

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF ANDERSON §
CITY OF PALESTINE §

The Historic Landmarks Commission of the City of Palestine convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following present: Chair Jon Gardner; Commissioners Hanna Glenn, Laura Harston, and Rhonda Herrington.

Commissioners absent: Steve Bockel, Tammy Riley, and Tabitha Enge

Staff present: Historic Preservation Officer Chasity Esparza, Planning Tech Susan Davis, City Secretary April Jackson, Building Inspector Ralph Jenkins.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chair Jon Gardner called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

PROPOSED CHANGES OF AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Introduction of Building Inspector Ralph Jenkins and the start of Preservation/Beautification awards next month, with nominations open.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Herrington made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Glenn, to approve minutes from the December 16, 2025, meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness for an exterior remodel at 520 N. Perry Street.

Historic Preservation Officer Chasity Esparza provided a summary of the proposed work. Commissioner Herrington made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, which was seconded by Commissioner Glenn. Property owner Natasha Williams explained that the original windows would remain and that the aesthetic of the building would not change. The roofing material was discussed, and it was noted that a tin roof would either be unavailable or cost-prohibitive due to the span size of the roof. Commissioners agreed that the remodel would improve the appearance of the Courthouse Square. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness for new siding, windows, and doors, repairs to the porch, steps, and trim at 1002 N. Link Street.

Chasity Esparza provided a summary. Commissioner Herrington made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Glenn, to deny the COA. Kelly Henry was present on behalf of the property owner, Janna Henry. She explained that the contractor quit after learning about the meeting and that approximately \$37,000 had been paid, though only about \$3,700 worth of work and materials appeared to have been completed. She also stated that the original windows were removed and thrown away, siding was installed incorrectly, electrical wiring was disturbed, and the home is currently unlivable. Commissioner Herrington amended her motion to allow a 6-

month timeframe to renovate the house back to its original. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 4-0.

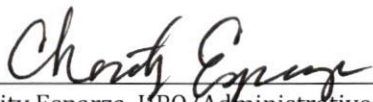
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Gardner adjourned the meeting at 3:34 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF MARCH 2026.


Jon Gardner, Chair, or Alternate.

ATTEST:


Chasity Esparza, HPO/Administrative Assistant