

**DRAFT - MINUTES  
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

**2. ROLL CALL**

The following Commissioners were present:

Commissioner Jillian Bliss  
Commissioner Jesús Najar  
Commissioner Lynn Norvell  
Commissioner Christi Sims  
Commissioner Susan Sonier  
Commissioner Thomas Tumlinson  
Vice-Chair Nathan Feingold  
Chair Teresa Johnson

The following Commissioners were absent:

Commissioner Justin Ball

**3. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS**

*This time is for citizens to address the Historic Landmark Commission on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no Historic Landmark Commission action at this time.*

**No one spoke.**

**4. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

A) HLC Case HST26-128: Discuss and consider a Certificate of Alteration to increase the roof height of the existing garage on property addressed at 574 South Academy.

**Katie Totman introduced the aforementioned item.**

**Chair Johnson asked if there were any questions for staff.**

**Discussion followed on building height, renderings, roof pitch, and neighborhood compatibility.**

**Chair Johnson invited the applicant to speak on the item.**

Jason Owens elaborated on the request discussing modifications made since the previous meeting, foundation and elevation changes, roof design adjustments, and privacy considerations for neighboring properties.

Discussion followed on the height of the structure, foundation work, nearby two-story homes, and screening and vegetation.

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak on the item.

Two individuals spoke in opposition of the item.

Five individuals spoke in favor of the item.

Chair Johnson closed the public hearing.

Chair Johnson asked if there were any further discussion or motion to be made.

Discussion followed on foundation details and needs requirements, historic preservation standards, permitting considerations, and balancing neighborhood character with property improvements.

Motion by Chair Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Bliss, to approve the item as presented based on Criteria 9 of the Criteria for Approval of an alteration certificate. Motion carried (7-1-0), with Commissioner Sims in opposition.

B) HLC Case HTC26-162: Discuss and consider a request for Historic Tax Certification for the property at 390 W Jahn.

**Katie Totman introduced the aforementioned item.**

Chair Johnson asked if there were any questions for staff.

Chair Johnson invited the applicant to speak on the item.

Shelly Tournquist elaborated on the request discussing the scope of work and the intent of the request.

Discussion followed on efforts to increase public awareness of available historic tax incentives, alterations made to the home, and the

tax incentive approval process.

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak on the item.

No one spoke.

Chair Johnson closed the public hearing.

Chair Johnson asked if there were any further discussion or motion to be made.

Motion by Commissioner Tumlinson, seconded by Commissioner Bliss, to approve the item as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0-0).

C) HLC Case HST26-164: Discuss and consider a Certificate of Alteration to add a wall sign on the main building at 197 South Seguin Avenue.

Katie Totman introduced the aforementioned item.

Chair Johnson invited the applicant to speak on the item.

Christina Cinotto elaborated on the request discussing the proposed mounting method, other existing signage, proposed sign material, and a brief history of the building.

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak on the item.

No one spoke.

Chair Johnson closed the public hearing.

Chair Johnson asked if there were any further discussion or motion to be made.

Motion by Commissioner Tumlinson, seconded by Commissioner Bliss, to approve the item as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0-0).

D) HLC Case HST26-166: Discuss and consider a Certificate of

Alteration to add tiebacks to the existing awning, add exterior lighting, and perform several repair/maintenance scopes of work to the building at 204 West San Antonio Street.

**Katie Totman introduced the aforementioned item.**

**Chair Johnson invited the applicant to speak on the item.**

**Shaina Corzine elaborated on the request discussing the proposed scope of work and the intent of the request.**

**Discussion followed on the intent and scope of the request, building materials, the proposed lighting, and the condition of the building.**

**Chair Johnson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak on the item.**

**No one spoke.**

**Chair Johnson closed the public hearing.**

**Chair Johnson asked if there were any further discussion or motion to be made.**

**Motion by Commissioner Norvell, seconded by Commissioner Sonier, to approve the item. Motion carried unanimously (8-0-0).**

## **5. STAFF REPORT & CCHC UPDATES**

A) Updates from the Downtown Board

**Katie Totman discussed the upcoming Music at the Mural event scheduled for May 23, 2026.**

B) Preservation Month Activities

**Katie discussed activities planned for Historic Preservation Month, including Coffee with the Commissioners, Free Museum Days, promotion of non-city sponsored events, house genealogy courses, and public outreach methods to promote preservation month activities.**

C) Update on Historic Resources List

**Katie Totman discussed working with other jurisdictions to develop a historic resource list for New Braunfels.**

D) Updates from the Comal County Historical Commission

**Chair Johnson provided an brief update from the Comal County Historic Commission and discussed existing concrete block homes in the City and the history of the architectural style.**

**Mandi Scott then briefly discussed the City's Arts & Culture Masterplan and economic tourism strategy to preserve such homes.**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:06am.

**Commissioner Bliss announced that this would be her final meeting as a member of the Commission and expressed her appreciation to the other commissioners for their hard work and collaboration during her tenure.**