

**Alabama Department of Archives and History
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
November 6, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.
Milo B. Howard Auditorium**

Members present:

District 7: Delores Boyd, Chair
District 1: Schley Rutherford
District 2: Horace Horn
District 2: Gale Main
District 3: Fred Gray (*departed at 2:04 p.m.*)
District 3: Barbara Patton
District 5: Julian Butler
District 5: Lynwood Smith
District 6: Majella C. Hamilton (*departed at 2:24 p.m.*)
District 6: Garland Cook Smith
Governor's Rep: Dave White

Members absent:

District 1: Elizabeth Stevens
District 4: Bobby Junkins
District 4: Alyce Spruell
At Large: Leigh Davis
At Large: Marcus Reid

Staff present:

Frank Brown
Leigh Dailey
Joshua Dawsey
Kelly Hallberg
Becky Hebert
Georgia Ann Hudson
Scotty Kirkland
Meredith McDonough
Steve Murray
Mary Jo Scott
Mira Sleason
Jake Smith
Mary Amelia Taylor
Tunisia Thomas
Anna Shay Wasden
Steve Wheat

Welcome and call to order: Chair Delores Boyd called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., welcoming trustees and staff.

Declaration of quorum and proper advance notice of meeting: Chair Boyd confirmed with staff that a quorum was present and that the board meeting had been announced in advance and in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Adoption of agenda: Chair Boyd called for a motion to adopt the agenda. *Mr. Butler moved that the agenda be adopted, as amended, with Items IV and V now following Item II. Mr. Horn seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

Approval of minutes—August 9, 2023, meeting: Chair Boyd asked if there were any questions about or corrections to the minutes of the last board meeting. *Mrs. Hamilton moved that the minutes of the August 9, 2023, board meeting be approved as written and distributed prior to today's meeting. Mr. Horn seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

Chair Boyd then called on Steve Murray for introductions of new staff.

New Staff Introductions – Steve Murray

Director Murray introduced and welcomed four new members of the ADAH staff:

- Joshua Dawsey, Museum Services Program Assistant
- Mira Sleason, Museum Collections Intern
- Jake Smith, Education Curator
- Anna Shay Wasden, Museum Store Associate

Chair Boyd welcomed the new staff members and then called on Mr. Horn for the Nominations Committee report.

Nominations Committee Report – Horace Horn

The Committee submitted the following nominations for election to the Board of Trustees:

- Gale Saxon Main, for a new term in the 2nd Congressional District, beginning January 1, 2024, and concluding December 31, 2029
- Barbara Patton, for a new term in the 3rd Congressional District, beginning January 1, 2024, and concluding December 31, 2029

Mr. Horn presented the Committee's nominations as a motion to re-elect Gale Saxon Main and Barbara Patton to new six-year terms that will conclude on December 31, 2029. Judge Smith seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

There is currently a vacancy in District 7, following the death of Trustee George Evans. Committee members will submit potential candidates to Mr. Murray by February 15. Board members are asked to do the same. A copy of the Committee's report was included in the meeting packets.

Chair Boyd thanked Mr. Horn for the Nominations Committee report and then called on Mr. Butler for the Resolution of Remembrance, honoring Trustee George Evans.

Resolution of Remembrance honoring Trustee George Evans

Mr. Butler read a resolution of remembrance for Trustee George Evans, who passed away on May 15. *Mrs. Main moved that the Resolution of Remembrance for Trustee George P. Evans be adopted by the Board of Trustees. Judge Smith seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.* The resolution will be presented to Mayor Evans' widow, Jeannie. Copies of the resolution were included in the meeting packets.

Chair Boyd thanked Mr. Butler for reading the Resolution of Remembrance and then called on Mr. Murray for the Director's report.

Director's Report – Steve Murray

Several ADAH staff attended the Association for State and Local History's (AASLH) annual conference in Boise, ID, in September. AASLH will hold its 2024 conference in Mobile.

