

ILLINOIS NATIONAL REGISTER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Illinois State Historic Preservation Office -- Department of Natural Resources
WebEx Meeting, February 27, 2026

Presiding: Victoria Granacki, Vice-Chair

Council Members Present:

Sarah Harken	Rachel Hitzmann	Kelsey Kuehn
Brian Mitchell	Norm Moline	Charlie Pipal
Dale Simpson	Lauren Thompson	

Non-Voting Council Members Present: None

Staff Members Present:

Andrew Heckenkamp	Jeff Kruchten	Rita Baker
Carey Mayer		

Guests:

Rehan Aslam	Susan Benjamin	Heather Carey
Phobe Glimm	London Hainsworth	Amanda Loughin
Mary McCorvie	Dean Rodkin	Erica Ruggiero
Jeanne Sylvester	Lorie Watson	

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. Roll was taken. Rachel Barnhart was absent.

CHAIR REPORT Granacki welcomed everyone to the council meeting and went over the procedures for the day. Council Members introduced themselves to the audience.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the October 24, 2025 meeting were approved as submitted.

*STAFF REPORT

Mayer gave the staff report and shared that Governor Pritzker announced the redevelopment of the Hotel Florence in Chicago. She shared that Amy Hathaway retired in November, and the process has begun to post her position. Mayer stated that a part-time archaeologist will be starting next week and that CLG grants will also open next week.

*Staff Report was given after the Fullersburg Woods Presentation and before Miller Grove Presentation

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES LISTINGS

Fullersburg Woods Historic District, Oak Brook, Cook County

Erica Ruggiero and London Hainsworth gave the presentation. Staff opinion (Heckenkamp) was positive. There was a discussion regarding shortening the historical background, adding information on some of the bridges at the site, the impact of the recent dam removal, the period of significance, windows, adding more information on additional contributing buildings and adding information about other Illinois CCC-era sites. Lots of positive comments were shared. Motion to recommend was made by Pipal and seconded by Thompson. Motion carried.

Norm Moline dropped out of meeting at this point due to technical difficulties.

Miller Grove Archaeological Site, Pope County

Mary McCorvie and Heather Carey gave the presentation. Staff opinion (Kruchten) was positive. A dialogue ensued about adding a stronger archaeological connection, including some oral histories, the Polk County Sheriff's involvement with escaped slaves, adding a better integrity analysis, including a better boundary justification and that the artifact analysis was ongoing. Lots of positive comments were shared. Motion to recommend was made by Simpson and seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried.

Myers House, Winnetka, Cook Cook County

Susan Benjamin gave the presentation. Staff opinion (Heckenkamp) was positive. A simple discussion took place on the designer/patron relationship. Motion to recommend was made by Kuehn and seconded by Granacki. Motion carried.

AT&T Booster Station, Edwardsville, Madison County

Phoebe Glimm gave the presentation. Staff opinion (Heckenkamp) was positive. A conversation on whether there was more information on the architect(s) and if it was a company firm, more emphasis on architectural style and Art Deco comps in Edwardsville and the surrounding communities (cite examples) and including more details on AT&T's time in the building. Motion to recommend was made by Kuehn and seconded by Thompson. Motion carried.

Old Lace School, Darien, DuPage County

Baker gave the presentation. Staff opinion (Heckenkamp) was positive. There was a discussion regarding why it isn't recommended under Criterion A for education and/or social history, making a more exact boundary, the floor plan needing a scale, adding more information (especially on the interior) from the 1916 circular to the narrative and including teaching methods and more information on teachers or pupils connected to the school. Motion to recommend was made by Thompson and seconded by Simpson. Motion carried.

Osceola Grove Community House, Bradford, Stark County

Baker gave the presentation. Staff opinion (Heckenkamp) was positive. A conversation took place on whether the pews and benches were original, adding any background on the builder, adding more information on the windows and crown molding, including who owns the cemetery, putting directions and measurements on the floor plan, where vehicles park, using editorial sources for content and quality, looking into including past photos, U of I photos and/or submitting less grainy photos. Motion to recommend was made by Pipal and seconded by Kuehn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Virtual, June 26, 2026