

Approved Minutes
Art and Architectural Review Board
December 19, 2025, at 10:00 am
Patrick Henry Building, East Reading Room
1111 E. Broad St, Richmond, VA 23219

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

1.1 CALL TO ORDER – 10:00am

Members Present: Anca Lipan (Vice Chair), Megan Melinat, Jill Nolt, Stanley Rayfield, Gaby Rengifo (arrived after consent agenda voting)

Absent: Lynden Garland (Chair), Anne Smith

Department of General Services Staff Present: E.Y. Boggs, Sarah Burns

**A quorum was established.*

1.2 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 4-Y 0-N

2.1 OTHER BUSINESS

1.4.1 Today's meeting will end at 12:00pm.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (VDCR) / Grayson Highlands Ranger Residence Trailer Demolition

(Final Approval)

An existing abandoned pre-fabricated double wide style ranger residence is required to be demolished as part of the construction of a new prototype ranger residence project. The prototype structure already has AARB approval for its design. We are seeking AARB approval to demolish this existing structure, which is abandoned and is at the end of its useful life.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) Comments: DHR reviewed the new ranger residence, but this demolition was not included, and we are required to review all demolition of state property.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Comments: Megan Melinat

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 4-Y 0-N

2.2 Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) / Markel Center HVAC Deficiencies Repair

(Final Approval)

The proposed project is a replacement of existing visual screening elements around the perimeter of an existing mechanical equipment enclosure.

DHR Comments: VCU reached out to DHR regarding this project and DHR has no concerns.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 4-Y 0-N

2.3 Virginia Tech (VT) / Demolition of University Building No. 0508 Hay Shed

(Final Approval)

Building No. 0508, located at 1588 Old Mill Road on Moore Farm, is a 1,382-square-foot open-air, wood framed structure used for hay storage supporting the beef cattle program's research, teaching, and extension activities. The structure has sustained significant damage from snow loading, resulting in a partial roof collapse. Given its age and deteriorated condition, repairs are not feasible relative to the remaining useful life of the facility, and demolition is therefore proposed to ensure safety and maintain operational continuity. An insurance claim is in progress to support the eventual replacement of the shed, which will be advanced under a separate resolution following completion of the claim and design process. The university will obtain review and any required approvals from the Department of Historic Resources and the Art and Architectural Review Board prior to demolition. The structure has been determined to have no historic significance.

DHR Comments: DHR will need to review this as we are required to review all demolition of state property.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Comments: Megan Melinat

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 4-Y 0-N

2.4 Virginia Tech (VT) / Upper Quad Howitzer Installation

(Final Approval)

The Corps Leadership and Military Science Building, located in the Northeast and Upper Quad District on Old Turner Street, serves as the home for Virginia Tech's Corps of Cadets administrative offices, the Rice Center for Leadership Development, Military Science programs, classrooms, and other Corps and ROTC training functions. The proposed Upper Quad Howitzer Installation will be permanently placed on the east side of the building within one of three designated display locations established as part of the site's original design. The other two display sites include the existing, previously approved Naval ROTC anchor and a future display location reserved for additional Corps recognition.

DHR Comments: DHR review is not required but we request photos of the work once complete.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 4-Y 0-N

2.5 Virginia Tech (VT) / Tidewater AREC Machinery Shop Shingles

(Final Approval)

At the Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center (AREC) in Suffolk, Building 787, the Machinery Shop, currently has a shingle roof that has exceeded its service life and requires replacement. The proposed work will remove the existing brown three-tab asphalt shingles and replace them with slate-colored architectural shingles consistent with the roof of the main headhouse, Building 771. The headhouse roof was recently upgraded as part of ongoing facility improvements, and its material and color were selected to establish a standard finish palette for the AREC. The new shingles will improve durability, weather resistance, and visual consistency while unifying the material palette on site. This work will preserve the function of the Machinery Shop as a key facility supporting field equipment operations and research programs while maintaining compatibility with surrounding agricultural structures.

