

Approved Minutes
Art and Architectural Review Board
June 5, 2026, 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 – 10:02am

Members Present: Lynden Garland (Chair), Anca Lipan (Vice Chair), Megan Melinat (DHR), Stanley Rayfield (left at 12:00pm), Gaby Rengifo, Anne Smith

Absent: Jill Nolt

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: Anne Smith

Second: Anca Lipan

Vote: 5-Y 0-N (Stanley Rayfield not present at time of voting)

1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

1.4.1 For the following agenda items, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.8, 2.22, 3.4, and 3.5, Anca Lipan discloses that her firm is working on the project or other projects for the submitting Agency, but does not personally represent or provide services to that Agency, and can be fair, objective, and participate in the public interest.*

1.4.2 For the following agenda items, 2.1, 2.2, 2.5, and 3.5, Lynden Garland discloses that his firm is working on the project or other projects for the submitting Agency, but does not personally represent or provide services to that Agency, and can be fair, objective, and participate in the public interest.*

**Disclosures made pursuant to the Code of Virginia § 2.2-3112(B)(2) and § 2.2-3114(G).*

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) / Route 606 Kalahari Elephant Sculptures

(Final Approval)

The proposed improvement consists of the installation of elephant sculptures, a low-profile masonry block wall, and coordinated native plantings within the Route 606 roundabout serving the new Kalahari Resorts & Conventions development in Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) Comments: DHR has not received this and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Anne Smith

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 abstain (Anca Lipan)

2.2 Department of General Services Division of Engineering & Buildings (DEB) / Brumley MTN New Tower

(Final Approval)

Washington County, VA has an existing tower site with an existing 150' self-support (Lattice Type) tower within an existing Unmanned Communication Facility compound. The parcel containing the facility is owned by Commonwealth of Virginia. Washington County, VA is working with Motorola (Project Manager) and Mission 1 (engineer) to upgrade the facility. A NEW tower (115' Self Support Tower) installation is proposed within the existing fenced compound. The new tower will be constructed of hot-dip galvanized material and will therefore be grey in color. Communications Equipment to be mounted on the tower will be of similar color. The EXISTING tower (150' Self Support Tower) WILL remain on site after new tower installation. New ice bridge will be installed from the existing equipment shelter to the new tower.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed this through consultation with the FCC in a Section 106 review, and this tower will not affect any historic properties.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.3 Virginia State University (VSU) / Demolish Quad II

(Final Approval)

This project consists of the complete demolition of the Virginia State University 3300 Boisseau St., Quad II – Annex D leased modular unit located in the west area of campus. The area will be fine graded and seeded. The building is unoccupied. The University

requests authority to demolish the building to eliminate associated liability and security risk and to facilitate a higher use of the land.

DHR Comments: DHR received this for review, and we will have comments to VSU by 7/1/26.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Comments: Megan Melinat

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 5-Y 0-N 1 Recusal (Lynden Garland)

2.4 Christopher Newport University (CNU) / Demolition of Plant Operations & Warehouse Building

(Final Approval)

The existing CNU Plant Operations and Warehouse Building is a 36,000 SF converted grocery store located at 11 Sweetbriar Drive in Newport News Virginia. The original building was built in approximately 1960 and has served a variety of uses over its life prior to acquisition by the CNU Real Estate foundation in 2003, and later CNU in 2009. The single-story building is a combination of exposed CMU block, Brick, aluminum storefront, and metal panel. The roof is a low slope membrane roof with roof mounted mechanical units. The existing building has reached the end of its useful life and CNU has outgrown the building's footprint.

DHR Comments: This project has been partially entered into DHR's VCRIS system for review but remains in draft mode. Our review is required.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Megan Melinat

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.5 VDOT / Bryant AHQ Combination Building & Fuel Center

(Final Approval)

The project consists of the construction of a new approximately 4,998 SF single-story VDOT Prototype Combo Building, designed for 20 or fewer Area Headquarters staff, at the Bryant Area Headquarters located at 33 Donahue Lane, Roseland, Nelson County, Virginia. The work includes associated site demolition, site development, utilities, foundations, building envelope, interior finishes, HVAC, plumbing, lighting, power, and lightning protection. The prototype building is characterized by a simple rectangular plan, gabled roof structures supported by shop-fabricated wood trusses, asphalt shingle

roofing, and exterior materials that include fiber-cement siding and column wraps, concrete unit masonry accents, aluminum-framed entrances and storefronts, aluminum windows, and painted finishes.

