

**AAC Subcommittee**  
**Wilkes Street Cemetery Complex**  
**Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places**

April 13, 2026 – 7 p.m.

Virtual on Teams

# Minutes

*AAC Participants: Michael Johnson, Richard Owens, Ivy Whitlatch, Paula Whitacre (Chair)*

*Cemetery Owners/Custodians: Gilah Goldsmith (Home of Peace), Dave Heiby (Presbyterian Meeting House), Michael Johnson (Douglass Cemetery), Jerry Krueger (Alexandria National Cemetery Veterans), Corinne Marasco (St. Paul's Episcopal), Lynne Sandler (Agudas Achim), Chris Thompson (Christ Church), Liz Williams (Trinity UMC)*  
*OHA staff: Liz Williams*

*Start of meeting 7:05 p.m.*

- Ivy welcomed the group and introductions were made by those in attendance
- Ivy reviewed the schedule of creating the PIF and thanked all the cemetery owners and custodians that submitted all the content.
- Paula reviewed comments on draft of Preliminary Information Form (PIF) and included a reminder that the application is for the complex and not individual cemeteries.
- Paula reviewed the variety of photographs and maps for the Preliminary Information Form (PIF).
  - Dave will share image of Methodist Protestant Public Vault, Lynne and Gilah will share image of Hebrew and Russian carvings on tombstones, and Jerry will share contemporary activities at the Alexandria National Cemetery.
- Ivy reviewed the anticipated dates for submission to Virginia Department of Historic Resources
  - April 15: Deadline for PIF comments to Paula
  - April 30: Sign off by Alexandria Archaeology
  - May 4: Submit to CMO for informational purposes only
  - May 8: Submit to VDHR for June 15 meeting
  - After hopeful approval from VDHR, then the next step will be to find a contractor or graduate student to write the full official application.

*End of meeting 7:48 p.m.*