

COMPREHENSIVE TIMELINE OF EVENTS
Relating to the Discovery of Abandoned Cemetery

2011

- June 20 QC Laboratories Cultural Resources Report on property in the Telfair subdivision.
- September 30 NNP-TELF AIR, LP conveys to FBISD 65.052 acres of land, being a portion of the 1651 acre tract conveyed to NNP- Keepsake, LP by the General Land Office of the State of Texas (the Property).

2016

- March 28 FBISD Board authorizes Superintendent to engage Stantec to provide professional design services for career and technical center.
- November 14 FBISD names site as the James Reese Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC).

2017

- August 30 FBISD Board authorizes Superintendent to engage Bartlett-Cocke (Bartlett) as General Contractor of the CTEC.
- August 31 FBISD issues Bartlett a Notice to Proceed.
- October 02 Bartlett performs preliminary activities on the Property.
- October 03 Kevin Hitchcock (Hitchcock), Jacobs' construction manager, receives a call from Texas Historical Commission (THC) regarding the start of construction on the Property.
- October 03 Reginald Moore (Moore) visits with Bartlett personnel on the Property.
- October 04 FBISD contacts Bill Martin (Martin) with THC requesting guidance.
- October 04 Hitchcock sends THC a copy of the QC Laboratories Cultural Resources Report. TMC/Martin provides direction to FBISD/Bartlett regarding the report, including proposal for archaeologist to observe activity.
- October 05 Bartlett informs FBISD that Moore had come to the property on October 3, 2017, claiming that FBISD was attempting to build on a historical gravesite. Moore displayed a THC document, with a highlighted section regarding ground-disturbing activities, recommending an archeological survey be conducted.
- October 05 Email from Oscar Perez (Perez) to Superintendent Charles Dupre (Dupre) informing him of Moore's visit to the Property.

- October 06 THC letter to Carolina Fuzetti (Fuzetti) referencing SWCA Environmental Consultants and proposing an archeologist monitor the earthmoving on the Property.
- October 09 Email from Perez to Dupre informing him that Fuzetti had spoken to Moore and that Stantec is requesting an archeologist's proposal for observation of earthmoving activity on the Property. FBISD requested Bartlett wait until an archeologist is ready to staff the project before beginning any earthmoving.
- October 10 FBISD contracted with Goshawk Environmental Consulting, Inc. (Goshawk) to provide archeological survey of the 15 acres designated as the CTEC site. The scope of work is to provide observation of land clearing, trenching and excavations on site.
- October 11 THC issues Antiquities Permit No. 8197 that governs the discovery of this abandoned cemetery to Goshawk.
- October 13 Bartlett official construction mobilization.
- November 7 Dupre meets with Moore.

2018

- January 12 Goshawk completes observation of construction activities, including land clearing, trenching and excavations for archeological survey, without any significant findings.
- February 12 Trustee Dave Rosenthal speaks with Moore during the Board Listening Tour at Hodges Bend MS.
- February 19 Bones discovered at the CTEC site during backfill of a drainage pipe trench. FBISD notifies Goshawk of the discovery.
- February 20 Goshawk representative observes the bones and recommends FBISD contact City of Sugar Land Police's Crime Scene Investigation Unit (CSI). CSI officer determined the bones were not part of a crime scene. FBISD police delivered the bones to the Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office, who consulted with Dr. Joan Bytheway, Forensic Anthropologist at Sam Houston State University. Based on a review of photographs, Bytheway opined that the bones were not human.
- February 22 FBISD requested written statement from Bytheway affirming that the bones were not human. Bytheway then requested to see the actual bones before putting anything in writing rather than rely on photographs.

- February 26 FBISD police delivered the bones to Bytheway for examination, who made a final determination that the bones were human.
- February 27 FBISD contacts Goshawk to develop next steps.
- March 02 Goshawk emails proposals for next phase of exploration.
- March 12 Goshawk mobilizes for exploratory survey of bones found on CTEC site.
- March 21 Goshawk's Forensic Anthropologist, Dr. Catrina Whitley, visits CTEC site to observe single findings.
- March 22 Fuzetti emails Micki Morris (MMorris), with Rogers, Morris & Grover (RMG), forwarding email from Clark that bones were confirmed as human and seeking counsel on legal implications. Discovery was believed to be a single interment (only one body).
- March 23 Goshawk delivers email report of potential single findings.
- March 27 Bartlett provides excavator equipment to Goshawk.
- March 28 Telephone conference call with FBISD, Jacobs and RMG to discuss next steps. RMG prepares statutorily required Notice of Existence of Abandoned or Unknown Cemetery to file with County Clerk.
- March 30 Notice of Existence of Abandoned or Unknown Cemetery filed with Fort Bend County Clerk with a copy to the THC, as required by law. (Official recording date of April 2, 2018).
- March 30 Goshawk locates second interment on CTEC site.
- April 3 Goshawk locates 20 additional interments on CTEC site.
- April 3 FBISD issues stop work order to Bartlett for paving on northwest corner of CTEC site.
- April 5 FBISD issues stop work order to Bartlett for area east of the main building.
- April 6 Dupre calls Moore to inform him of the cemetery discovery prior to news release.
- NEWS RELEASE: [Fort Bend ISD and Texas Historical Commission announce discovery of historic cemetery at FBISD Construction Site](#)
- April 9 Meeting on CTEC site with Stantec, Bartlett, Goshawk, MMorris, and FBISD (Perez, Fuzetti and Rob Scamardo) to discuss investigation plan, construction impact and options. Advised Board of Trustees in closed session of the discovery. Board directs RMG to pursue legal authority to remove remains and coordinate with City for possible