ADAH hosted the Southeastern Archives and Records Conference (SARC) on October 15-17. Forty-three colleagues attended and participated in sessions with their respective counterparts. The ADAH previously hosted the conference in 2014 and 2008.

Several ADAH staff are in Shawnee, OK, for the Association on American Indian Affairs' (AAIA) Repatriation Conference.

Mr. Murray and other staff will be attending the Southeastern Museums Conference (SEMC) in Louisville, KY, next weekend. SEMC will host its conference in Montgomery on October 20-22, 2025.

The National Council for History Education (NCHE) will hold its annual meeting in Montgomery in March of 2026.

The Records Management Section and the State Historical Records Advisory Board are conducting an assessment on the historical records holdings of the state's 68 probate offices. Surveys were issued to probate judges in the state. Next, they will be issued to clerks and circuit courts. Copies of a map showing the status of the assessment were distributed in the meeting packets.

The semi-annual meetings of the State Records Commission (SRC) and the Local Government Records Commission (LGRC) were held on October 18 at the ADAH. A comprehensive Records Disposition Authority (RDA) document was completed for the Department of Finance for the first time in its history. The RDA can be viewed on the ADAH's website.

An updated copy of the NAGPRA Phase 1 Repatriation Record was distributed in the meeting packets. Notices of Inventory Completion (NIC) have now been filed for all five units under Phase 1. The NICs will be published in the federal register before claims can be filed by the appropriate federally recognized tribes. Dates for the physical transfer of the material will be scheduled once the agreements for repatriation are signed.

A summary of the 2023 summer internship evaluations was distributed in the meeting packets. Eight students representing six institutions interned at the ADAH. The agency will continue its efforts to improve diversity in the paid internship program and plans to resume its collaboration with the Alabama Office of Minority Affairs.

Financial Report – Steve Murray

Fund status: The summary shows a cash balance of \$9,239,910 as of August 30, 2023. The total rollover amount into FY 2024 is 8,909,942.

Generated Revenue Summary: The summary shows a total of \$355,212 of generated revenue at the end of FY 2023.

Income and Expenses: The high level, multi-year report shows trends in income and expenses between FY 2020 and FY 2024. Mr. Murray indicated that there will be increases in the rental expenses for both the ADAH building and the Records Center.

Chair Boyd thanked Mr. Murray for his report and then called on Frank Brown for the legislative report.

Legislative Report – Frank Brown

Several legislators are planning to run for the newly drawn 2nd congressional district: Sen. Kirk Hatcher, Sen. Merika Coleman, Sen. Greg Albritton, Rep. Napoleon Bracy, Rep. Jeremy Gray, Minority Leader Anthony Daniels, and former senator, Dick Brewbaker. Montgomery Mayor Steven Reed, who was considered a lead candidate, will not run. Congressman Barry Moore is now qualified to run against Congressman Jerry Carl. The qualifying deadline is November 10. A copy of the congressional districts map (effective for the 2024 election) was distributed in the meeting packets.

Sen. Steve Livingston is the new majority leader for the senate. Sen. Clay Scofield resigned to become an executive vice president with the Business Council of Alabama (BCA). Rep. Wes Kitchens and Rep. Brock Colvin plan to run for his seat.

A new state house will be built between Ripley and Jackson Streets. The date and cost of the project are unknown. The current location of the state house may be turned into a park. The ADAH will monitor the availability of public metered spaces, as it could decrease as a result of this project.

Chair Boyd thanked Mr. Brown for his report and then called on Georgia Ann Hudson for the Communications and Development report.

Communications & Development – Georgia Ann Hudson

The Alabama Archives and History Foundation's annual meeting, initially scheduled for November 5-6, has been postponed for October or November of 2004, allowing more time to plan the event and increase attendance.

The September 28 cocktail reception held in Tuscaloosa at the home of Cathy Randall was a success, with approximately 65 people attending. The development team will follow up with attendees to all Foundation events held this year, focusing on potential corporate sponsorships. In addition, grants are being submitted to help support the *History Forward* campaign.