DHR Comments: Because this project will have no impact on historic resources, it falls under the VDOT PA (Programmatic Agreement Between the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Department of Historic Resources Regarding Interagency Coordination for State-Funded Virginia Department of Transportation Projects within the Commonwealth of Virginia), executed in October 2025, and DHR review is not required.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Anne Smith

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.6 Virginia Tech (VT) / Demolition of University Building 0428 and 0429

(Final Approval)

The university proposes the demolition of University Building Nos. 0428 (Tobacco Barn) and 0429 (Seed House), located on the golf course at the northwest corner of the main Blacksburg campus.

DHR Comments: DHR received this submission on 5/19/26 and we will have comments to VT by 6/18/26.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Comments: Megan Melinat

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.7 VT / Demolition of University Building 0317

(Final Approval)

The university proposes the demolition of University Building No. 0317 (Residence), located at 1305 Southgate Drive on the main Blacksburg campus within the former Dairy Center area.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed this project and no historic resources will be impacted.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.8 Virginia State University (VSU) / Lindsay Montague – Replace Windows

(Final Approval)

The project is a window replacement of the existing windows at the Lindsay Montague building. The most recent window replacement was in 2008.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed this project and no historic resources will be adversely impacted.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 recusal (Lynden Garland)

2.9 George Mason University (GMU) / Water Tank Logo Refresh

(Final Approval)

Replacement university logo for the existing water storage tank on the Fairfax Campus. The existing painted logo is to be removed and the new university logo to be painted in its place.

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

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.10 Old Dominion University (ODU) / 1307 Monterey Demo

(Final Approval)

We wish to demolish the property located at 1307 Monterey Av. Norfolk. The 2,248 square foot, two story, wood frame house with asbestos siding sits on a crawl space and has a gable roof was built in 1928. This house has been unused for several years and has fallen into a state of disrepair. The Old Dominion University Risk Management Office has inspected the property and suggests “demolition and site stabilization would be a more prudent use of university resources than continued investment in a severely deteriorated residential structure”. The area will be fine graded and seeded.

DHR Comments: DHR has not reviewed this and is required to review all demolitions.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Megan Melinat

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.11 ODU / 4900 Powhatan Ave Demo

(Final Approval)

We wish to demolish the property located at 4900 Powhatan Av. Norfolk. The approximately 1,000 square foot, one and a half story, wood frame house with wood siding sits on a crawl space and has a gable roof was built in 1980. This house has been unused for several years and has fallen into a state of disrepair. Old Dominion Division of Administration has inspected the property and suggests “demolition and site stabilization would be a more prudent use of university resources than continued investment in a severely deteriorated residential structure”. The area will be fine graded and seeded.

DHR Comments: DHR has not reviewed this and is required to review all demolitions.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Megan Melinat

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 5-Y 0-N 1-Recusal (Lynden Garland)

2.12 ODU / 1542 49th St Demo

(Final Approval)

We wish to demolish the property located at 1542 49th St. Norfolk. The 1,838 square foot, one and a half story, wood frame house with asbestos siding sits on a crawl space and has a gable roof was built in 1941. This house has been unused for several years and has fallen into a state of disrepair. Old Dominion Division of Administration has inspected the property and suggests “demolition and site stabilization would be a more prudent use of university resources than continued investment in a severely deteriorated residential structure”. The area will be fine graded and seeded.

DHR Comments: DHR has not reviewed this and is required to review all demolitions.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Megan Melinat

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.13 Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) / Occoneechee

State Park Boat Launch Restroom

(Final Approval)

The project is generally described as the replacement of an existing dilapidated restroom building with a new, precast concrete structure. The existing structure exhibits structural failures which make replacement at the scale of the structure more feasible than renovation. Additionally, space constraints do not allow for functional, accessible user facilities. The new structure is of a type being utilized at state parks across Virginia.

DHR Comments: DHR has reviewed this and no historic resources will be impacted.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Stanley Rayfield

Second: Anca Lipan

Vote: 4-Y 0-N; 1 abstain (Gaby Rengifo), 1 recusal (Lynden Garland)

2.14 DCR / Staunton River State Park Campground Bathhouse Renovation

(Final Approval)

The project is generally described as the renovation of an existing bathhouse to address failing plumbing systems and building elements, accessibility, and fixture counts, to accommodate park needs. As part of the renovations, existing overhangs are being filled in to add additional interior square footage for the accessibility modifications. The overall character of the structure is not being changed.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed this and we will need additional information in order to better understand impacts to this resource (DHR ID #041-0100-0035), which is a contributing resource to the VLR/NRHP-listed historic district. DCR should submit cut sheets for products, existing conditions photos, and drawings for the bathroom renovation.

