

**Burial Sites Preservation Board
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2026**

OPEN SESSION

The Dorchester County Burial Sites Preservation Board (BSPB) convened into Open Session on February 12, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 110 of the County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613. A roll call of the board members present was conducted. Present in Room 110 were: Dorothy B. Samonisky, Chair; Frederick Windsor, Vice Chair; David Beverley, II; Joe Era; Karen Tolley; Chief Donna Abbott; and, Rod Benjamin. Also present in the room was Grace Wittig, Executive Assistant.

APPROVAL OF BURIAL SITES PRESERVATION BOARD OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Windsor seconded by Mr. Beverley, the BSPB unanimously approved the Open Session minutes of Dec 29, 2025.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Election of Chair

The board unanimously appointed Fred Windsor as the Chair of the BSPB via ballot 6-0.

Election of Vice Chair

The board appointed Joe Era as the Vice Chair of the BSPB via ballot 4-2.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

a. Council Presentation

The board discussed its presentation scheduled for the upcoming Council meeting on March 17th at 6:00pm. Mr. Windsor confirmed that the PowerPoint presentation is finished. In response to Mr. Era's inquiry, the board discussed how the PowerPoint should be presented to the Council and what key points to are most important to relay.

b. Maryland Historic Trust Presentation

Ms. Samonisky stated that she had informed Elizabeth Hughes with Maryland Historic Trust, that the board would be reaching out later in the spring to reschedule its cancelled meeting.

c. Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites Presentation (CPMBS)

In response to Mr. Windsor's inquiry, Mr. Era explained that the last communication he's had with the Coalition was to let them know of a meeting cancellation due to a snow closure. He has not received a response since. Mr. Windsor added that he would like to keep open communication with the CPMBS, as they are interested in collaborating on an event scheduled for May 2026.

d. National Outdoor Show 2026:

The board reviewed and finalized both the staffing schedule for the National Outdoor Show booth and the list of materials to be prepared in advance of the event.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Samonisky provided an update, noting that she received an email from the Coalition regarding the status of HB892 and HB893. She encouraged the board to visit the Maryland General Assembly website to monitor bills relevant to the board.

Mr. Windsor added that he supports following HB892 and HB893.

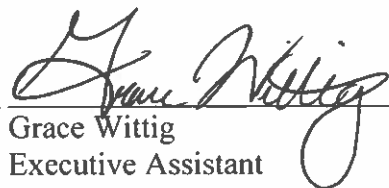
PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Era, seconded by Ms. Samonisky, the BSPB unanimously adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

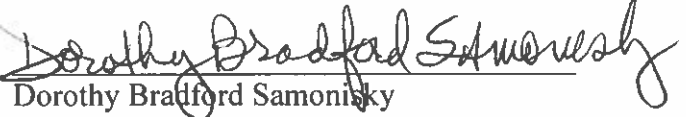
ATTEST:


Grace Wittig
Executive Assistant

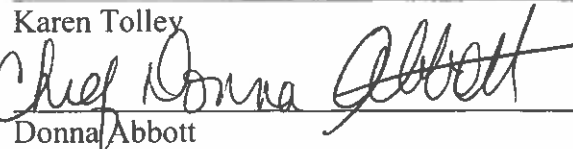
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Approved the 15 day of April, 2026.