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# Historic Commission

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<b>Chair:</b>	Ruth King
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Rob Kirkwood
<b>Terms of Office:</b>	Four years, three to expire each year. Alternates are appointed for three years with all terms ending May 31.
<b>Term Limits:</b>	None
<b>Members:</b>	12 members and unspecified number of additional alternate members.
<b>Meetings:</b>	2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm 2000 Lakeridge Dr SW, Room 280, Olympia, WA 98502 <i>* The Historic Commission does not meet in July and August unless official business needs to be conducted.</i>
<b>Staff Contact:</b>	Cami Petersen, Thurston County Community Planning & Economic Development 867-2117, <a href="mailto:cami.petersen@co.thurston.wa.us">cami.petersen@co.thurston.wa.us</a>

**Board Duties:** Conduct public information programs on County history. Promote the preservation of historic place. Establish a register of Thurston County historic places. Review proposals to alter properties on the County historic register and serve as the local review board for the purpose of approving applications for special property tax valuations.

**Qualifications of Board members:** Representative of a variety of historical perspectives in various geographic areas of the County. At least three members who are professionally trained from among the following fields: history, architectural history, historic preservation, planning, cultural anthropology, archeology, cultural geography, American studies, or other historic preservation related discipline. One member shall be from one of the following professions: real estate appraisal; finance/banking; law, especially real estate law. There shall be one member from each city and town which is entered into an agreement to have the historic commission perform similar duties within the city or town. Such members shall be appointed by the mayor of the city or town. These members may only vote on matters within the city jurisdiction. Remaining members shall consist of citizens who have professional or demonstrated vocational interest and involvement in historic preservation.

**Who appoints:** 4 members nominated by each County Commissioner. Appointment by the Board of County Commissioners.

**Vacancies filled by:** Applications from the public.

**Removal is by:** Board of County Commissioners

**Authority:** TCC 2.106.010

**Compensation:** None



## *Current Members*

### **District #1**

- 1) **Robert Kirkwood**, Professional Engineer for Historic Structures  
Date appointed: 04/27/10                      Date term expires: 01/31/23  
**Member**
  
- 2) **Charles Roe**, Lawyer, Former Olympia Historical Society and Bigelow House Museum member  
Date appointed: 06/17/14                      Date term expires: 06/30/22  
**Member**
  
- 3) **Daniel Graves**, Water Resources Planner/Consultant  
Date appointed: 07/23/19                      Date term expires: 05/30/20  
**Member**
  
- 4) **Vacant**  
Date term expires: 05/31/20  
**Member**

### **District #2**

- 5) **Ken Balsley**, Local Historian  
Date appointed: 05/08/17                      Date term expires: 03/31/21  
**Member**
  
- 6) **Ruth King**, Interested Citizen – indirect descendent of Samuel Royal Thurston  
Date appointed: 7/97                      Date term expires: 05/31/20  
**Member**
  
- 7) **Vacant**  
Date term expires: 01/31/19  
**Member**
  
- 8) **Vacant**  
Date term expires: 05/30/18  
**Member**



## District #3

- 9) **Sandra Crowell**, Regional History Writer, Adult Educator  
Date appointed: 05/22/2012                      Date term expires: 05/31/20  
**Member**
- 10) **Chris Colton**, Retired History Educator & Curriculum Developer  
Date appointed: 06/25/14                      Date term expires: 05/31/20  
**Member**
- 11) **Vacant**  
Date term expires: 05/31/19  
**Member**
- 12) **Beth Mathews**, Archaeologist  
Date term expires: 08/7/22  
**Member**

## Alternates

- 13) **Vacant**  
**Alternate District 1**                      Date term expires: 05/31/15
- 14) **Vacant**  
**Alternate District 2**                      Date term expires: 05/31/18
- 15) **Vacant**  
**Alternate District 3**                      Date term expires: 05/31/18