The Friends of the Alabama Archives board met on October 11 and elected seven new members. A list of the board was included in the meeting packets. The Friends end-of-year-giving letter will be mailed soon. Donations received will help fund new collections acquisitions and *Alabama Voices* audiovisual upgrades. The new issue of the *Present & Past* newsletter will be mailed before Thanksgiving.

The agency's new annual report will be completed by January, in advance of the 2024 legislative session. The ADAH statewide public awareness campaign will launch in January. An orientation video highlighting the agency was shown during today's meeting.

Chair Boyd thanked Mrs. Hudson for her report and then called on Mr. Murray for the museum project report.

Museum Project – Steve Murray

Mr. Murray shared updated renderings of the museum upgrade project, now in the 3rd of 5 phases of design and implementation. The agency will issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) in January to fabricators, who will work with the design team on the last phase of technical design. ADAH staff continue to meet weekly with the PRD team.

Chair Boyd thanked Mr. Murray for his report and then called on Steve Wheat for the facilities improvements report.

Facilities Improvements – Steve Wheat

The elevator modernization project has kicked off, after several years of delay. The notice-to-proceed began on September 14. The contract was awarded to Construction One, Inc., with general contractors being Diversified Elevator Service and Equipment Co., Inc., Dixie Electric, Plumbing & Air, and Bradley Plumbing & Heating, Inc. Construction will begin after the new year, starting with the Coley and West Wing elevators, and then move to the public elevator after their completion.

The ADAH emergency chilling and cooling tower replacement project began on October 23 and will conclude in February of 2024.

Chair Boyd thanked Mr. Wheat for his report and then called on Meredith McDonough for a digitization update.

Digitization Program – Meredith McDonough

Ms. McDonough gave a PowerPoint presentation on current digitization projects. A list of items digitized in FY 2023 was distributed in the meeting packets.

Chair Boyd thanked Ms. McDonough for her report and then proceeded with the remainder of the meeting.

2024 Meeting Dates:

The 2024 meeting dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, February 7
- Wednesday May 8
- Wednesday, August 14
- Wednesday, November 13

Other Business:

Chair Boyd asked the trustees to make note of the special anniversary and dedication dates listed on the agenda, including the dedication of the new Native American exhibits and the 125th anniversary of the first meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Patton noted that Mr. Murray gave a wonderful presentation to the Genealogical Society of East Alabama on October 21.

Adjournment: There being no further business, *Mr. Horn moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Butler seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Delores Boyd, Chair

Steve Murray, Director

Alabama Department of Archives and History
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
May 8, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.
Milo B. Howard Auditorium

Members present:

District 7: Delores Boyd, Chair
District 1: Elizabeth Stevens
District 1: Schley Rutherford
District 2: Horace Horn
District 2: Gale Main
District 3: Fred Gray (*Departed meeting at 2:05 p.m.*)
District 3: Barbara Patton
District 4: Bobby Junkins
District 5: Julian Butler
District 6: Garland Cook Smith
At Large: Leigh Davis
At Large: Marcus Reid
Governor's Rep: Dave White (*Departed meeting at 2:14 p.m.*)

Members absent:

District 4: Alyce Spruell
District 5: Lynwood Smith
District 6: Majella C. Hamilton

Staff present:

Haley Aaron
Ryan Blocker
Kellie Bowers
Frank Brown
Leigh Dailey
Robby Elmore
John Hardin
Scotty Kirkland
Steve Murray
Mary Amelia Taylor
Tunisia Thomas
Steve Wheat

Guests present:

Richard Mink, Assistant Attorney General
Georgia Ann Hudson

Welcome and call to order: Chair Delores Boyd called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., welcoming trustees, staff, and guests.

Declaration of quorum and proper advance notice of meeting: Chair Boyd confirmed with staff that a quorum was present and that the board meeting had been announced in advance and in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Adoption of agenda: Chair Boyd called for a motion to adopt the agenda. *Ms. Davis moved that the agenda be adopted. Ms. Stevens seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

Approval of minutes—November 6, 2023, meeting: Chair Boyd asked if there were any questions about or corrections to the minutes of the last board meeting. *Mr. Horn moved that the minutes of the November 6, 2023, board meeting be approved as written and distributed prior to today's meeting. Mr. Butler seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

Chair Boyd then called on Frank Brown for the legislative report.

