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**City of Sacramento
Preservation Commission**

City Hall Complex, 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

**Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
5:30 PM**

Open Session

Regular meeting called to order by Vice Chair Merker at 5:34 p.m. Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at the Sacramento City Hall Council Chamber.

Commissioners Present: Patricia Ambacher, Ella Cross, Max McSlavkin, and Vice Chair Ian Merker.

Commissioners Absent: Salvatore Ricca.

Land Acknowledgement – Led by Vice Chair Ian Merker.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Vice Chair Ian Merker.

Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one Motion.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Cross / Commissioner McSlavkin.

Yes: Commissioners Patricia Ambacher, Ella Cross, Max McSlavkin, and Vice Chair Ian Merker.

Absent: Commissioner Salvatore Ricca.

A motion **passed** to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated at each item.

1. Approval of Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

File ID: 2025-00101

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving the Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2025.

Contact: Sapphire Xiong, Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-7098, sxiong@cityofsacramento.org; Melanie Haage, Senior Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-5790, mhaage@cityofsacramento.org; Office of the City Clerk

Public Hearings

Public hearings may be reordered by the Presiding Officer at the discretion of the legislative bodies.

2. Ordinance Listing 2240 Northgate Boulevard (Orbit Station) as a Landmark on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources (M25-025) [Published 01/09/2026]

File ID: 2026-00377

Location: 2240 Northgate Boulevard, APN:274-0152-001-0000, District 3

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner McSlavkin / Commissioner Ambacher.

Yes: Commissioners Patricia Ambacher, Ella Cross, Max McSlavkin, and Vice Chair Ian Merker.

Absent: Commissioner Salvatore Ricca.

Members of the public provided public comments.

Conducted a public hearing and upon conclusion passed a **Motion** recommending the City Council: 1) Pass a **Motion** determining the listing of 2240 Northgate Boulevard as a landmark on the Sacramento register of historic and cultural resources is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15308, which exempts actions taken to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment and where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment; and 2) adopt an **Ordinance** listing 2240 Northgate Boulevard as a landmark on the Sacramento register of historic and cultural resources.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Discussion Calendar

3. Briggs Mansion National Register of Historic Places Nomination (M25-027)

File ID: 2026-00165

Location: 2015 21st Street, District 4

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Cross / Commissioner McSlavkin.

Yes: Commissioners Patricia Ambacher, Ella Cross, Max McSlavkin, and Vice Chair Ian Merker.

Absent: Commissioner Salvatore Ricca.

Members of the public provided public comments.

1) Reviewed and commented on the draft National Register Nomination for 2015 21st Street; and 2) passed a **Motion:** a) supporting the National Register Nomination for 2015 21st Street; and b) authorizing staff to transmit the Preservation Commission's comments concerning the National Register Nomination for 2015 21st Street to the State Historical Resources Commission.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

4. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2026

File ID: 2026-00315

Location: Citywide

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Cross / Commissioner Merker.

Yes: Commissioners Patricia Ambacher, Ella Cross, Max McSlavkin, and Vice Chair Ian Merker.

Absent: Commissioner Salvatore Ricca.

Passed a **Motion** selecting Patricia Ambacher as Chair for calendar year 2026.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner McSlavkin / Commissioner Cross.

Yes: Commissioners Patricia Ambacher, Ella Cross, Max McSlavkin, and Vice Chair Ian Merker.

Absent: Commissioner Salvatore Ricca.

Passed a **Motion** selecting Ian Merker as Vice Chair for calendar year 2026.

Contact: Melanie Haage, Senior Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-5790, mhaage@cityofsacramento.org; Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk, (916) 808-5442, mcuppy@cityofsacramento.org; Office of the City Clerk

Director's Report

None.

Commissioner Comments-Ideas and Questions


None.

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Adjourned – 6:14 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of January 21, 2026, as approved by the Preservation Commission.


Melanie Haage (Feb 19, 2026 14:31:18 PST)

Melanie Haage, Senior Deputy City Clerk