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# BURIAL SITES PRESERVATION BOARD

**State of Wisconsin Burial Sites Preservation Board**

**September 4, 2025**

**10:30 am to 1:00 pm**

**Wisconsin Historical Society**

**816 State Street**

**Madison, Wisconsin 53706**

**Murphy Room**

**and**

**Hybrid (In person & virtual meeting)**

**To attend virtually, register at this link:**

<https://wihist.org/BSPB-SEP-2025>

**AGENDA Page 1 of 1**

- I. Welcome and Call to Order (*Board Chair, George W. Christiansen III*)
- II. Roll Call for Determination of Quorum (*Board Secretary, Paul Reckner*)
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes from 5 June 2025 meeting
- V. Introduction (*Board Chair, George W. Christiansen III*)
- VI. Public Comment (*Note: A total of 15 speakers will be allowed a maximum of two minutes each on a first come, first served basis. All comments must pertain to a specific item on the agenda.*)
- VII. Chair Report
  1. Introduction of new Board member Dr. Richard Edwards
- VIII. New Business
  1. Consideration of Applications for Completion and Entry to and/or Removal from the Registry of Interested Persons
    - i. Reid D. Van Sluys; Grave of the Unknown Gandy (CO-0455/BCO-0377)
    - ii. The Descendant Community of Milwaukee County Grounds Cemeteries, Inc.; St. Peters Immanuel Cemetery (BMI-0015)
    - iii. The Descendant Community of Milwaukee County Grounds Cemeteries, Inc.; Brazelton Cemetery (BMI-0084)
    - iv. The Descendant Community of Milwaukee County Grounds Cemeteries, Inc.; East Side Potters Field (MI-0531/BMI-0086)
    - v. The Descendant Community of Milwaukee County Grounds Cemeteries, Inc.; Milwaukee Cemetery (MI-0538/BMI-0029)
    - vi. The Descendant Community of Milwaukee County Grounds Cemeteries, Inc.; Second Ward Cemetery (MI-0523/BMI-0088)
    - vii. The Descendant Community of Milwaukee County Grounds Cemeteries, Inc.; Old Catholic Cemetery (MI-0524/BMI-0073)
    - viii. Milwaukee County Office of Corporation Counsel; All of the Milwaukee Poor Farm Cemeteries
    - ix. Green Lake County Highway; Quimby Graves (BGL-0175)
  2. Approval of New Wisconsin Historical Society Wisconsin Burial Site Preservation Forms
    - i. Request for Wisconsin Burial Sites Preservation Board Review Form
    - ii. Registry of Interested Persons Application Form
  3. Proposal to change location of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Board meeting (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>) to Oshkosh to coordinate with Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> WITRC meeting

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- IX. Unfinished Business
  - 1. Noncompliance Letters
- X. Wisconsin Historical Society Report on Wis. Stat. 157.70 Actions (*WHS Liaison, Taylor Lambrigger*)
  - 1. Eligible for Board Action
    - i. Catalogued Burial Site Permit Request Decisions (no actionable items)
    - ii. Report on Certain Determinations Pertaining to the Disposition of Human Remains and Associated Burial Objects (no actionable items)
    - iii. Unauthorized/Unpermitted Burial Site Disturbances
      - 1. Schuette Mound Group (BMQ-0094) (WHS #24-1216)
      - 2. Blume Burial (OZ-0050/BOZ-0064) (WHS #24-1227)
      - 3. Beloit College Mound Group (RO-0015/BRO-0114)
      - 4. Eighthmy Group (DA-0045)
      - 5. Columbia-Ottman Lake (WP-0018/BWP-0124)
      - 6. Second Ward Cemetery (MI-0523/BMI-0088) (WHS #25-1386)
      - 7. Grane Burials (DA-0793/BDA-0523) (WHS #25-0055)
      - 8. Lagoon Burial (MI-0501/BMI-0186), Milwaukee County Grounds – Froedtert Tract (MI-0527/BMI-0076), Wisconsin Avenue Ponds (MI-0583/BMI-0200), Doyne Avenue (MI-0606/BMI-0076) (WHS #23-2542)
      - 9. Onalaska Village and Cemetery (LC-0288/BLC-0104)
      - 10. Wampum's Grave (MN-0249/BMN-0143) (WHS #25-1209)
      - 11. St. Jerome Cemetery (BWK-0057) (WHS #24-0916)
      - 12. Storytown Cemetery (BDA-0105)
      - 13. Maney/Weeks Site (LG-0003/BLG-0045)
  - 2. Not Subject to Board Action
    - i. Determinations Pertaining to Uncatalogued Burial Sites
    - ii. Report on Determinations Pertaining to the Disposition of Human Remains and Associated Burial Objects to the WITRC
    - iii. Discoveries of Human Remains
- XI. Other Reporting
  - 1. WI State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) (*Amy Wyatt*)
  - 2. WI Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA) (*Amy Rosebrough*)
  - 3. Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Repatriation Committee (WITRC) (*WITRC President, Bill Quackenbush*)
- XII. Closed Session\*
  - 1. Litigation Update. The Board may entertain a motion to go into closed session in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with the Board's legal counsel about current litigation in which the Board is involved.
  - 2. Reconvene in open session if closed deliberations have occurred.

*\*The Board will convene in open session but may move to closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g), and then reconvene into open session prior to adjournment of this meeting. This notice is intended to inform the public that this meeting will convene in open session, may moved to closed session, and then may reconvene in open session. Wis. Stat. § 19.85(2).*

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- XIII. Announcements
- XIV. Adjournment