

**Tallahassee-Leon County
Architectural Review Board**

Minutes of the Tallahassee-Leon County Architectural Review Board held in the Planning conference room at the Frenchtown Renaissance Center, 435 N. Macomb St, Tallahassee, FL 32301 on Wednesday, February 4th, 2026, at 12:00 PM.

Members Present

Miriam Gurniak, *Chair*
Will Shepherd, *Planning Commission Representative*
Anne Rokyta, *TLCPD Representative*
Elizabeth Wallace
Elena Bradbury, *AIA*
Betsy Crawford
James Butler

Members Absent

Doug Shuler, *AIA, Vice Chair*

Staff Present

Shannon Kuch, *TTHP Executive Director/
Historic Preservation Officer*
Breanna Green, *Assistant City Attorney*
Gretchen Brantley, *Assistant County Attorney*
Casey Bogart, *TTHP Program Coordinator*

Guests Present

Barry Wilcox, *469 St. Francis St.*
Rick Barnett, *469 St. Francis St.*
Brad Wolfe, *via zoom, 469 St. Francis St.*
Gene Adams, *317 E. Call St.*

I. Call to Order

- The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.

II. Approval of January Meeting Minutes

- Motion made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, motion carried.

III. Pre-application Consultation

- *469 St. Francis Street – Wahnish Cigar Factory*

Ms. Kuch presented information about the property at 469 St. Francis Street, the Wahnish Cigar Factory. The local register and NR listed brick warehouse was built on half an acre in 1907. Two additions were constructed, one which has since been demolished. There are two front facades, and the building is located on a corner. The adjacent parcels have been purchased to construct student housing. Mr. Wilcox presented the proposed construction plans, and discussed alternatives to demolishing the now vacant Cigar Factory. Ms. Kuch recommended preserving the front two historic facades and attaching the housing unit to the rear of the building. The board requested structural engineering documents to see if this proposal is feasible. Commemoration of the original historic site is planned. The ARB will review all future construction plans on the parcel.

IV. New Business

Mr. Butler asked for guidance on changing the front façade orientation of an HPO listed property.

V. Old Business

Mr. Gene Adams presented the report requested by the ARB for a cost estimate to move the Marshall House at 317 E. Call Street. The board discussed possible alternatives to demolition. Ms. Gurniak moved to request structural and environmental (lead, asbestos) evaluations of the property at 317 E. Call Street before further review for demolition by the ARB, and what is needed to bring the building up to code for occupancy. Mr. Shepherd seconded the nomination and the vote passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

- The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:17 pm.

The next ARB meeting will be held Wednesday, March 4th, 2026, at 12:00 noon in the First Floor Growth Management conference room.



**Shannon Kuch, Historic Preservation
Officer**

February 4, 2026

Date

Miriam Gurniak, Chair

Date