



**South Carolina American Revolution  
Sestercentennial Commission  
Full Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, February 18, 2026  
South Carolina State Museum  
301 Gervais Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201**

**Meeting Link:**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

9:00 AM Richland/Lexington Revolutionary Tour- *Meet at the SC State Museum 301 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201*

10:15 AM Marker Dedication (part of tour) *Corner of Pulaski & Gervais Street in the Vista*  
Light Lunch provided

5:30 PM- State Fair Partnership Reception. *Moore Building State Fair grounds 1200 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29201*

7:00 PM Continue the Conversation with a Dutch Supper

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

South Carolina State Museum

9:30 A.M. – Coffee / Lite Bites

10:00 A.M. – SC250 Commission Meeting

12:00 P.M. – Lunch

1:00 P.M. – SC250 Commission Meeting

**Proposed Agenda**

**9:45 A.M.**

Welcoming Remarks: Our hosts from Richland and Lexington Counties

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Columbia Meeting

Moment of Reflections: Ms. Dianne Culbertson, Chaplain

**10:00 A.M.**

1. **Call to Order** and Introductions/Welcome to Guests and Dignitaries– Chairman Grimsley
  - a. American Battlefield Trust - Mr. David Duncan, President
2. **Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum** – Recording Secretary Brett Toresdahl and Vice Chairman Davies
3. **Board and Commission Appointment Updates**
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 November 14, 2025 Greenwood Meeting
  - b. Financial Update Commission Budget FY 25-26
8. **FY 25-26 Budget Process**
  - a. Updates regarding legislative funding for FY 26-27
9. **SC250 Event Planning & Updates**
  - a. Staff Reports (**Attachment B**)
  - b. Staff Planning Retreat Recap
  - c. Publication Update
  - d. SC State Fair Partnership
  - e. Coordination with America 250 & Key Stakeholders
    - i. A250 and Freedom250 Updates
    - ii. South Carolina 7 and Heritage Corridor
    - iii. Palmetto Pride Partnership
  - f. Planning for Carolina Days 2026 & Long-Term Legacy Events
    - i. Statewide Planning- Authenticity
    - ii. Charleston 250 Planning- SC250 Charleston (**Attachment C**)
  - g. Upcoming Events
10. **Grant Program**– Ms. Hawkins (**Attachment D**)
  - a. Recap of FY2026 Grant Program – Parina Patel / Heather Hawkins
  - b. Grants Approved by the CEO (up to \$15,000) since November 14, 2025
  - c. Grant Applications Approved by Executive Committee since November 14, 2025
  - d. Grants Canceled Since November 14, 2025

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- e. Grants Not Approved since November 14, 2025
- f. Grants in Due Diligence - update since November 14, 2025
  - i. Update on Citadel meeting – Molly Fortune
- g. FY26 Grant Policy Update
  - i. Vote to allow exceptions to the “only grantees in SC” rule. New wording: “All applicants and projects must be located in SC. In very rare circumstances, the Commission may grant an exception, where individuals or institutions can apply as long as their topic is specific to the American Revolution in South Carolina.”
  - ii. Previously approved grant – vote to approve exception for out of state grantee doing work in SC benefiting SC
    - 1. **\$175,000 American Battlefield Trust** Hobkirk Hill Phase 1

### **Applications Requiring Commission Votes Follows**

- h. Major (\$15,001 - \$125,000) Grant Applications Requiring Commission Vote
  - i. Local Activities Grant- Major Grant
    - 1. **\$75,000 Community Foundation of the Lowcountry** on behalf of Beaufort Co. 250 Rev War in the Lowcountry Video Game (Beaufort Co.)
    - 2. **\$124,000 African American Maritime History, Inc.** Feeding Freedom: A Revolutionary Opera (Charleston Co.)
  - ii. Museum & Library Style Exhibit Grant
    - 1. **\$50,000 Chester County** on behalf of Chester Co. 250 Revolutionary War Exhibit in Gateway to Chester County: Veterans History Center (Chester Co.)
  - iii. Historic Tourism & Marketing Grant
    - 1. **\$50,589 Jasper County** on behalf of Jasper Co. 250 Documentary Film for Prevost Invasion resulting in Battle of Purrysburg and Battle of Coosawhatchie (Jasper Co.)
  - iv. Site Grant
    - 1. **\$100,000 American Battlefield Trust** Hobkirk Hill Phase 2 (Kershaw Co.)
      - a. Out of State Exception – Doing work in SC for SC
- i. Premier Projects with Presentations
  - i. Local Activities Grants
    - 1. **\$418,212.15 Spoleto Festival USA** Spoleto Festival USA FY26 SC250 Partnership (Charleston Co.)
    - 2. **\$200,000 SC American Revolution Trust** SC American Revolution Trust 2026 Operational Support & Infrastructure Development (Kershaw Co.)
  - ii. Education
    - 1. **\$600,000 South Carolina State Museum Foundation** Revolutionary War Programming (Richland Co.)
  - iii. Historic Tourism & Marketing Grant
    - 1. **\$750,000 Explore Charleston** Broadcast Opportunities for SC250 Charleston and Carolina Day (Charleston Co.)
  - iv. Site
    - 1. **\$173,000 SC Battleground Preservation Trust** Battle of Coosawhatchie Acquisition (Jasper Co.)

- j. Upcoming Deadlines
  - i. Monthly (up through \$15,000) Grants – first business day of the month  
March 2, April 1, May 1, June 1
  - ii. Major (\$15,001-\$125,000) & Premier (\$125,001+) Grants – March 26, June 26
  - iii. Last deadline for Carolina Days applications May 1.
- k. Looking forward to FY27

**Lunch service at noon**

**11. Marketing and PR**

- a. AuthentiCiTY

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

- a. Liberty Day Recap
- b. Civic Learning Week
- c. Colonial Charleston
- d. My America
- e. County Committee Outreach

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

- a. SC Military Parks Initiative
  - i. Eutaw Springs
- b. Status of:
  - i. New land acquisitions
  - ii. In progress land acquisitions/ interpretation
  - iii. Hobkirk Hill

**14. Collaboration & Stakeholder Engagement**

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

**15. General Updates & Other Business**

- a. Commission Committees
  - i. Executive Committee
  - ii. Finance & Grants Committee
  - iii. Education Committee
  - iv. Revolutionary War Scholars Advisory Committee

**16. Upcoming Commission Meetings**

- a. Horry County – May 15, 2026 / Tour + Meet & Greet May 14
- b. Oconee County – August 17, 2026 / Tour + Meet & Greet Aug. 16

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

**2:00 PM – Adjournment**

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Attachments:

- Attachment A: Minutes and Financials
- Attachment B: Staff Reports
- Attachment C: SC250 Charleston Update
- Attachment D: Grants