



## OFFICIAL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

**MEETING:** Historic Preservation Commission  
**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 4:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Wausau City Hall — Maple Room  
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

**MEMBERS:**  
Blake Opal-Wahoske (C) Jeffrey Klapperich  
Christine Martens (VC) Keene Winters  
Bruce Trueblood (Ex Officio) Brad Lenz  
Dave Oberbeck (Ex Officio) Bill Herbert  
Patrick Bacher (Ex Officio)  
Aaron Griner

Members Present: Blake Opal-Wahoske, Christine Martens, Patrick Bacher, Dave Oberbeck, Jeffrey Klapperich, Keene Winters, Aaron Griner

Members Not Present:

Members Excused: William Hebert, Bruce Trueblood

Present 7, Not Present 0, Excused 2

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 04:00 PM.

### 1 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).

#### February 25, 2026 Regular Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Motion by Commission Member Martens, seconded by Commission Member Bacher, to approve Regular Historic Preservation Commission Minutes. Motion Passed 6-0-1, Commission Member Keene Winters abstained.

### 2 Presentations.

#### a. Historic Preservation Commission: Roles, Ordinance Framework & Local Preservation Tools

Chair Opal-Wahoske reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the commission, relevant processes, the ordinance which guides the commission and relevant resources and tools.

### 3 Discussion and possible action.

#### a. Moving standard meeting time to 4:30pm.

Motion by Commission Member Winters, seconded by Commission Member Martens, to approve moving the standard meeting time to 4:30pm. Motion Passed 7-0.

#### b. Installing Historic District signs in each historic district in the City of Wausau.

Martens explained that two of the districts have signage but three districts do not have any signage. The Commission asked that Lenz talk with the city sign shop to determine how the signs were originally made and installed and determine if there is a budget for the project.

Motion by Commission Member Martens, seconded by Commission Member Oberbeck, to direct staff to investigate the logistics of manufacturing and funding signage for the remaining three districts. Motion Passed 7-0.

#### 4 Discussion.

a. Discussion on current restoration efforts.

Chair Opal-Wahoske shared that the Woodson History Center has restoration work happening on the roof. Additionally, he noted that the porch on Fulton St, which the Commission approved a certificate of appropriateness for, is coming along nicely. Oberbeck shared that the Grand Theater restorations have begun. Winters shared that the work at Zion Church has been completed.

b. Discussion regarding future landmarks for consideration.

Martens suggested taking a look at the National and State Landmark registries and ensuring that those properties are also locally landmarked. Martens will put together a list. Martens added Thom Field and the Margaret Schofield House. Opal-Wahoske suggested Memorial Bridge on Scott Street and the UWSP at Wausau campus as a district. The chair or staff will have a conversation with the County to determine where they are in the divestment process.

#### 5 Adjournment.

Motion by Commission Member Oberbeck, seconded by Commission Member Martens, to approve adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 05:04 PM.

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