Legislative Report – Frank Brown

Mr. Brown thanked the board and the many friends of the Archives for their support during the legislative session, which will end tomorrow. Trustees Gale Main and Barbara Patton were confirmed by the Senate. The agency's two contracts for the museum project were approved by the Contracts Review Committee. The legislature passed a \$3.3 billion General Fund (GF) budget, and the proposed \$9.8 billion Education Trust Fund (ETF) budget is still in conference. The new state house will be constructed by 2025, with a move-in date of 2027.

Chair Boyd thanked Mr. Brown for his report and then called on Elizabeth Stevens for the Finance Committee report.

Finance Committee – Elizabeth Stevens

The Committee reviewed the costs associated with the proposed purchase of the Liberty Bank property. A document outlining all costs was distributed in the meeting packets.

The Committee also reviewed the sources of funding for the Museum of Alabama upgrade, which include state funds received by the agency and monies raised by the Alabama Archives and History Foundation and the Friends of the Alabama Archives. An expense summary was distributed in the meeting packets.

Executive Session

Chair Boyd called for a motion to convene into an executive session for the purposes of a) discussing the purchase of real property and b) to discuss with counsel a subject of potential litigation. *Mr. Butler moved that the board move into an executive session. Ms. Stevens seconded.*

Members voted by roll call:

Julian Butler	Yes
Leigh Davis	Yes
Fred Gray	Yes
Horace Horn	Yes
Bobby Junkins	Yes
Gale Main	Yes
Barbara Patton	Yes
Marcus Reid	Yes
Schley Rutherford	Yes
Garland Cook Smith	Yes
Elizabeth Stevens	Yes
Dave White	Yes
Delores Boyd	Yes

The motion passed by a vote of 13-0.

Chair Boyd called for a motion to adjourn the executive session. *Ms. Davis moved that the executive session be adjourned, and Mr. Reid seconded.*

Members voted by roll call:

Julian Butler	Yes
Leigh Davis	Yes
Fred Gray	Yes
Horace Horn	Yes
Bobby Junkins	Yes
Gale Main	Yes
Barbara Patton	Yes
Marcus Reid	Yes
Schley Rutherford	Yes
Garland Cook Smith	Yes
Elizabeth Stevens	Yes
Dave White	Yes
Delores Boyd	Yes

The motion passed by a vote of 13-0. The board meeting reconvened at 1:46 p.m.

Purchase of Real Property – Finance Committee, Elizabeth Stevens

A memo packet regarding the proposed purchase of the Liberty Bank property was distributed in the meeting packets. *On recommendation of the Finance Committee, Ms. Stevens moved that the board affirm the strategic value of purchasing the Liberty Bank property and endorse closing on the purchase. Mr. Butler seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

Deaccessions

A memo packet regarding the proposed deaccession and repatriation of non-archaeological Native American materials belonging to William “Billy” Powell, or Osceola, was distributed in the meeting packets. *Mr. Butler moved that the materials belonging to Osceola be deaccessioned and repatriated. Ms. Davis seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

Director Murray has recommended the deaccession of items belonging to William Letford, a former employee of the ADAH, in response to an inquiry by his granddaughter, Bonnie Letford. A summary of the request was distributed in the meeting packets. *Mr. Butler moved that the William Letford Collection be deaccessioned and transferred to Bonnie Letford, the designated representative of the Letford family. Mr. Reid seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

Chair Boyd then called on Leigh Davis for procedures regarding the director’s annual performance appraisal.

Procedures for Director’s Annual Performance Appraisal – Leigh Davis

It is time for both the director’s annual appraisal and consideration of reappointment to a new six-year term. The director’s evaluation form, job description, and reappointment ballot were distributed in the meeting packets. Trustees are asked to return the evaluation forms and reappointment ballots by Friday, June 7.