Board Comments:

1. Per the renderings provided, the renovated structure does not match the existing structure. Further clarification of the elevations is needed.
2. Provide material information.
3. Consider a warmer, more welcoming tone to closer match the existing structure.
4. Provide the master plan mentioned in the Project Data Sheet to the Board to provide more context.

Motion to Recommend Denial Based on Board Comments: Anca Lipan

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 recusal (Lynden Garland)

2.15 DCR / Staunton River State Park Dan River Restroom Renovation

(Final Approval)

The project is generally described as the renovation of an existing restroom building to address failing plumbing systems and building elements, and accessibility, to accommodate park needs. As part of the renovations, existing windows are being decreased in size by 3-4 inches to accommodate the installation of code-compliant toilet compartments inside the structure. The overall character of the structure is not being changed.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed this and we will need additional information in order to better understand impacts to this resource (DHR ID #041-0100-0003), which is a contributing resource to the VLR/NRHP-listed historic district. DCR should submit cut sheets for products, existing conditions photos, and drawings for the bathroom renovation.

Board Comments:

1. Consider a warmer, more welcoming tone to closer match the existing structure.
2. Clarify the elevations/renderings; the buildings appear to be different heights.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval with Board Comments and Pending Further DHR

Review: Anne Smith

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 4-Y 1-N (Megan Melinat); 1 recusal (Lynden Garland)

2.16 DCR / Twin Lakes State Park Cedar Crest Restroom Renovation

(Final Approval)

The project is generally described as the renovation of an existing restroom building to address failing plumbing systems and building elements, and accessibility, to accommodate park needs. As part of the renovations, existing windows are being replaced. Two existing entry doors are being lowered by 3" to allow for accessible ingress from the exterior. The overall character of the structure is not being changed.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed this and we will need additional information in order to better understand impacts to this resource (DHR ID #073-0070-0011), which is a contributing resource to the VLR/NRHP-listed historic district. DCR should submit cut sheets for products, existing conditions photos, and drawings for the bathroom renovation.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending Further DHR Review: Anne Smith

Second: Anca Lipan

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 recusal (Lynden Garland)

2.17 DCR / James River State Park Equestrian Bathhouse

(Final Approval)

The project is generally described as the replacement of an existing dilapidated bathroom building with a new, CMU structure matching the existing Department of Conservation and Recreation Prototype. The existing structure exhibits structural failures which make replacement, at the scale of the structure, more feasible than renovation. The new structure is of a type being utilized at state parks across Virginia.

DHR Comments: DHR has reviewed this and no historic resources will be impacted.

Board Comments:

1. Clarify whether the new structure prototype was previously reviewed and approved by the Board; if so, provide verification. If not, submit as a regular agenda item with and provide material samples.
2. Submit the current structure's demolition as a separate item on the consent agenda.

Motion to Recommend Denial Based on Board Comments: Anca Lipan

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 recusal (Lynden Garland)

2.18 DCR / Bear Creek Lake State Park Campground Bathhouse Renovation

(Final Approval)

The project is generally described as the renovation of an existing bathhouse building to address failing plumbing systems and building elements, and accessibility, to accommodate park needs. As part of the renovations, existing openings are being enclosed to increase space within the structure to allow for interior accessibility. Additional door openings are being added to the exterior to allow for the development of individual shower rooms and family/assisted use restrooms. The overall character of the structure is not being changed.

DHR Comments: DHR has reviewed this and no historic resources will be adversely impacted.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Anne Smith

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 recusal (Lynden Garland)

2.19 DCR / Holliday Lake State Park Acorn Loop Bathhouse Renovation

(Final Approval)

The project is generally described as the renovation of an existing bathhouse building to address failing plumbing systems and building elements, and accessibility, to

accommodate park needs. As part of the renovations, existing openings are being enclosed to increase space within the structure to allow for interior accessibility. Additional door openings are being added to the exterior to allow for the development of individual shower rooms and family/assisted use restrooms. The overall character of the structure is not being changed.

DHR Comments: DHR has reviewed this and no historic resources will be adversely impacted.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Anne Smith

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 recusal (Lynden Garland)

2.20 DCR / Holliday Lake State Park Picnic Area Restroom Renovation

(Final Approval)

The project is generally described as the renovation of an existing restroom building to address failing plumbing systems and building elements, and accessibility, to accommodate park needs. The overall character of the structure is not being changed.

