

Central Business District Historic District Landmarks Commission
Meeting Minutes

Date: August 12, 2026

Location: City Council Chambers

Called to order: 10:00 AM

Commissioners present: Bradley Becnel, John Boyd, Darrell Dumestre, Seamus McGuire, Whiton Paine, Tim Spratt

Commissioners arriving after the beginning of the meeting: Gregory Curtis

Commissioners absent:

I. Roll Call

Motion: Approve the suspension of the hearing rules.

By: John Boyd

Second: Darrell Dumestre

Result: Passed

In Favor: Bradley Becnel, John Boyd, Darrell Dumestre, Seamus McGuire, Whiton Paine, Tim Spratt

Opposed:

Comments:

Motion: Approve moving item VIII. A. to the top of the agenda.

By: Whiton Paine

Second: Darrell Dumestre

Result: Passed

In Favor: Bradley Becnel, John Boyd, Darrell Dumestre, Seamus McGuire, Whiton Paine, Tim Spratt,

Gregory Curtis

Opposed:

Comments:

A. Waiver of the Amendments to La R.S. 25:742 contained in Senate Bill 198

Motion: Approve the Waiver.

By: John Boyd

Second: Gregory Curtis

Result: Passed

In Favor: Bradley Becnel, John Boyd, Darrell Dumestre, Seamus McGuire, Whiton Paine, Tim Spratt,

Gregory Curtis

Opposed:

Comments:

Motion: Approve to reinstate the hearing rules.

By: Whiton Paine

Second: John Boyd

Result: Passed

In Favor: Bradley Becnel, John Boyd, Darrell Dumestre, Seamus McGuire, Whiton Paine, Tim Spratt, Gregory Curtis

Opposed:

Comments:

II. Minutes of the Wednesday, May 6, 2026, meeting.

Motion: Approve the minutes.

By: Tim Spratt

Second: Bradley Becnel

Result: Passed

In Favor: Bradley Becnel, John Boyd, Darrell Dumestre, Seamus McGuire, Whiton Paine, Tim Spratt, Gregory Curtis

Opposed:

Comments:

III. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion: Elect Seamus McGuire as Chair.

By: John Boyd

Second: Bradley Becnel

Result: Passed

In Favor: Bradley Becnel, John Boyd, Darrell Dumestre, Seamus McGuire, Whiton Paine, Tim Spratt, Gregory Curtis

Opposed:

Comments:

Motion: Elect John Boyd as Vice Chair.

By: Darrell Dumestre

Second: Gregory Curtis

Result: Passed

In Favor: Bradley Becnel, John Boyd, Darrell Dumestre, Seamus McGuire, Whiton Paine, Tim Spratt, Gregory Curtis

Opposed:

Comments:

IV. Appointment of ARC Members

Motion: Appoint ARC Members.

By: Whiton Paine

Second: Gregory Curtis

Result: Passed

In Favor: Bradley Becnel, John Boyd, Darrell Dumestre, Seamus McGuire, Whiton Paine, Tim Spratt, Gregory Curtis
Opposed:
Comments:

V. Consent Agenda

Motion: Approve the consent agenda.

By: Gregory Curtis

Second: Bradley Becnel

Result: Passed

In Favor: Bradley Becnel, John Boyd, Darrell Dumestre, Seamus McGuire, Whiton Paine, Tim Spratt, Gregory Curtis

Opposed:

Comments:

VI. New Business Retention Applications

A. 111 Tchoupitoulas St:

Applications: Retention of painting masonry that was previously unpainted at a Contributing rated, four-story, commercial building without a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Motion: Approve the retention of the application.

By: Bradley Becnel

Second: Tim Spratt

Result: Failed. Denied application with 4-3 vote.

In Favor: Bradley Becnel, Whiton Paine, Tim Spratt

Opposed: John Boyd, Darrell Dumestre, Seamus McGuire, Gregory Curtis

Comments: Commissioners expressed their concerns with the lack of permitting and setting a precedent.

VII. Ratification of Architectural Review Committee and Staff actions since the Wednesday, May 6, 2026, meeting.

Motion: Approve the ratification of ARC and Staff actions.

By: Gregory Curtis

Second: Whiton Paine

Result: Passed

In Favor: Bradley Becnel, John Boyd, Darrell Dumestre, Seamus McGuire, Whiton Paine, Tim Spratt, Gregory Curtis

Opposed:

Comments:

VIII. HDLC Reports and Communications