relocation to City-owned Imperial Prison Farm Cemetery (Imperial Cemetery).

- April 13 Initial meeting at City of Sugar Land (CoSL) City Hall with City Manager Allen Board, Assistant City Manager Steve Griffith, City attorney Meredith Riede, MMorris and Scamardo, to discuss potential Interlocal Agreement for reinternment; City requested more investigation to verify historical relationship with existing Imperial Cemetery. MOU discussed as next step.
- April 17 3:30 pm FBISD staff -- Scamardo, Perez, Fuzetti, Veronica Sopher -- and MMorris meet with Moore and attorney Jay Jenkins. Moore requested Letter of Intent from FBISD supporting his request to be lead spokesperson, and supports relocation plan given his existing role as “guardian” of existing Imperial Cemetery.
- April 18 Perez, Scamardo and Clark permit Moore to visit the CTEC site and observe the discovered graves.
- April 18 NEWS RELEASE: [Update to Fort Bend ISD's historic find on construction site](#)
- April 19 Scamardo letter to Moore expressing FBISD’s intent to work with Moore. NOTE: Third paragraph references FBISD’s position supporting relocation.
- April 23 Goshawk submits to the THC its Interim Letter Report.
- May 03 Perez, Goshawk, MMorris and Scamardo meet to discuss status. MMorris shard draft MOU with CoSL. RMG begins drafting Petition to Exhume Human Remains to file with District court. Hitchcock advised MMorris and Scamardo that Goshawk was initially on site starting in October 2017 as proposed by THC.
- May 04 Hitchcock provides MMorris with copy of THC letter to Fuzetti directing archeological monitor earthmoving activities.
- May 11 RS letter to MOORE reporting on progress of excavation of the human remains with a courtesy copy of FBISD’s Petition to Exhume Human Remains.
- May 11 Clark submits report to the THC in accordance with Antiquities Permit No. 8197.
- May 14 Update Board in Closed session on status of excavation, negotiation of MOU with City, and preparation of Petition to Exhume; Board requests Resolution announcing partnership with CoSL for potential relocation.

- May 17 8:30 am: FBISD staff – Scamardo, Perez, Fuzetti – Bryan Ray (Jacobs), MMorris and Clark meet Moore on CTEC site to discuss current status, impact on E wing of building. Discussion with City Attorney to discuss timing for Board and City Council actions on MOU and Resolutions.
- May 21 MMorris shares draft of Petition to Exhume with City Attorney, filed with Court.
- May 24 Moore sends Dupre a thank you letter.
- June/July CoSL engages Goshawk to verify that area of planned interment at Imperial Cemetery does not have abandoned, unmarked graves. MOU and Board Resolution drafted with input from CoSL, Scamardo, Sopher and Amanda Bubela.
- June 1 Goshawk identifies the perimeter of the abandoned cemetery and discovered 95 interments.
- June 4 434th District Court grants FBISD’s Petition to Exhume Human Remains.
News Release: [Fort Bend ISO granted petition to exhume remains found at historic cemetery](#)
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- June 5 FBISD staff (Perez, Scamardo, and Sopher) and MMorris meet with Moore, CoSL Assistant City Manager Griffith and Karen Ramirez to provide an update on exhumation, DNA analysis and process for reinterment.
- June 5 Goshawk begins exhumation of remains.
- June 6 Dupre receives voicemail from Moore asking for dirt from the CTEC site.
- June 14 Perez meets with Moore, UH Professor Dr. Ken Brown and Richard Vogel at the CTEC site.

Historical Cemetery Media Day; CD recorded Interview.
- June 28 Sopher attends a CTE Planning Site Visit with Bryan Ray, Jacobs Property Manager.
- July 11 Sopher speaks to Moore regarding the format for the media event scheduled for July 16.
- July 13 Sopher letter to Moore to memorialize their conversation on July 11, 2018 regarding the format for the FBISD media event.
- July 13 Members of the Regional Crime Scene Unit (local police forensic investigators) visit site to ask questions to archeological team.

