

Connecticut's State Historic Preservation Review Board

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Issue

Briefly explain the role of Connecticut's State Historic Preservation Review Board (SRB).

Establishment and Membership

The [SRB](#) is established by [CGS § 10-321q](#) in accordance with the requirements of the [National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 \(54 U.S.C. § 300101 et seq.\)](#). The SRB consists of 10 members appointed by the State Historic Preservation Officer who meet federally defined [professional qualifications](#), including members such as someone with a background in history and archaeology ([36 C.F.R. § 61.4](#)). Members generally serve three-year terms and may be reappointed to serve additional terms. The board meets quarterly, and past meeting agendas and minutes can be found [here](#).

SRB Duties

According to its [bylaws](#), the SRB's duties, which are prescribed by federal regulations ([36 C.F.R. § 61.4\(f\)\(6\)](#)), are as follows:

1. review and make recommendations on [National Register of Historic Places](#) nomination proposals,
2. participate in the review of appeals to National Register nominations and provide written opinions on the issues or matters of appeals, and
3. provide general advice and professional recommendations to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in carrying out the state historic preservation program.

To carry out its duties, the SRB uses [SHPO's procedures](#) for listing a property in the National Register in Connecticut and follows National Register Federal Program Guidelines ([36 C.F.R. Part 60](#)). The National Park Service provides [guidance documents](#) for following these guidelines.

At SHPO's request, the SRB may also provide preliminary opinions of National Registry eligibility and review continued eligibility of properties proposed for [relocation](#) or [demolition](#). The [Connecticut Environmental Protection Act](#) prohibits the demolition of properties listed or under consideration for listing on the Historic Register ([CGS § 22a-19a](#)). When a historic property is proposed for demolition, SHPO will request that the SRB review whether the property continues to meet [criteria](#) for National Register listing.

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