



**South Carolina American Revolution
Sestercentennial Commission**
Full Commission Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2026
South Cove Park
1099 S Cove Rd
Seneca, SC 29672

Meeting Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82920018398?pwd=jRW8vs0VQJQtWSME022wrpSDSIfxko.1>

Meeting ID: 829 2001 8398 Passcode: 654201 Dial 1-646-558-8656

Contact Heather Hawkins at hhawkins@southcarolina250.com or call 803-898-3391 with questions.

ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Choose Your Own Self-Guided Adventure – History & the Great Outdoors / SC State Parks

Sunday, August 23, 2026

- 9:00 A.M. – Oconee County History Tour- Leave from Fairfield Inn & Suites 800 Bypass, US-123, Seneca, SC 29678
- 5:30 P.M. – Meet & Greet Reception with State Commissioners, Oconee County 250 Committee Members and other dignitaries.

The Davenport

114 N Walnut St, Seneca, SC 29678

- 7:00 P.M. – Continue the Conversation Dutch Supper

Monday, August 24, 2026

- 9:30 A.M. Coffee & Lite Bites
- 10:00 A.M. SC250 Commission Meeting Part I
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch Break
- 1:00 P.M. SC250 Commission Meeting Part II

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Proposed Agenda

9:45 A.M.

Welcoming Remarks: Our hosts from Oconee 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

2. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum – CEO Molly Fortune and Vice Chairman Davies

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Oconee Meeting

3. Board and Commission Appointment Updates

4. Confirmation the Notice of Meeting and Proposed Agenda has been posted in Compliance with FOIA – CEO, Molly Fortune

5. Adoption of Proposed Agenda – Chairman Grimsley

6. Public Comments

7. Approval of Consent Agenda Items: (Attachment A)

- a. Approval of Minutes of May 15, 2026
- b. Financial Update Commission Budget FY 25-26 End of Fiscal Year
- c. Financial Update Commission Budget FY 26-27

8. FY 26-27 Budget Process

- a. Updates regarding legislative funding for FY 26-27
- b. Proposed Budget for Commission

9. SC250 Event Planning & Updates

- a. AuthentiCiTY End of Year Report
- b. Staff Reports (**Attachment B**)
 - i. Carolina Days across the State
 - ii. SC250 Charleston Carolina Days

10. Phase 1 After-Action Review 2019–2026: *What We Built, What We Learned, and What Comes Next* (Attachment C)

- a. **Purpose**
 - i. To review Phase 1 through staff data, analysis, and Commission discussion - considering both the statewide effort and Charleston - and determine what must be carried forward to achieve success in 2033.
Discussion Boundary: This is a strategic review of outcomes and future needs, not an evaluation of individual events, counties, grants, contracts, partners, or staff decisions.
- b. Did Phase 1 move the needle?
 - i. Statewide effort
 - ii. Charleston Signature City
- c. Did we achieve the goals under the Lines of Effort?
 - i. Commemorative Events
 - ii. Education Opportunities
 - iii. Preservation Opportunities
 - iv. Collaboration Opportunities
- d. What must we carry forward into the Eye of the Storm for success?
 - i. County level
 - ii. State level
- e. What stands between Us and Success?
 - i. Eye of the Storm in 2029

- ii. Treaty of Paris 2033
- f. Conclusion and thoughts by Chairman

Lunch service at noon

11. Lafayette Signature Event (Attachment D)

12. Blackstocks Update

13. Grant Program– Ms. Hawkins (Attachment E)

- a. Recap of FY2026 Grant Program – Parina Patel / Heather Hawkins
- b. Grants Approved by the CEO (up through \$15,000) since May 15, 2026
- c. Grant Applications Approved by Executive Committee since May 15, 2026