Chair Boyd thanked Ms. Davis and then called on Scotty Kirkland for a Museum of Alabama status report.

Museum of Alabama Phase 3 Status Report – Scotty Kirkland

Mr. Kirkland provided a status report on phase 3A of the museum project, including upgrades to the children's gallery and military gallery; Alabama Voices updates; and improvements to the building's public spaces. Selected contractors are The PRD Group, 1220 Exhibit Designs, and Monadnock Media.

Mr. Kirkland noted that he and Sam Christensen attended the Mvskoke Art Market in Tulsa, OK, in April. He also announced two new ADAH digital exhibits: *Sewn Together: Two Centuries of American Quilts*, and *Alabama and the American Presidency*

Chair Boyd thanked Mr. Kirkland for his report and then called on Kellie Bowers for a NAGPRA update.

NAGPRA Compliance – Kellie Bowers

Copies of the desired outcomes for NAGPRA compliance, adopted by the trustees on May 9, 2018, were distributed in the meeting packets, along with the newly updated Phase 1 Repatriation Report. Staff have completed all processes required for compliance under NAGPRA for the Phase 1 archaeological materials, including human remains and associated funerary objects. They will next coordinate the transfer of physical custody with the respective federally recognized tribes.

NAGPRA compliance will next involve materials in Phase 2, which include unassociated funerary objects and other cultural objects, and is expected to span several years.

Chair Boyd thanked Mrs. Bowers and the NAGPRA staff for their diligent work in attaining compliance, and then called on Steve Murray for the Director's report.

Director's Report – Steve Murray

Mr. Murray announced that the K-12 school tour evaluation scores remain at 98-99% in the "Excellent" category for the academic year ending this month. A document containing tour evaluation comments was distributed in the meeting packets.

Mr. Murray acknowledged former Communications Coordinator Georgia Ann Hudson, who resigned on May 1, for her 11 years of service to the ADAH.

The Alabama Archives and History Foundation's executive committee is in the process of recruiting additional board members as the Foundation increases its fundraising capacity. The Foundation board is scheduled to meet in June.

Chair Boyd thanked Mr. Murray for his report and then proceeded with the remainder of the meeting.

2024 Meeting Dates:

The remaining 2024 meeting dates are as follow:

- Wednesday, August 14
- Wednesday, November 13

Other Business:

Chair Boyd asked the trustees to make note of the special anniversary and dedication dates listed on the agenda.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Delores Boyd, Chair

Steve Murray, Director

**Alabama Department of Archives and History
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 14, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.
Milo B. Howard Auditorium**

Members present:

District 7: Delores Boyd, Chair
District 1: Elizabeth Stevens
District 2: Gale Main (*Arrived at 1:15 p.m.*)
District 3: Fred Gray (*Departed at 2:08 p.m.*)
District 4: Bobby Junkins
District 5: Julian Butler
District 5: Lynwood Smith
District 6: Garland Cook Smith
At Large: Leigh Davis
At Large: Marcus Reid
Governor's Rep.: Dave White (*Departed at 1:59 p.m.*)

Members absent:

District 1: Schley Rutherford
District 2: Horace Horn
District 3: Barbara Patton
District 4: Alyce Spruell
District 6: Majella C. Hamilton

Staff present:

Haley Aaron
Ryan Blocker
Kellie Bowers
Frank Brown
Leigh Dailey
Robby Elmore
John Hardin
Scotty Kirkland
Sophie Law
Steve Murray
Natalie Oslund
Mary Jo Scott
Mary Amelia Taylor
Tunisia Thomas
Steve Wheat

Guests present:

Richard Mink, Assistant Attorney General

Welcome and call to order: Chair Delores Boyd called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m., welcoming trustees, staff, and guests.

