

City of Sacramento
Preservation Commission Report
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5/20/2026

Approval of Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a **Motion** approving the Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2026.

Contact: Melanie Haage, Senior Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-5790, mhaage@cityofsacramento.org;
Office of the City Clerk

Presenter: None

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-April 15, 2026, Preservation Commission Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: It is best practice for the legislative body to approve the minutes for each meeting.

Policy Considerations: The City Charter provides that the city clerk shall act as secretary of the city council and all other boards, commissions, and agencies of the city. As such, the Clerk has recorded and is presenting these minutes of the Commission's last meeting for review and approval to establish a permanent record of the actions taken at the prior meeting.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: After each board, commission, or committee meeting, the City Clerk composes the DRAFT Minutes for noting the action taken by the legislative body. The DRAFT

Minutes are presented to the board, commission, or committee for its approval as a permanent record of the meetings actions.

Financial Considerations: None.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.



DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

5:30 PM

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chamber - 915 I Street

Preservation Commission

*Patricia Ambacher, Chair
Ian Lee Merker, Vice Chair
Ella Cross*

*Max McSlavkin
John Nicolaus
Salvatore Ricca*

Open Session

Regular meeting called to order by Chair Ambacher at 5:31 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at the Sacramento City Hall Council Chamber.

Commissioners Present: Ella Cross, Max McSlavkin, Ian Merker, Salvatore Ricca, John Nicolaus, and Chair Patricia Ambacher.

Land Acknowledgement – Led by Chair Ambacher.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chair Ambacher.

Welcome New Commissioner – John Nicolaus**Consent Calendar**

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Cross / Commissioner Ricca.

Yes: Commissioners Ella Cross, Max McSlavkin, Ian Merker, Salvatore Ricca, John Nicolaus, and Chair Patricia Ambacher.

A motion **passed** to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated at each item.

1. Approval of Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

File ID: 2026-00040

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving the Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2026.

Contact: Melanie Haage, Senior Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-5790, mhaage@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk

Discussion Calendar**2. Hackett House Network to Freedom Nomination (M26-008)**

File ID: 2026-00808

Location: Pedestrian tunnel on K Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets, District 4**Action:** Moved/Seconded: Commissioner McSlavkin / Commissioner Merker.**Yes:** Commissioners Ella Cross, Max McSlavkin, Ian Merker, Salvatore Ricca, John Nicolaus, and Chair Patricia Ambacher.

Passed a **Motion** supporting the draft National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom (NTF) nomination for the Hackett House (Archy Lee Escape Site).

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

3. Review and Comment: Proposal to Rename the Plaza Park (Cesar Chavez Plaza) Historic District (M26-007)

File ID: 2026-00823

Location: Plaza Park (Cesar Chavez Plaza) Historic District, District 4**Action:** Withdrawn (04/13/2026)

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Commissioner Comments-Ideas and Questions

None.

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Adjourned – 5:49 p.m.

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