



Procedures for Appeals from the HAHC

The Historic Preservation Appeals Board (HPAB) may find in favor of the appellant only if it finds that the applicant has demonstrated it meets all appropriate criteria in accordance with Chapter 33 Section 33-253 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances.

The HPAB has adopted the following procedural rules for hearing appeals from the HAHC:

1. Any supplemental materials that the appellant wishes the HPAB to consider must be submitted with the appeal request.
2. At the HPAB meeting, Planning Department staff will first summarize the project and provide the basis for the HAHC's decision.
3. The appellant will then have five minutes to present arguments for the granting of the appeal. The appellant may yield any amount of this time to other professionals retained by the appellant and directly associated with the project. Any other interested party may speak for one minute.
4. Comments should be limited to the ways in which the project meets the criteria.
5. The HPAB may ask questions at any time. Time devoted to answering any questions from the HPAB is not charged against allotted speaking time, nor is any time that may be used for translation, if needed. HPAB may vote to extend speaking time for any speaker.
6. The HPAB may amend the speaker rules at any time to ensure a timely and equitable appeal.