

Cayce Historical Museum Commission

March 5, 2025

Meeting Minutes

The March 5, 2025 meeting of the Cayce Historical Museum Commission (CHMC) was held in the Cayce Visitors Center. The meeting was convened at 5:04pm by Chair James Stewart. The following individuals attended the meeting:

Name	Status
James Stewart	Chair
Pamela Sulton	Vice Chair
Marcy Hayden	Secretary
Archie Moore	Commissioner
A.G. Dantzler	Commissioner (absent) (resigned)
Charlita Earle	Commissioner (absent)
Keith Stephenson	Commissioner (absent)
David Brinkman	Commissioner
Will Britz	Commissioner (absent)
Andy Thomas	Cayce Museum Curator
Mike Conley	Deputy City Manager
Wesley Crosby	Assistant City Manager
Elizabeth Lumsden	Cayce Museum Assistant

Upcoming Events:

3/22/25-Soiree on State Street

4/5/25-Tartan Day South Colonial Village

4/19/2025- REV250 Event at Old Mill in Lexington (Shot Heard 'Round the World)

5/2025-African American Legends of Cayce Event (TBA)

6/2025-Juneteenth Event (TBA)

Invocation: Vice Chair Sulton

Action Items:

February Meeting Minutes:

The Commission reviewed the previous meeting minutes. Vice Chair Sulton made the motion that the meeting minutes be accepted and Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Donations

Gift of Cayce Grammar School Photo (Jeannie Mack) and Early Phonographs(Eleanor Manken)

Motion to accept donated items due to their significance and added value to current exhibits was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Hayden. Motion passed.

Museum Staff Report

Museum staff and volunteers are making progress on the NAGPRA inventory having recorded around 6,074 objects to date. The NAGPRA report work continues until all Native American Indian items are cataloged. Additionally, volunteers are working on archival items in the storage building to catalog and organize items in the collection.

The Columbia Airport Exhibit display is at the printer. The exhibit does not have an opening date, but should be announced soon.

The Battle of Congaree Creek Anniversary took place at the Museum on Feb. 15th from 9am-3pm and featured an encampment with Union and Confederates with about 8 attendees. There were also tours of the Battle of Congaree Creek at the 12,000 History Park at 9am and 1pm on Feb. 15th that had approximately 9 attendees.

Facebook Engagement: Ms. Lumsden provided an overview of Facebook post engagement from 2024 vs. 2025 mainly highlighting African American Heritage Month history/Legends of Cayce posts with over 10,300 interactions and over 149,600 views from the 12 postings in 2025 which increased from 2024.

Exhibits: Public Safety exhibit and REV250 exhibits are being worked on current. The Public Safety building needs additional funding for ongoing electrical issues. Language for the REV250 exhibit is currently being drafted by Commissioner Brinkman, Ms. Sue Kelly and Museum staff and exhibit is expected to open in 2026.

Budget Requests: Staff is currently working on Budget requests for 2025-26 which will include the two exhibits, electrical issues, and public restrooms (outdoors).

Upcoming Events: March 22nd will be the Soiree on State Street event and the Museum will have a table. Tartan Day South-Colonial Village will be April 5th. The Museum staff will have tables at both events and have asked Commissioners to volunteer if available. April 19th REV250 Event Committee hosting “Shot Heard ‘Round the World” Event at the Old Mill in Lexington, SC. Future events will include weaving and crocheting class, archeology day, artifact identification and Juneteenth event. Dates are TBA.

Ongoing Business:

By-Law Committee:

Proposed update to by-laws to change the “Ad Hoc” African American Committee to a “Standing Committee” under the Commission. Mr. Thomas will provide the original ad-hoc committee description to the Commissions for review and changes. A vote will take place to approve the amendment before sending the updates to the City Council for approval.

Strategic Planning-Historic Preservation

Cayce Historical Locations Document and App.: Commissioners were reminded to document a few locations for the test before the next meeting.

Threewitts House: As part of ongoing preservation efforts, locations are being identified around the Cayce area that are “endangered.” Chair Stewart, Commissioner Moore and others visited the Threewitz House located on the property of Copart. This home is from the 1760-1825 and is a great example of timber frame building with original hand-made bricks still on site although the chimneys have now fallen. This home is connected in Cayce History, being the 3rd oldest home in Lexington County. The house could possibly be preserved onsite or moved to the Cayce Museum. Commissioner Moore and Chair Stewart will be researching this possibility further.

Cayce Historic Foundation:

The Cayce Historic Foundation is officially 501c3 certified which will help with fundraising efforts for the Museum and historic preservation.

Old State Road NRHP Nomination

No updates at this time.

New Business:

No updates at this time.

Additional Business:

No updates at this time.

With no other business on the meeting agenda and a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Brinkman. The meeting adjourned at **5:55PM.**