Declaration of quorum and proper advance notice of meeting: Chair Boyd confirmed with staff that a quorum was present and that the board meeting had been announced in advance and in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Adoption of agenda: Chair Boyd called for a motion to adopt the agenda. *Mr. Butler moved that the agenda be adopted. Judge Smith seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

Approval of minutes—May 8, 2024, meeting: Chair Boyd asked if there were any questions about or corrections to the minutes of the last board meeting. *Ms. Davis moved that the minutes of the May 8, 2024, board meeting be approved as written and distributed prior to today's meeting. Ms. Stevens seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

Public Comment Period

One member of the public provided brief comments.

Board Action: Deaccession – Steve Murray

A deaccession request was initiated by Virginia Ann Whitfield and Louis Whitfield for three ALAGA Syrup advertisements, which they inadvertently donated to the ADAH in 2023, as part of a larger collection. Chair Boyd called for a motion to deaccession the items. *Mr. Butler moved that the three ALAGA Syrup advertisements be deaccessioned and returned to Virginia Ann Whitfield. Mrs. Main seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.* Copies of the recommendation for deaccession were distributed in the meeting packets.

Chair Boyd thanked Mr. Murray and then called on Leigh Davis for the Personnel Committee report.

Director's Performance Evaluation – Leigh Davis, Chair, Personnel Committee

Trustee Davis reported the results of the director's performance evaluation scores submitted by the trustees. She also shared Director Murray's written self-evaluation and notes from interviews with Director Murray and members of the senior management team. The Personnel Committee found that the director's performance during fiscal year 2024 consistently exceeds standards.

Trustee Davis noted that Director Murray has topped out at his salary range, thus preventing a recommendation for a salary raise.

Election of Director – Ms. Davis

Trustee Davis reported that Mr. Murray has been re-elected to a third six-year term as director, beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2030. His reappointment is based on a majority of votes received by ballot from the trustees. Copies of the ballot reappointment summary were distributed in the meeting packets.

Chair Boyd thanked Ms. Davis and then called on Elizabeth Stevens for the Finance Committee report.

Proposal – Elizabeth Stevens, Chair, Finance Committee

Ms. Stevens presented a proposal for the board to sponsor the required match of \$25,000 to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant, in support of the commissioning of the central art piece in the new *First Peoples of Alabama* gallery in the Museum of Alabama. Chair Boyd called for a motion to accept the Finance Committee's proposal. *Judge Smith moved that the board endorse the recommendation of the Finance Committee to support the efforts of the History Forward campaign.* Copies of the sponsorship commitment form were distributed in the meeting packets.

Chair Boyd thanked Ms. Stevens and then called on Mr. Murray for the Director's report.

Staff Reports

Director's Report – Mr. Murray

Personnel Updates

Mr. Murray announced that Mary Amelia Taylor was promoted to the communications and development coordinator position. He introduced Natalie Oslund as the new communications and development associate.

Elizabeth Meads, a member of the archival collections staff, resigned in July after accepting a position with the United States Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell Air Force Base. Kellie Bowers accepted a position with the NAGPRA program at the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, and will depart the ADAH on October 15. Robby Elmore will become the agency's new NAGPRA coordinator.

Real Property Purchase

The ADAH closed on the purchase of the former Liberty Bank property in June. The purchase price was \$1.4 million. The building is currently being evaluated to determine its capacity for storage and potential other uses. The building will be referred to as the Archives Annex.

Elevator

The renovations of the Coley Wing and West Wing elevators are now complete. The renovation of the main elevator should be complete by the end of this month. Mr. Murray thanked Steve Wheat for keeping this project on track.

Records Management

The Records Management Section and the State Records Commission are working in an advisory capacity with the Alabama Unified Judicial System to update its records retention schedule, which is being updated for the first time in ten years. Most state government entities are required to comply with retention scheduled approved by the State Records Commission. An exception provided in statute permits the Alabama Supreme Court to determine the disposition of Unified Judicial System records "after consultation with the State Records Commission" (Alabama Code §41-13-21).

Financial Report – Mr. Murray

Fund status: The summary shows a cash balance of \$8,182,262 as of June 30.

