Research Team Presentation Overview

Commission meeting | November 9, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.
House Room B, Room 205 | General Assembly Building | Richmond, Virginia

Presenters: Cleve V. Tinsley IV, PhD, Project Director; Peighton L. Young, Senior Research Analyst

This overview accompanies agenda items III–V and outlines the research team's presentation on Farmville preparations, 2026 activities, research deliverables, and next steps. Specific findings and product-status updates will be addressed during the presentation.

III Farmville Research Focus Group and Community Listening Session

November 12, 2026, 6:30–8:00 p.m. | Robert Russa Moton Museum, Farmville

Following the Chair's recommendations, we have revised the session into a research-guided focus group discussion. Targeted questions will connect community accounts of property history and displacement with archival, property, and institutional records.

We will address participant outreach and recommendations submitted for the Chair's approval; preliminary community engagement; program roles; registration; recording and consent; and venue and technical arrangements. Community participation will help identify additional records, firsthand accounts, and research leads.

IV Recap of Activities and 2026 Interim Research Update

The Project Director will summarize institutional research and evidence development, the Richmond and Charlottesville listening sessions, Farmville preparation, team coordination, and Commission reporting.

The Senior Research Analyst will review the research portfolio: Longwood/Farmville; UVA; CNU/Shoe Lane; VCU; VCCS; and GIS/StoryMap development. The discussion will distinguish verified findings, drafts under review, ongoing research, external materials awaiting receipt, and outstanding evidence or review needs.

Deliverables accountability will address available research products, supporting documentation, limitations, remaining requirements, and completion priorities. November 30 remains the team's immediate planning milestone for priority deliverables and a consolidated progress packet.

V Discussion and Next Steps

We will outline the incorporation of Farmville evidence into institutional research, priorities for report development and review, and remaining December commitments. We will seek Commission support for community connections, institutional contacts, access to records, and targeted consultation with members.

Discussion will also address review expectations, timely direction and approvals, and clarity about next-phase scope and authorization. The aim is a shared understanding of the work remaining and the decisions needed to support its completion.