Applications Requiring Commission Votes Follows

- d. Major Grants
 - i. Local Activities Grant- Major Grant
 - 1. \$68,364 Kids Upstate Three Kate Salley Palmer Revolution Books for Children in 21st Century Community Learning Centers (Spartanburg Co.)
 - ii. Historic Tourism & Marketing Grant
 - 1. \$125,000 Olde English District Tourism Commission Olde English District Backcountry Trail Phase 2 (Fairfield Co.)
 - 2. \$98,500 Community Foundation of the Lowcountry (on behalf Warrior Enterprises LLC) American Waypoints: Increasing Public Engagement and Heritage Tourism at Beaufort County Revolutionary War Site (Beaufort Co.)
 - 3. \$125,000 Afro American Historical Genealogical Society Lowcountry and. Gullah/Geechee Chapter Historic Tourism/ Marketing Grant (Charleston Co.)
 - iii. Education Grant
 - 1. \$98,875 The Kindness Accelerator A Legacy of Kindness: Revolutionary-Era South Carolina Stories of Courage, Compassion, Service, and Community (Union Co.)
 - iv. Research, Publication, Genealogy & Digitization Grant
 - 1. \$100,000 Marcus Writes The Order Series Publication (York Co.)
 - 2. \$103,013 Stockton University Declaration of Victory: A Sensory History in South Carolina Evacuation Day Documentary (Charleston Co.)
- e. Premier Projects with Presentations
 - i. Local Activities Grant-Premier Project
 - 1. \$150,850 Spartanburg County Historical Association (on behalf of Spartanburg County 250) Spartanburg County Revolutionary War Speaker Series (Spartanburg Co.)
 - ii. Research, Publication, Genealogy & Digitization Grant
 - 1. \$175,000 C. Williams Rush Museum of African American Arts & Culture (on behalf of Gumbo for the Soul Foundation) Hidden Voices of the Revolution: Women of the Revolutionary-Era South Carolina (1770-1783) (Williamsburg Co.)

- 2. \$184,100 Bananatude Inc The Story of Col. Edward Lacey & Jane Harper of South Carolina A feature documentary about the American Revolution, lived by my great grandparents (Chester Co.)
- iii. Site Grant
 - 1. \$305,000 Abbeville County Historical Society (on behalf of Abbeville County Rev 250) Abbeville Ft Pickens Historical Liberty Trail at Wilson Hill Park (Abbeville Co.)
- f. Looking forward to FY27
- g. Upcoming FY27 Deadlines
 - i. Community Impact (up through \$15,000) Major (\$15,001-\$50,000) & Premier (\$50,001-\$125,000) 9/1/26, 12/1/26, 3/1/27, 6/1/27 at 3p

14. Collaboration & Stakeholder Engagement

- a. SC American Revolutionary Trust – Mr. Tom Persons
- b. National Park Service – Superintendent Diana Bramble
- c. SC Parks, Recreation, & Tourism
- 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. FY27, Quarter 2- Orangeburg County/Eutaw Springs
Commission Meeting: November 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
 - i. September 1, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. — Grant Application Deadline
 - ii. October 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. — Grant Work Session
 - iii. November 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. — Revolutionary Conversation
 - iv. November 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. — Veterans Day Tour of Eutaw Springs
 - v. November 11, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. — Meet and Greet
- b. FY27, Quarter 3 Chester County
Commission Meeting: February 12, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.
 - i. December 1, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. — Grant Application Deadline
 - ii. January 19, 2027, at 10:00 a.m. — Grant Work Session
 - iii. February 11, 2027, at 10:00 a.m. — Tour of Fishing Creek, Fish Dam Ford, and Rocky Mount
 - iv. February 11, 2027, at 5:30 p.m. — Meet and Greet
- c. FY27, Quarter 4 Clemson / 250th Anniversary of the Treaty of DeWitt's Corner
Commission Meeting: May 21, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.
 - i. March 1, 2027, at 3:00 p.m. — Grant Application Deadline
 - ii. April 20, 2027, at 10:00 a.m. — Grant Work Session
 - iii. May 19, 2027, at 8:30 a.m. — Upstate Museum Crawl
 - iv. May 20, 2027, at 10:00 a.m. — Native Americans in the American Revolution Roundtable
 - v. May 20, 2027, at 5:30 p.m. — Meet and Greet

- d. FY28, Quarter 1 – Location to Be Determined
Proposed Commission Meeting: August 20, 2027

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

3:00 PM – Adjournment

Attachments

Attachment A: Minutes and Financials

Attachment B: Staff Reports

Attachment C: After Action Review

Attachment D: Lafayette Signature Event

Attachment E: Grants

Attachment F: List of Events