DHR Comments: DHR has reviewed this and no historic resources will be adversely impacted.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Anne Smith

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 recusal (Lynden Garland)

2.21 Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services (DBHDS) / Central State Hospital Building 94 Boiler Decentralization

(Final Approval)

The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) is constructing a new Central State Hospital (CSH) facility. Once the new facility is ready for occupancy, DBHDS intends to decommission the central steam plant which serves the existing CSH campus. However, CSH Building 94 will remain operational for the foreseeable future. This project will provide boilers locally at Building 94. The existing mechanical room does not have sufficient room to accommodate boilers. The mechanical room will be expanded with an exterior addition to house the new boiler. accommodate park needs. The overall character of the structure is not being changed.

DHR Comments: DHR has not reviewed this and does not need to unless required by another agency. Building 93 (and the adjacent 94) are non-contributing to the NRHP-eligible Central State Hospital Historic District.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Anca Lipan

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.22 Radford University (RU) / Campus Environmental Graphics

(Final Approval)

In the Fall of 2023, Radford University completed a rebranding initiative and launched a new brand, which featured a new logo, graphic elements, typography and color palette; new brand personality traits and pillar messages; and a new brand campaign tagline: Find Your Place. Here. The proposed application includes a range of integrated environmental graphic elements located at select building facades and windows, pedestrian corridors, gathering spaces, and campus edge conditions. These installations are intended to reinforce institutional identity while complementing the architectural character, scale, and landscape of the university campus. The project has been developed as a phased and coordinated system of removable graphic applications designed to complement existing campus architecture while allowing flexibility for future stewardship and maintenance.

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

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.23 ODU / Lt. Col. Brandon Shah Memorial

(Final Approval)

The limit of work for the south courtyard of Rollins Hall remodel is approximately 3,600 SF and is entirely an outdoor space. The space in question is to be dedicated to Lt. Col. Brandon Shah, who was slain in the recent shooting at Old Dominion University in March of 2026. The project includes the installation of a new monument, walkways, light pole, landscaping, relocation of bike racks, and accessible route. The project creates a space for the community to reflect on the life of Lt. Col. Shah.

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

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.24 ODU / Kaufman Hall North Façade Replacement

(Final Approval)

Kaufman Hall is a two story building housing 123,000 gross square feet of engineering labs, lecture halls, and faculty offices. The building was originally two separate buildings; Kaufman Hall (1963) and the Engineering Lab Building (1971), but the two buildings were infilled by an addition in 1985. The two original buildings are comprised of a brick façade with precast panels wrapping the columns. The infill addition is comprised of an aluminum curtain wall system. The original building (west portion, 1963) hosts a marble façade at the west entry facing north, and is the only location in the entire building that hosts the marble panels.

DHR Comments: DHR has not received this and we will need to review the project.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Megan Melinat

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.25 DCR / Grayson Highlands State Park Bathhouse Renovation

(Final Approval)

This project is the renovation of an existing 720 sf restroom building. The renovation will improve the accessibility of the existing building and provide more maintenance friendly exterior finishes. The entire building will receive a new roof. Asphalt shingles will be installed on the main roof and a modified bitumen underlayment will be installed over the lower sloped roof at the rear of the building.

DHR Comments: DHR has not received this and will need to review all Group 4 projects.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Anca Lipan

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 recusal (Lynden Garland)

2.26 DCR / Natural Tunnel State Park Bathhouse Renovation

(Final Approval)

This project is the renovation of a 748 square foot bathhouse and the two (2) 160 square foot additions. The additions will match the existing building while upgrading exterior finishes to more maintenance friendly materials. The bathroom layout of the existing building will be reworked to improve the accessibility of the space. A new roof will be installed over the additions and existing building. Additionally, an area of existing roof with translucent panels will be framed and shingled to match adjacent areas.

DHR Comments: DHR has not received this and will need to review all Group 4 projects.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Stanley Rayfield

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 recusal (Lynden Garland)

2.27 DCR / Hungry Mother State Park Bathhouse Renovation

(Final Approval)

This project is a renovation of the approximately 540 square foot bathhouse. The renovation will improve the accessibility of the space and upgrade finishes to more maintenance friendly materials. Exterior work will include the addition of seven (7) parking spaces split between two (2) new asphalt lots, a new concrete and privacy partitions.

