

The Minutes of the City of Ocean Springs
Historic Preservation Commission
Thursday, April 16, 2026

1. Call meeting to order

Vice Chairman Owen White called the meeting to order on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Commission members present were Susan Wooten, Kathy Stafford, Charles Fowler, Karen Chewning, and Robert Brown. Absent, Bonnie Munro. Also, present were Amanda Crose - Planning Director, Elizabeth Dill - Planning Technician, and Rae Williams – Planning Office Administrator.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. March 12, 2026

A motion was made by Charles Fowler, seconded by Susan Wooten to approve March 12, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Old Business

- a. **WITHDRAWN: 315 Front Beach Drive - PIDN: 61260003.000 - Edward Aldridge - Requesting Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to construct a 1 ½' – 2' tall brick wall at the driveway entrance**

4. New Business

- a. **921 Ocean Ave & 309 Washington Ave – PIDN: 60137394.000 & 60137392.000 – First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs – Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to remove the existing fence and construct a 4' tall white vinyl picket fence in the same exact location as the existing fence**

Greg Worch, Executive Director for First Presbyterian Church, was present to represent and answer questions from the commissioners.

A motion was made by Karen Chewning, seconded by Kathy Stafford, to recommend approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the existing 4' tall white wood picket fence with a 4' tall white vinyl picket fence in the same location. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Audience Request

- a. None

6. Administrative

- a. None

7. Adjourn

A motion was made by Karen Chewning, seconded by Kathy Stafford, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting ended at 6:03 p.m.