



# UNDERGROUND RAILROAD EDUCATION CENTER

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*Learn the Past, Be the Present, Create the Future*®

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

## CO-FOUNDERS

Paul & Mary Liz Stewart

## Board Members

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### Brenda Twiggs

Community Activist

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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. Approval of March 19, 2024 Minutes
3. Update on Interpretive Center Project
  - April 9 contractor walk through; April 11 Planning Dept. hearing; April 22 ceremonial groundbreaking
  - 192 purchase proposal - Charles Touhey offers a loan at 2% interest for a short term – our proposal to him was \$115,000 for 5 years at 2%
4. Financial Reports –
  - Year End, Balance Sheet, P&L
  - Summary of money for Interpretive Center
5. Executive Director's Report
6. Resolution on paid Storyteller position –
  - a. Paul has been principal storyteller for tour experiences,
  - b. Paul is involved at board and finance level,
  - c. the Storyteller position is a 1-year 2024 grant funded position,
  - d. Funding has been awarded through NYSCA,
  - e. Paul would be paid from this grant as the Storyteller Engagement Specialist
  - f. Proposed Resolution – We, the UREC Board, recognizing the potential conflict of interest of Paul Stewart being paid to be a Storyteller Engagement Specialist, and acknowledging his Board responsibilities and financial management duties, the Board acknowledges Paul Stewart's ability to work as a paid Storyteller Engagement Specialist for the duration of 2024 in such a way so as to not conflict with Paul Stewart's other roles.
- Committee reports – Fund Development; Collections
7. Old Business
8. New Business
  - a. Board Orientation – May 21 at 5:30pm – all board members invited
9. Closing