarding next phase of life.

Canal Place and Preservation Development Authority Representative

Dr. Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Franklin, to approve the following resolution. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees designates Douglass Reed as the representative of MHT to the Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority (CPPDA) effective July 24, 2025 and until such time as an Area Representative or Trustee from Allegany County has been elected to the MHT Board of Trustees.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM.

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 16, 2025

A virtual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust was held on September 16, 2025 at 12:00 PM.

Trustees present: Franklin Robinson, LaShay Harvey, Laura Davis Mears

MHT Staff: Elizabeth Hughes

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mears called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

Heritage Preservation Fund – Reallocation of Architectural Survey Data Analysis Project Funds

Ms. Hughes reported that at the May 15, 2025 Board meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust approved \$40,000 out of MHT Heritage Preservation Fund fiscal year 2026 funds to support the Architectural Survey Data Analysis Project. Funds were intended to pay the salary of one data analyst for six months. In August 2025, MHT was successful in obtaining funding from the State Highway Administration to pay one position through the Maryland Environmental Service for the remainder of FY2026. The analyst transferred to MES thereby ending her contract with MHT and leaving approximately \$13,400 in unspent funds.

Although the Architectural Survey Data Analysis Project remains a high priority for the Office of Research, Survey, & Registration (ORSR) and is identified as such in the statewide preservation plan and the Maryland Department of Planning's strategic plan, ORSR staff have identified a critical need for the remaining allocation that is time sensitive.

ORSR requests that the remaining approximately \$13,400 be reallocated to extend the contract of the current National Register Assistant. This contractual employee is currently paid from tax credit fee revenues; the contract and the funding will run out 12/31/2025, leaving MHT without a National Register Assistant and only one person in the National Register program. The assistant position provides evaluation and registration-related assistance to State, federal, and local governments, preservation advocacy groups, non-profit organizations, consultants, and the general public. The position assists the National Register Administrator with reviews of National Registers nominations prior to their presentation to the GCC. The loss of this position will severely handicap MHT's ability to

handle core National Register responsibilities and provide expertise to staff and partners throughout the state.

MHT and MDP have sought to re-establish a permanent position to fulfill these duties, but without success. This current request is a stop-gap measure for funding this position for an additional 8 weeks (through 2/25/2026), with the anticipation of requesting additional funds in the second round of FY2026 Heritage Preservation Fund requests at the October 16, 2025 Board Meeting; the additional funding (approximately \$30,500) would cover the remainder of the fiscal year.

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Harvey, to approve the following resolution. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust, that an expenditure of up to \$13,400 out of the MHT Heritage Preservation Fund in fiscal year 2026 approved by the Board at its May 15, 2025 meeting to fund the Architectural Survey Data Analysis Project - contractual staff position be reallocated to extend the existing contract for the National Register Assistant.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM.

V302 Investment Committee Report

Mr. Charlton reported that Brown Advisory's management of the Board's Heritage Preservation Fund continued to demonstrate success. The value of the fund was up 4.7% in the third quarter, 9.4% year-to-date, and 6.7% annualized since its inception in 2008.

V303 Budget & Legislation

Ms. Hughes reported that while the federal fiscal year 2026 appropriations process is still underway – and the federal government is currently shut down - the House Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill includes funding for the HPF at federal Fiscal Year 25 levels which is an encouraging sign.

Ms. Hughes reported that MDP has submitted its state fiscal year 2027 operating budget which includes increases above the fiscal year 2026 operating level.

Ms. Hughes reported that MDP may be sponsoring administration legislation during the 2026 session of the Maryland General Assembly to make certain updates to the Maryland Heritage Areas Program statute consistent with the recently approved MHAA strategic plan.

Ms. Raines, who serves as President of NCSHPO, reported that the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, chaired by Senator Mike Lee (UT), will be hosting a hearing on October 29, 2025 at 9:30 am to “examine the Section 106 consultation process under the National Historic Preservation Act.” The hearing will be webcast live on the Committee’s website and an archived video will be available after the hearing concludes.

V304 Litigation & Legal Issues

Ms. DeLony indicated that there is no litigation and no legal issues to report.

Announcements

Tom Vitanza announced that Lisa Sasser is the 2025 Clem Labine award recipient. This annual award recognizes individuals who have dedicated their careers to fostering "humane values," such as civility, beauty, and sustainability, in the built environment. It is given to someone who has made significant, long-term, often pro-bono contributions through education, advocacy, and leadership to support traditional architecture and classical design.

Ms. Roome reported that her class at Johns Hopkins University would again be interviewing individuals associated with the Baltimore Confederate Monuments. Board members who wished to volunteer to be interviewed for this project should contact her.

Mr. Charlton indicated that attention should be given to cleaning up the Baltimore City Confederate monument bases and that MHT should assist with that if possible.

Ms. Raines noted that MHT is seeking applicants for its Historic Preservation Loan Program.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.