



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Town Hall (Council Chamber) - 307 E Kennedy Blvd. 32751

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CALL TO ORDER: Chair Rosa Pickett called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Quorum was established by roll call through Ms. Bellenger.

PRESENT: (5) Chair Rosa Pickett, Vice Chair Ann Dawkins-Curtis, **Board Members:** Laverne Bellamy Williams, Tiffany Simmons, John Beacham

STAFF: (4) Marissa Bellenger, **Records Coordinator;** Tara Salmieri, **Town Planner;** Marlin Daniels, **Chief Administrative Officer;** Veronica King, **Town Clerk**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Chair Ann Dawkins-Curtis led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

N.Y. Nathiri – Each time there is a meeting, I would like to come to the podium to speak. This board is working with one arm behind your back without institutional memory. There are only two residents, who know about institutional memory, myself included. It took us 10 years to register as a historic district. We lobbied to the state. Local designation is something different. I recommend that you commission Everett Fly for his research from 1988-1998 for the information on local designation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Board Member Beacham **MOTIONS** to **APPROVE** meeting minutes for April 2, 2026, with **AMENDMENTS** to include Tim Parsons in the “Other Attendees” section; **moved** by Board Member Beacham; **second** by Vice Chair Dawkins-Curtis; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES, 5/0.**

BOARD DISCUSSIONS/DECISIONS:

Chair Pickett – Last meeting we asked what grants are available to us. Vice Chair Dawkins-Curtis – I looked into some federal grants. They do offer several grants including ones for cemeteries and surveys. The grant application is April 1st to June 1st. As a board member, we should certainly take a look at it. Marlin Daniels – All grants need to be facilitated through the Town and be approved by Town Council. If you find a grant, run it through the Clerk then it will come to administration then the Town Council. Put together a strategy for the next year or two. The National Park Service will be replacing historical markers for free. I suggest that you all do a monthly or quarterly report. Tara Salmieri – Write down what you would like to accomplish. Chair Pickett – I suggest that we converse among ourselves with staff for guidance. Mr. Daniels stated that the board should work together then share with Ms. Salmieri and the Town Attorney. Ms. Salmieri stated that the meeting at 6:30 p.m. will go over next steps after the survey. The survey report will have a lot of information which will give you structure for the future. You will get the final report in a couple of weeks. Board Member Beacham stated that the procedure is always wait and see. Ms. Salmieri disputed that staff has said wait and see. They have provided timelines and suggestions. Chair Pickett – Next month would be the time to look at the report.

ATTEST:

ADJOURNMENT Chair Pickett **adjourned the meeting at 6:29pm.**

Respectfully Submitted by: Marissa Bellenger

Veronica King, Town Clerk