

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Skorpanich, Vice-Chair Richonne, and Commissioners Brown, Chinn, Gossett, Harrell, Johannes, Moodian, Sarkis, Senft, Thoms, and Yauger were present. Commissioner Maahs was absent.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission and are not contained in today's agenda.

No comments were received from the public.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A)

The following item(s) on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commissioner requests to pull a specific item.

A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 3, 2026 MEETING

Motion: Commissioner Richonne

2nd: Commissioner Sarkis

Approved 12-0

IV. STAFF UPDATE (ITEM(S) A)

A. CULTURAL RESOURCES OPERATIONS FACILITY UPDATE

Staff will give an update on the recent happenings within the Cultural Resources Operations at historical facilities.

Dennis Shaffer, OC Parks Operations Manager, provided an update on current projects at the historical facilities and answered the Commissioner's questions.

V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A-C)

A. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

Recently appointed Commissioner Kristen Maahs will provide a brief introduction as the newest member of the Commission. All other Commissioners will be given an opportunity to introduce themselves to the new Commissioner as well.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

The item was continued to the next meeting due to Commissioner's Maahs not being in attendance.

B. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING SPRING NETWORKING EVENT

Discussion regarding the upcoming event for the Orange County Historical Commission Networking Event scheduled for April 28, 2026.

Commissioners discussed the upcoming event to verify that all important and relevant decisions for the event have been covered.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file

Item was received and filed.

C. COMMISSIONER ROLES AND REPORTS

Commissioners will provide updates on the latest developments or request input from the Commission in their roles.

1. Brown – Oral Histories
2. Chinn – Historic Preservation
3. Harrell – Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens
4. Johannes – Public Events
5. Moodian – Oral Histories
6. Richonne – Website & Publications
7. Sarkis – Networking Event
8. Senft – Finance & Website
9. Skorpanich – Website
10. Thoms – Cooper Center
11. Yauger – Networking Event

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12. Gossett – OC Archives

Commissioners provided updates for their roles if they had information to provide.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

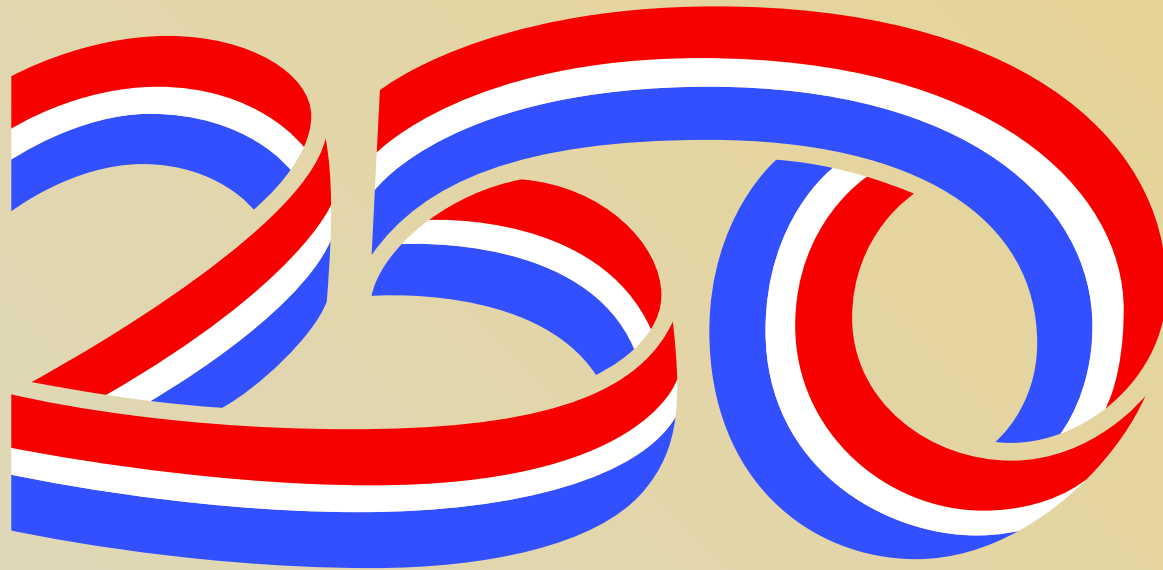
The item was received and filed.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

VII. ADJOURNMENT 10:38 p.m.

AMERICA



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America is the perfect idea; the United States of America is a work in progress.

July 4, 2026, will mark the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States, the cornerstone of freedom and self-government.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

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USA 250 – Orange County

Mission

- To engage the citizens and residents of Orange County in commemorating and celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States

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USA 250 – Orange County

- **Exploring** the history and fundamental principles underlying our constitutional government
- **Advancing** the historical ideals and aspirations embodied in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights
- **Inspiring** the American spirit through our shared heritage, common rights and responsibilities, and respect for each other

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- **Equipping** our citizens and residents to engage in the civic life of their community without regard to ethnicity, national origin, religion or political affiliation
- **Reflecting** on the origin of Orange County, its history as an important part of the history of California, and its contributions to the development of the United States
- **Celebrating** with our friends, families, local governments, and organizations to listen to and learn from our history and each other to make a lasting impact for generations to come

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USA 250 OC – Self-Guided Resources

- BenFranklinsWorld.com
- National Constitution Center
- Bill of Rights Institute
- National Archives and Records Administration
- Journal of the American Revolution
- The American Founding
- Center for the Study of the American Constitution
- George Washington's Mount Vernon

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USA 250 OC – Videos & Online Exhibits

- Museum of the American Revolution – Virtual Tours
 - Washington’s Field Headquarters
 - Liberty Tour
 - Black Founders
- National Mall’s Historic Sites
- Battlefields.org – Emancipation Proclamation

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USA 250 OC – Online Courses

- Constitution Crash Course
- Constitution 101
- Civics 101 – The Founding Documents
- Daily Diary – Constitutional Convention
- The Federalist Papers

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USA 250 OC — Civility

- Institute of Civility
- Living Room Conversations
- The Village Square
- Braver Angels Network

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USA 250 OC – Exhibits

Nixon Library Exhibits

- Now through 2026, American 250 Exhibition
- Now through 2026 – Revolutionary War Exhibits

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USA 250 OC – Events

APRIL

- 4/11 – 1pm-2:30pm, A Conversation with Benjamin Franklin and George Washington – Nixon Library
- 4/11-5-3 – Freedom Plane, Fischer Museum of Art, USC

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USA 250 OC — Events

MAY

- 5/28-30 – Concert for the Celebration of the 250th Anniversary – Segerstrom
- 4/11-5-3 – Freedom Plane, Fischer Museum of Art, USC

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USA 250 OC — Events

JULY

- 7/4 – America's Block Party and National Live Stream

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USA 250 OC – Other Resources

- 250 Seconds
- Further Reading
- Core Documents
- Independence Day Quiz
- Think You Know Your Declaration?

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