

**Alexandria Community Remembrance Project**  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
**June 11, 2025 5:30-6:30 p.m.**  
**Alexandria Black History Museum**  
**Meeting Notes**

**Attending:** Gretchen Bulova, Audrey Davis, Rose Dawson, Mark Farkas, Jean Kelleher, MacArthur Myers, Tiffany Pache, Heather Peeler, Jacqueline Plummer, Nigel Mease, RaAlim Shabazz, Judy Vaughn, Kennetra Wood.

1. Audrey Davis called the meeting to order at 5:39.
2. The August 8th Remembrance Event for Benjamin Thomas was discussed. Speaker is historian Steven Hahn. It will be at Shiloh Baptist at 6:30 and the format will include a student to provide context, a 10-15 minute keynote followed by interview style questions. We also hope to have a book signing following the speech.
3. Project Updates
  - Faith Initiative Affirmation Statement will be delivered in the form of an open letter to City Council on Saturday morning, June 14 during public comment.
  - Remembrance Student 2025-2026 plan and budget needs – presentation of plan to have three field trips and an April showcase. Need to raise \$7,000 over the summer for this program. Members of the committee recommended sponsorships and provided contacts to follow up on.
  - Mark Farkas presented a video he has made about our work to be used to educate people and invite them to join us as well as for fundraising.
4. Scholarship Update
  - Old Town Presbyterian Meeting House has provided another donation to our Memorial Scholarship Fund.
  - Tables of Conscience Series of dinners will be based on banned books. Plan to hold three in the fall and three in the winter to raise \$6,000 for the 2026 Scholarships. Two members of the Steering Committee volunteered to hold Fall dinners.
5. The meeting concluded at 6:30.
6. The next meeting will be September 10, 2025.