DHR Comments: DHR has not reviewed this and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 4-Y 0-N

2.6 Virginia Tech (VT) / Lane Stadium Window Replacement

(Final Approval)

This project replaces a section of fixed glazing along the west stands of Lane Stadium with new operable window units to enhance the game-day experience for patrons in the University Club venue. Operable window panels will be installed within the existing storefront opening while maintaining the overall rhythm, alignment, and proportions of the current façade. Fixed glazing will remain on either side of the operable section to preserve continuity of the west elevation. The new glazing and framing system will match the existing storefront in color, finish, and profile to maintain architectural continuity with adjacent windows. The work is limited to a single section of the west stands.

DHR Comments: DHR has not reviewed this and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 4-Y 0-N

2.7 Virginia Tech (VT) / Lane Stadium South End Storefront

(Final Approval)

This project proposes the installation of new storefront glazing within the existing elevator tower opening at the South End Zone of Lane Stadium. The work is part of an elevator modernization effort and is intended to provide weather protection for the upgraded elevator equipment and users accessing the upper levels. Currently, the tower is open to the elements and protected only by a guardrail, which allows rain to enter the elevator shaft. The new aluminum storefront system will be installed within the existing concrete openings and will match the color, profile, and detailing of the storefront systems at the first floor of the stadium to ensure material and visual continuity with adjacent elements. Construction will be coordinated to avoid disruption to surrounding

site conditions. The installation will improve elevator equipment weather protection while maintaining the stadium's architectural language.

DHR Comments: DHR has not reviewed this and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 4-Y 0-N

2.8 Virginia Tech (VT) / Dispositions of University Buildings – Center Woods *(Final Approval)*

The university proposes the disposition of eight small storage and research sheds located in the Center Woods area of the Blacksburg campus. These modest, utilitarian structures have provided long-term support for forestry, fish and wildlife, and aquaculture programs but no longer align with current operational or facility standards. The sheds will be surplus through the university process prior to site preparation for the Improve Center Woods capital project.

DHR Comments: DHR has not reviewed this and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 4-Y 0-N

2.9 Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) / Construct Outdoor Pavilion Space *(Final Approval)*

The Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) intends to construct a multipurpose outdoor uncovered pavilion in the area of the Azalea DBVI campus. Some intended uses include class instruction, student gatherings, and agency social gatherings. No means of egress from adjacent buildings will be impacted or changed, other than by construction activities. Clear paths of egress that are to be maintained will be shown in subsequent submissions. The intention of the proposed site concept is to create an outdoor classroom environment that supports teaching blind and vision impaired persons daily living skills such as outdoor cooking and “do-it-yourself” home repair while also providing flexible gathering spaces for outdoor activities such as dining, seated events for up to 50 people, or social gatherings.

DHR Comments: DHR has not reviewed this and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 4-Y 0-N

2.10 Virginia State University (VSU) / Improve South Entrance and Campus Security – Construct Restroom Building

(Final Approval)

The project introduces a new single-story 1,000 gsf (per CPSM 6.1.2.2) restroom facility designed to enhance accessibility and user comfort near the South Entrance to Virginia State University's campus. It aims to support outdoor functions and events that will be planned to be held on the lawn and hardscaped area (former Simms Hall location) at the southern tip of campus along the Appomattox River.

DHR Comments: DHR has not reviewed this and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 4-Y 0-N

2.11 Virginia State University (VSU) / Improve South Entrance and Campus Security – Improve Guard Station

(Final Approval)

The project consists of new construction for a guard station located at the south entrance to Virginia State University's campus. Programmatically, the new facility will include an interior work area and an ADA accessible single user restroom.

DHR Comments: DHR has not reviewed this and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 4-Y 0-N

2.12 Virginia State University (VSU) / Improve South Entrance and Campus Security – Replace Stairs & Retaining Wall

(Final Approval)

The project consists of improvements along Chesterfield Avenue, designed in accordance with VDOT and Chesterfield standards. Work includes roadway and drainage upgrades, sidewalk improvements, street lighting, utility coordination, site design for stairway replacement and parking area improvements, erosion and sediment control, stormwater management, and preparation of necessary plats and permits. The project includes a gravity retaining wall, approximately 3.5 feet in height, designed to VDOT standards. The wall will support the grading required to create a sidewalk shelf along Chesterfield Avenue. Sidewalk improvements follow VDOT requirements for geometry, drainage, and safety.