DHR Comments: DHR has not received this and will need to review all Group 4 projects.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Anne Smith

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 recusal (Lynden Garland)

2.28 DCR / Douthat State Park Bathhouse Renovation

(Final Approval)

This project is a renovation focused on the approximately 400 square foot bathhouse. The renovation will improve the accessibility of the space and upgrade finishes to more maintenance friendly materials. The bathroom layout of the existing building will be reworked to improve the accessibility of the space. Exterior work includes exterior painting, the replacement of the existing roof with a new synthetic shake roof and the addition of new stone pathway to increase accessibility.

DHR Comments: DHR has not received this and will need to review all Group 4 projects.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Megan Melinat

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 recusal (Lynden Garland)

2.29 VT / Disposition of Storage Shed

(Final Approval)

The university proposes the disposition of a small storage shed located along Dairy Drive at the Blacksburg campus. The approximately 25-square-foot wood-frame structure is located along Dairy Lane adjacent to a residential home. The structure is weathered from age and is beyond its useful life. Disposition of the building will enable site reconfiguration to support accessible parking and circulation improvements related to construction of the columbarium. The columbarium project is part of the broader New Residence Halls capital project to be located adjacent to Holtzman Alumni Center.

DHR Comments: DHR is not required to review university dispositions, unless demolition is involved or the review is required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Megan Melinat

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 Virginia Tech (VT) / New Residence Halls

(Final Approval)

The New Residence Halls (1,200 Beds) project represents a major investment in Virginia Tech's residential campus model and the long-term stewardship of its housing portfolio. The project will expand the university's housing area into a new part of campus, establishing the foundation for broader residential life development on that side of campus, while delivering four new residential buildings totaling approximately 1,200 beds to support continued enrollment growth, strengthen the university's residential campus experience, and reinforce Virginia Tech's commitment to student success, retention, and community engagement.

DHR Comments: DHR is consulting on this project directly with VT. The new construction will be highly visible from the three (3) resources, including the NRHP-listed Fraction Family House/Solitude, and will substantially diminish the historic integrity of the rural

setting. Mitigation is being discussed and a Memorandum of Understanding will be drafted to memorialize minimization and mitigation measures.

Board Comments:

1. Provide more detailed landscape and planting plans as they relate to the building, including renderings that show where plants will be placed and which parts of the building will be obscured.
2. Provide locations of the site lighting and other site furnishings.
3. Provide information on the various site items (courts, patios, etc.) shown in the presentation.
4. Provide renderings around the site and landscape at pedestrian level.

*Motion to Recommend Denial, Requesting Resubmittal with More Delineation and Information in alignment with the requirements of a final submission concerning the Site and Landscape Only. The Building shall **Not** be reviewed.:* Lynden Garland

Second: Anca Lipan

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

3.2 ODU / New Biology Building

(Final Approval)

This project includes construction of a new multi-story facility to serve the teaching and research programs and services of the Old Dominion University Department of Biological Sciences and the College of Sciences.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed this project (DHR File No. 2022-5196), and no historic resources will be adversely impacted.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Anne Smith

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 5-Y 0-N

3.3 ODU / New Engineering & Arts Building

(Final Approval)

Old Dominion University's new Engineering and Arts Building is located in the southeastern quadrant of the ODU campus in Norfolk, Virginia, adjacent to existing engineering facilities and within an easy walk of allied arts venues. The site for the building lies along the eastern periphery of a large campus greenspace (The Oval) and sits at the intersection of significant campus paths. Currently the site of an existing surface parking lot, this location is one of the few pieces of land unencumbered by buildings within the dense core of campus. Its proximity to and visibility from Hampton

Boulevard to the east makes it well-suited to host the kinds of active public programs and events it is envisioned to support.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed this project (DHR File No. 2025-5028), and no historic resources will be adversely impacted.

Board Comments:

1. Continue study of the location of the vertical, metal paneling on the windows, taking visual harmony into consideration.
2. Consider reinforcing the datum line where the fins stop on the glazing of the east elevation.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval with Board Comments: Anca Lipan

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 5-Y 0-N

3.4 Christopher Newport University (CNU) / Replace Plant Operations and Warehouse Building

(Final Approval)

The CNU replacement Plant Operations and Warehouse building is a 63,955 SF, single story building located in Newport News, across Warwick Blvd from Campus Proper. The proposed occupants range from the building trades, cart storage, warehousing, and administrative space for the physical plant team. It is a proposed brick building with cast stone banding and white finished aluminum storefront to match CNU's standard material palette. As part of CNU's "Going Greener" initiative, a goal of this project is to be Net Zero energy. To achieve this, the roof form will be a parapet condition with the flat roof primarily occupied with solar panels towards the rear of proposed design (upper and lower sections).

