



South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission

Full Commission Meeting

Friday, May 16, 2025

Francis Marion University Carter Center for Health Sciences
200 W Evans Street, Florence, SC 29501

Meeting Link:

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Contact Brett Toresdahl at 803-898-3378 with questions.

ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(note: SC250 Commission members will be present at the Thursday events - no business agenda)

Thursday, May 15, 2025

9:00 A.M. – Bus Tour with limited bus seating

Leaving Florence Co. Museum

11 West Cheves Street Florence, SC 29501

5:30 P.M. – **Meet & Greet**

Light Refreshments at the Museum

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9:30 A.M. – Coffee / Lite Bites

10:00 A.M. – SC250 Commission Meeting

Lunch Included

Proposed Agenda

9:45 A.M.

Welcoming Remarks: Our hosts from Florence County

Moment of Reflections: Ms. Dianne Culbertson, Chaplain

10:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order and Introductions/Welcome to Guests and Dignitaries– Chairman Grimsley
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2. **Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum** – Recording Secretary Brett Toresdahl and Vice Chairman Davies
3. **Board and Commission Appointment Updates**
 - a. Partnerships with:
 - i. SC Department of Natural Resources
 - ii. SC Adjutant General
 - iii. SC Department of Education
4. **Confirmation the Notice** of Meeting and Proposed Agenda has been posted in Compliance with FOIA – Recording Secretary Brett Toresdahl
5. **Adoption of Proposed Agenda** – Chairman Grimsley
6. **Public Comments**
7. **Approval of Consent Agenda Items: (Attachment A)**
 - a. Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2025, Berkely County Meeting
 - b. Financial Update Commission Budget (internal document for FY 24-25 Allocations)
 - c. Funding SC250 Charleston for MSE Contract
8. **FY 25-26 Budget Process**
 - a. Updates regarding legislative funding
9. **SC250 Event Planning & Updates**
 - a. Coordination with America 250 & Key Stakeholders
 - b. Review of VA250 Common Cause for All Conference
 - c. Planning for Carolina Days 2026 & Long-Term Legacy Events
 - i. The Gathering- Review Large Scale County 250 Organizations Planning Event
 - ii. The Gathering Agenda- May 17, 2025
 - d. Evacuation/Victory Day- Planning
 - e. SC State Fair
 - f. Upcoming Events
 - i. Colonial Teachers Institute June 15-30
 - ii. Carolina Day with the Fireflies June 28
 - iii. 250 Anniversary of Capture of Ft. Charolette July 12
 - iv. 250 Anniversary of Taking of Fort Thicketty July 26
 - v. 250 Anniversary of First Blood at Ninety Six- November 22
 - vi. Cmdr. Gillion Site- Opening of Site- October
 - vii. Evacuation/Victory Day- December 12 -13
10. **Grant Program**– Ms. Hawkins (**Attachment B**)
 - a. Grants Closed Out & Finalized Since March 7, 2025
 - b. Grants Approved by the CEO (up to \$15,000) since March 7, 2025

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- c. Grants Not Approved by the CEO since March 7, 2025
- d. Grant Applications Approved by Executive Committee since March 7, 2025
- e. Grant Applications Requiring Due Diligence
 - i. Grant Applications Not Awarded or Tabled for further Discussion
 - 1. Liberty Trail SCETV Grant update
 - 2. Bamberg Grant update

Applications Requiring Commission Votes Follows

- f. Major (\$15,001 - \$125,000) Grant Applications Requiring Commission Vote
 - i. Local Activities Grants – Major Grants
 - 1. \$35,000 SC Humanities Council Revolutionary Perspectives Speaker Series (Richland Co./All State)
 - 2. \$125,000 Town of Lexington Drone & Fireworks Celebrations for Carolina Day & Independence Day (Lexington Co.)
 - 3. \$125,000 Slave Dwelling Project What to the Descendants is the 4th of July Conference (Berkeley Co./Statewide)
 - 4. \$26,543 McCormick Co. Chamber on behalf of McCormick Co. 250 Ft. Charlotte Dedication Events (McCormick Co.)
 - ii. Museum & Library Style Exhibit Grants – Major Grants
 - 1. \$121,860 Middleton Place Foundation Conversations of Freedom House Museum Reinterpretation (Dorchester Co.)
 - iii. Site Grants – Major Grants
 - 1. \$120,000 City of Travelers Rest Dickey Park Phase 1: Site Readiness (Greenville Co.)

Lunch service at noon

11. Marketing and PR Revamp

- a. New roles of Chernoff Newman, AuthenticiTY, SCPRT

12. Education & Research - Ms. Fortune and Ms. Pemberton

- a. Liberty Day
 - i. January 16, 2026

13. Acquisition, Preservation, Conservation and Interpretation of Revolutionary War Sites & Updates – Mr. Tyler, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Wise, Ms. Noyes

- a. Liberty Trail Expansion & Revolutionary War Site Interpretations
- b. Eutaw Springs & Coosawhatchie Site Plans
- c. Partnerships with Conservation Bank and DNR
- d. Fallen SC Revolutionary War Heroes & Ship Martyrs Memorial
- e. Status of new land acquisitions

14. Collaboration & Stakeholder Engagement

- a. SC American Revolutionary Trust – Mr. Tom Persons
- b. SC American Revolution Foundation – Mr. Bill Segars
- c. National Park Service – Superintendent Diana Bramble
- d. SC Parks, Recreation, & Tourism – Director Parrish
- e. SC Department of Archives & History – Dr. Eric Emerson

15. General Updates & Other Business

- a. Commendations update from March 7 meeting
- b. Commission Committees – Updates & Appointments
 - i. Executive Committee
 - ii. Finance & Grants Committee
 - iii. Education Committee
 - iv. Revolutionary War Scholars Advisory Committee

16. Upcoming Commission Meetings

- a. August 7-8– York
- b. November 14-15- Ninety-Six

17. Executive Session (If required and meets South Carolina Law)

3:00 PM – Adjournment

Attachments:

Attachment A: Minutes and Financials

Attachment B: Grants