Generated Revenue Summary: The summary shows a total of \$263,540 of generated revenue at the end of the third quarter of FY 2024.

Income and Expenses: The high level, multi-year report shows trends in income and expenses between FY 2020 and FY 2025. Mr. Murray noted that there will be increases in the rental expenses for both the ADAH building and the Records Center.

Chair Boyd thanked Mr. Murray and then called on Frank Brown for the Legislative report.

Legislative Report – Frank Brown

Mr. Brown reported that Governor Ivey has not indicated any plans to call a special session. The 2025 regular session will begin on February 4. Senator Chris Elliot has pre-filed Senate Bill 5, which would revise the composition of the Board of Trustees to the Governor and eighteen at-large members. Mr. Brown will follow up with more information.

The ADAH hosted Clerk of the House John Treadwell and members of his staff for a behind-the-scenes tour on July 10.

Chair Boyd thanked Mr. Brown and then called on Kelly Hallberg for a report on the Alabama History Institutes.

Alabama History Institutes – Kelly Hallberg

Mrs. Hallberg showed a video featuring highlights from the 2024 Alabama History Institutes (AHI). The professional development workshops were held in June, with a total of 157 teachers participating. A list of the institutes and their locations was distributed in the meeting packets. Mrs. Hallberg noted that the AHI received a 2024 Award of Excellence from the American Association of State and Local History (AASLH).

Chair Boyd thanked Mrs. Hallberg and then called on John Hardin and Scotty Kirkland for a Museum of Alabama status report.

Museum Project – John Hardin and Scotty Kirkland

Dr. Hardin and Mr. Kirkland provided an update by PowerPoint on Phase 3 of the Museum of Alabama upgrade. The project is in the final design stage and is slated for completion in October or November of 2025. A soft opening is planned for October 2025.

Coordination of the Tribal Advisory Group (TAG) is being transferred from Kellie Bowers to Alex Colvin. The group is comprised of members representing several federally recognized tribes, who will be involved in the redesign of the *This is Our Land* section of *Alabama Voices*.

The new military gallery, *Alabama Military Stories*, will feature new display systems that will enable periodic rotations of military materials in the collections. A large Alabama map will be made of teak wood taken from the deck of the battle ship USS *Alabama*.

Chair Boyd thanked Dr. Hardin and Mr. Kirkland and then called on Kellie Bowers for a NAGPRA update.

NAGPRA Compliance – Kellie Bowers

The NAGPRA staff is working toward the repatriation of funerary objects associated with the Seminole leader Osceola, following the board's vote to deaccession these materials at its last quarterly meeting. Consultation with federally recognized tribes and lineal descendants should wrap up next month, and a NAGPRA Inventory and Notice of Inventory Completion will subsequently be submitted to the Department of the Interior. Repatriation could follow in the winter or early spring of 2025.

The NAGPRA staff is also preparing for and consulting with tribes on the ADAH's exhibit redesign project.

Mrs. Bowers thanked the board for its support, and she commended Mr. Murray, Dr. Hardin, and Ryan Blocker for their mentorship and guidance. Chair Boyd thanked Mrs. Bowers on behalf of the board and wished her the best. She then called on Sophie Law for a report on the Alabama Men's Hall of Fame induction.

Alabama Men's Hall of Fame Induction – Sophie Law

Mrs. Law has been working on a personal research project that focuses on the life of former ADAH director Milo B. Howard. She will speak during Mr. Howard's induction into the Alabama Men's Hall of Fame on September 17. Trustees are invited to attend the program, which will be held in Birmingham. Copies of the invitation were distributed in the meeting packets.

2024 Meeting Dates:

The next trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13.

Other Business:

Chair Boyd mentioned that the Alabama Archives and History Foundation will host the inaugural *Sunday Supper at the Archives* on Sunday, October 27. The Alabama Academy of Honor induction will be held on Monday, October 28.

Chair Boyd asked the trustees to make note of the special anniversary and dedication dates listed on the agenda.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Delores Boyd, Chair

Steve Murray, Director