DHR Comments: DHR has not received this project yet. If this project involves demolition or is subject to an Environmental Impact Report, DHR review will be required.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Anne Smith

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 5-Y 0-N

3.5 Virginia Department of General Services (DGS) / New Virginia State Police Training Academy

(Preliminary Approval)

This project is the replacement of the current Virginia State Police Training Academy. After initial new construction, demolition of several existing buildings, and final sitework, the campus will have three (3) new buildings erected on site as follows:

1. New ACADEMY Building: This 2-story facility includes: Dormitories, Classrooms, Supporting Administrative Offices, Cafeteria, VSP Museum and Memorial- totaling 127,513 GSF.
2. New Athletic TRAINING Building: This 1-story (with an elevated track,) includes: Commencement / Gymnasium, Pool, Locker Rooms, additional VSP Academy Training Spaces- totaling 48,122 GSF.
3. New K-9 Training Center: This 1-story pre-engineered metal building includes: Indoor Training and Administrative spaces, covered exterior space, and new kennels- totaling 4,622 GSF.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed this EIR (DEQ 25-060S), and we are still waiting on a response from the agency regarding our Memo on 10/21/2025. Architectural survey will be required. See the attached Memo below for details (DHR File No. 2025-4963).

Board Comments:

1. Study ways to break up the monotony of the red brick façade.
2. Study ways to further visually tie the K-9 building to the other buildings in the project.
3. Ensure you take the Board comments and make them reflect the pride and dignity of the space and its occupants, keeping in mind the debt of gratitude owed for their job.
4. Provide material samples, a lighting plan, a detailed planting plan, and topography of the site.
5. Provide detailed renderings from various perspectives that speak to the theme of the VSP values.
6. Differentiate the areas that are part of this project's scope vs. unplanned future areas.

Motion to Recommend Preliminary Approval with Board Comments, and Pending Further

DHR Review: Gaby Rengifo

Second: Anne Smith

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

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4.1** The next AARB meeting will be held on Friday, July 10th in the Patrick Henry Building in the East Reading Room.

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED – 2:02pm



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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MEMORANDUM

To: Megan Black
Department of Environmental Quality

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Review and Compliance Division

Subject: New Academy and Site Improvements DEQ 25-060S, Chesterfield County | DHR File No. 2025-4963

Archaeology:

The project area of potential effect (APE) encompasses a developed portion of the Virginia State Police Academy. Due to previous development, the APE has likely been disturbed and the possibility of encountering intact archaeological resources is low. In the event that previously unidentified archaeological resources are discovered during ground disturbing activities, all construction work involving subsurface disturbances should be halted in the area of the resource and in the surrounding area where further subsurface remains can be reasonably expected to occur. The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) via DHR should be contacted for further guidance before proceeding with additional site work.

Architecture:

There are previously recorded resources within the area of potential effects (APE) that have not been evaluated for Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR) and National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listing eligibility. We will need additional information in order to provide meaningful comments regarding impacts to historic resources. We recommend conducting a Phase I cultural resources survey of architectural resources and developing mitigation plans, if necessary. A Phase I cultural resources survey of architectural resources must be conducted by qualified professionals, in the appropriate discipline, in accordance with DHR's Guidelines for Conducting Historic Resources Survey in Virginia (October 2011, Revised 2017) at https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/SurveyManual_2017.pdf

Please note that DHR requires previously-recorded resources to be resurveyed if they have not been surveyed in the last five years. We generally rely on the accuracy of survey data on specific resources for no more than five years, due to possible changes to resources that may occur over the passage of time, advancements in scholarship, and rapid development that affects many parts of the state.

Two plastic comb-bound copies and one digital copy of the resulting report should be submitted to our office for review and approval prior to proceeding with the project. It should be noted that all archival material for the architectural study must be submitted and approved by our Archives before we can complete our review of the report. Once we have the results of the surveys, we will be able to advise you whether any further investigations and/or other actions are warranted.

With the condition that consultation with DHR is completed (including survey and mitigation should there be adverse impacts), DHR can recommend this EIR for the Secretary of Administration's signature.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the project in general or our review of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at adrienne.birge-wilson@dhr.virginia.gov or via telephone at (804) 482-6092. If you have any questions regarding the archaeological comments for this project reach out to Jonathan Connolly via email at jonathan.connolly@dhr.virginia.gov or via telephone at (804) 482-8089.

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