



Martin County
HISTORIC PRESEVATION BOARD
Meeting Minutes, 4:00 PM - DRAFT
2401 SE Monterey Road, Commission Chamber

Monday, March 16, 2026

PRESENT

Position	Name
Chair	Robert Steele
Vice Chair	Jacqui May
Members	William Weiss
	Terry Dooley
	Sherry Lee
	Douette Pryce
	Joette Lorion Rice

ABSENT

Position	Name
Members	Evan Anderson

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
HPB Liaison	Elise Raffa
Community Development Director	Susan Kores
Assistant County Attorney	Frank Moehrle
Commission Aide	Patricia Higginbotham

* Indicates a motion

** Indicates a vote

*** For the record comment

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES– February 16, 2026

MOTION

* Douette Pryce moved to approve meeting minutes as presented.

**Jacqui May seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST None

NEW BUSINESS

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD – MARTIN ARTS PRESENTATION

Nancy Turrell and Lee England presented the vision for the historic Stuart High School Campus as an Arts and Cultural Center. Nancy requested that the Martin County Historic Preservation Board and Board of County Commissioners write letters of support.

MOTION

*Douette Pryce moved to write a letter of support.

**Joette Lorion Rice seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD – HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH 2026

- Board members reviewed and discussed the 2026 Schedule of Events handout for the Historic Preservation (HP) Month.
- Joette Lorion Rice requested that the Kick-Off continue to be held at the Stuart Heritage Museum.
- HPB discussed the Kick-Off to be held on April 30th from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Preservationist of the Year (POY) will be held at the Elliott Museum on May 14th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 - Joette Lorion Rice nominated Barbara and Bruce Osborn
 - Jacqui May and Terry Dooley suggested Paula MacArthur, HS Historic Society
 - Julie Preast suggested Harold Jenkins for the Hobe Sound Train Station
- The Historic Preservation Board will host a lecture by Sandy Thurlow at the Blake Library; the date is to be scheduled.

MOTION

*Sherry Lee moved for approval of dates.

**Jacqui May seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Board members discussed promoting Historic Preservation Month at the Stuart Green Market on April 26th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Board members will sign up for separate shifts. Elise Raffa will create a handout flyer and a digital site to display at the table. The schedule of events and flyers should be printed and ready for distribution before April 26, 2026.

MOTION

*Douette Pryce moved for approval.

**Sherry Lee seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Other discussions were held between the Board and Candace Callahan, Executive Director of Stuart Main Street, regarding the possibility of hosting a future Historic/Culture Day.

Jacqui May will draft a letter to poll community partners about their interest in participating in the proposed historic/cultural event.

COMMENTS

1. Public-

Julie Preast – showed flyers highlighting two locations being considered by Stuart’s Historic Preservation for the National Registry: East Stuart and Downtown Stuart. She also suggested sending a copy of the letter of support to the Martin County School Board and Andrew Weaver.

2. Members - None

3. Staff - None

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Recorded and prepared by:

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Patricia Higginbotham, Commission Aide

Date

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Robert Steele, Chair

Date