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Tuesday, August 18, 2026

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Underground Railroad Education Center researches and preserves the local and national history of the Underground Railroad movement, its international connections, and its legacy to today's social justice issues, thereby empowering people of all ages to be agents of change toward an equitable and just society.

1. Call to Order
2. Seating of Sarah Kirby and Alexandra Sautin
3. Approval of the Minutes of the July 21, 2026 meeting
4. Financial Reports
4. Executive Director's Report – Written and verbal report
5. Committee Reports – Fund Development /Collections /Governance /Strategic Planning
6. Discussion of Interpretive Center Project/Myers Restoration
 - A. Status of Interpretive Center Lawsuit with NEH
7. Old Business
 - A. Resolution to acknowledge and identify Sarah Stewart's company (dba Fundalopes) as an outside contractor
8. New Business – Resolution to pursue financing with Pioneer Bank on initial stages of IC construction.
 - Bus trip to Kingston – September 26th
9. Adjournment

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Resolved: UREC is affirming the decision of the executive director to hire Sarah Stewart, her daughter and her dba company, to do outreach and organizing, program development, on behalf of the organization. The work contract presented under which she will work includes a 2 year term and requires her to document her work activities. The compensation for this position is set to allow her to address needs for supplies and items not provided to her as a regular employee, including standard deductions and health insurance, which she will address on her own. Sarah was selected through a process that included interviewing other candidates, with a board member involved in the process, and Sarah was the best candidate of those being interviewed.