DHR Comments: DHR has not reviewed this and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 4-Y 0-N

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 Virginia Military Institute (VMI) / Construct Moody Hall

(Final Approval)

The New Moody Hall at Virginia Military Institute will replace the existing three-story Moody Hall facing the VMI Parade Ground and adjacent Neikirk and Cabell Halls to accommodate growth in the function of the Alumni Agencies and their collaborative activities with current Cadets into one centralized and expanded building. The existing three structures on the site are planned for demolition as a part of this project. The new facility will provide multi-purpose meeting spaces for various events on Post for the Corps of Cadets, staff, and alumni, and house offices for the VMI Alumni Agencies.

DHR Comments: DHR has been in consultation (in 2024) with VMI regarding this project and are still waiting for a Memorandum of Understanding to be drafted and sent to us for review for the adverse impacts related to the demolitions. DHR will need to review new designs as well.

Board Comments:

1. Consider more evenly-placed trees along the façade viewed from Letcher Avenue to more closely align with the architectural style.

2. Consider returning to the original, non-alternating arch design at the entrance from the Grand Lawn to further emphasize the entry point.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Jill Nolt

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 5-Y 0-N

3.2 University of Virginia (UVA) / Lannigan Field Support Building

(Preliminary Approval)

Lannigan Field, home to the University's track and field programs, is in need of significant improvements. It is currently one of only two athletics venues on Grounds that rely on temporary restroom facilities. The proposed conditioned support building will provide eighteen dedicated restrooms for varsity athletics and eighteen additional restrooms for spectators. The project also includes expanded track storage, utility and janitorial support areas, and a new water bottle filler located near the venue entrance. These enhancements will allow for the complete removal of portable toilets for both daily training and competitive events. The proposed building is a 3,000 GSF, single-story concrete masonry unit structure with a flat roof and a navy-blue painted exterior. Rooftop HVAC equipment will be fully screened by a metal enclosure. A UVA Athletics logo will be mounted on the CMU wall facing Copeley Road to reinforce program identity.

DHR Comments: DHR has not reviewed this and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments:

1. Look into options for fade-resistant paint on the CMU wall.
2. Consider extending concrete walkway between the outer track and the restrooms to mitigate desire paths.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Stanley Rayfield

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 5-Y 0-N

3.3 Virginia State University (VSU) / Renovate Summerseat for Urban Agriculture Center

(Final Approval)

Summerseat's existing site fronting onto Chesterfield Avenue suggests a strong connection to the community, and therefore underscores its primary use as a meeting and exhibit space. The three new buildings (Food Demonstration, Pavilion, & Greenhouse) are grouped around a central lawn emphasizing their relationship and primary use as the extension of the College of Agriculture. Summerseat and the rest of

the buildings are connected in a purposely tangential manner. In the same vein, the aesthetic of the new buildings relates to Summerseat in an implied manner through the use of similar materials (brick, siding, standing-seam metal roofs, and wood columns/detailing) and traditional massing. However, the buildings have purposely taken a more transitional design approach with scaled-back detailing, larger expanses of glass, and interior open structure resulting in a more contemporary interpretation of agriculture buildings.

DHR Comments: VSU has been consulting with DHR on this project, and we are awaiting additional information regarding archaeology.

Board Comments:

1. Continue to study the form and nature of the Historic Garden; particularly how it relates to the history and simplicity of the original site.
2. Bring building material samples and add more detailed structure renderings to the presentation.
3. Clarify which planting sites are permanent and which ones rotate seasonally, and present the planting plan for the permanent sites.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Gaby Rengifo

Second: None

Motion to Defer Recommendation of Denial/Approval Until Requested Details are Presented to the Board, and Pending DHR Comments: Jill Nolt

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 4-Y 0-N; 1 Abstain (Anca Lipan)

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4.1** The next AARB meeting will be held on Friday, January 9, in the Patrick Henry Building in the East Reading Room.

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED