



**MINUTES: Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 7, 2018; 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**  
**Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site**  
**Topeka, Kansas**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Benton, Chair. Present were Ms. Barker, Ms. Buhr, Ms. Caskey, Ms. Craig, Mr. Crow, Ms. English, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Glasscock, Mr. Glenn, Ms. Hunkeler, Mr. Nevius, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Pfautsch, Mr. Rankin, Gen. Scott, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wagnon, Mr. Wood, Ms. Woodall, and Mr. Wulf.

Absent were Ms. Barnes, Mr. Ford, Mr. Harris, Mr. Tempel, and Ms. Thellman.

Staff members attending included Ms. McPike, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Ogle, Mr. Pickert, Ms. Ray, Ms. Smith, and Mr. Szlauderbach.

Mr. Benton called the meeting to order and began with a moment of silence in remembrance of Henry Fortunato.

Ms. Sherda Williams welcomed the board to the national historic site. Attendees introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Morgan moved to approve the December 2017 minutes. Mr. Nevius seconded the motion, which passed.

**Financial Report:** Mr. Wulf gave the financial report. Mr. Morgan moved approval of the report. Mr. Wood seconded the motion, which passed.

Mr. Ogle presented the 2018 budget. Attendees discussed specific line items. Mr. Wagnon moved approval of the budget. Mr. Wood seconded the motion, which passed.

**Board Chair Report:** Mr. Benton noted that he had appointed Mr. Glenn and Ms. Tacha as Freedom's Frontier representatives to the DMI board. He encouraged attendees to complete the committee sign-up sheets.

**Fundraising/Resource Development Committee:** Mr. Wood presented the gift acceptance policy and moved approval on behalf of the committee. The motion passed. He noted that there would be a form for board donation at the April meeting.

**Marketing & Outreach Committee:** Mr. Pfautsch presented the annual report.

**Staff Reports:** Mr. Ogle noted efforts to gain co-sponsors of H.R. 1002, Heritage Area Program legislation. He recognized Mr. Newhard as his last day with Freedom's Frontier is February 28. The board thanked him for his work and wished him well as he prepares for his dissertation defense.



**New Business:**

***Signage Task Force:*** Mr. Ogle asked for authorization to appoint a signage task force to consider the direction the organization wishes to take with regard to the signage project. The board discussed options and priorities and agreed to appoint a signage task force.

***Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower Policy:*** Mr. Ogle reminded attendees to sign their conflict of interest forms and whistleblower policy forms.

Mr. Glenn proposed honoring Mr. Fortunato at the April meeting with a walk along a trail he worked to mark.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie McPike for Deborah Barker, Board Secretary