- July 16 MEDIA EVENT: FBISD invites members of broadcast and print media, including national media, to site to learn more about the exhumation process and the forensic analysis. Representatives from FBISD, Goshawk and THC speak to the media to explain the discovery. Moore also spoke to the media.
- July 17 News Release: [Archaeologists provide update on historic Cemetery found at Fort Bend ISD's James Reese Career and Technical Center site](#)
- July 19 Mr. Kofi Taharka, National Chairperson, National Black United Front (NBUF), called Dupre inquiring about access for prayer at the CTEC site.
- July 23 FBISD adopts a Memorandum of Understanding with the CoSL regarding the reinternment of the human remains and adopts Resolution announcing partnership with City for reinternment at Imperial Cemetery.
- July 30 Dupre and Sopher meet with Kofi Taharka, and several representatives of the NBUF. NBUF hold press conference following meeting with Dupre announcing its demands.
- August 7 Scamardo and Sopher attend CoSL City Council Meeting when City Council considers and votes unanimously to adopt MOU with FBISD relating to the cemetery discovery.
- August 8 9:00 am: Fort Bend County Historical Commission visits CTEC site visit; Sopher attends.
11:00 am: NBUF visits CTEC site; Sopher attends.
News Release: [Fort Bend ISD continues to partner with community to honor individuals buried at historic cemetery](#)
- August 10 Dupre writes State Archaeologist Patricia Mercado-Allinger requesting authorization to conduct invasive testing, as required by Texas Antiquities Code.
- August 14 Sopher and Clark meet with Moore at Imperial Cemetery to discuss reinternment of human remains found at CTEC site.
- August 14 Sopher attends a meeting at City Hall about the cemetery discovery.
- August 16 Sopher gives presentation to the Fort Bend Museum Committee about the discovery at the CTEC site at (no handouts, presented slides of photos from the site).
- August 16 THC/Mercado-Allinger's letter to Dupre responding to his request for invasive testing as stated in his letter of August 10; hand delivered.

- August 17 Dupre hosts joint meeting with representatives of THC and CoSL to discuss authorization for invasive analysis and need for community input. Attendees: Mercado-Allinger, Martin, Clark, Perez, Sopher, Scamardo, MMorris, CoSL City Manager Allen Bogard and Griffith.
- September 1 Goshawk completes exhumation of remains and over-dig of cemetery.
- September 3 Sopher attends the Convict Lease Labor Day Memorial & Symposium at the CTEC site.
- September 5 City Manager Scamardo and Sopher attend the first meeting of the City Manager's Task Force on Convict Lease Memorial meeting at City Hall. Moore attends. Out of county residents, Sam Collins with National Trust for Historic Preservation and Swatara Olushola with NBUF, introduced as members of the Task Force.
- September 19 Scamardo and Sopher attend the Task Force meeting at the T.E. Harman Senior Center. Moore's request to serve as "guardian" of the cemetery rejected by Bogard and deleted from agreement.
- September 25 CoSL Assistant City manager Douglas Brinkley to Dupre reporting on unanimous agreement of Task Force to proceed with DNA analysis.
- October 02 Scamardo writes THC/Mercado-Allinger reporting on unanimous agreement of Task Force on conducting invasive analysis.
- October 03 Scamardo and Sopher attend meeting at City Hall to finalize negotiates of an Interlocal Agreement.
- October 03 Sopher attends a Genetics Presentation at City Hall.
- October 03 Sopher and Scamardo attend the City Managers Task Force meeting at City Hall.
- October 04 Sopher gives presentation at the Fort Bend Heritage Committee meeting about the findings at the CTE site (no handouts, presented slides of pictures from the site).
- October 08 THC/Mark Wolfe letter to Scamardo stating that the THC "has no authority over the ultimate decision as to whether or not destructive analysis is performed and takes no position on destructive testing of these remains. NOTE: This is a reversal of the manner THC had historically responded to this issue and contrary to what Mercado-Allinger stated in August 17 meeting. The CoSL formed the Task Force for the primary purpose of demonstrating community support to the THC.
- October 10 Scamardo and Sopher join conference call with the Burial Location subcommittee of Task Force and explain the legal obstacles to reinternment. Subcommittee acknowledges Imperial Cemetery as most viable option.

- October 15 FBISD Board unanimously approves the Interlocal Agreement with CoSL for reinternment in the Imperial Cemetery. Moore address Board during public comment and implies Newland Development and the CoSL knew of the abandoned cemetery and FBISD should hold them accountable for withholding that information from FBISD. FBISD delays filing Petition to reinter or setting hearing for 3 weeks until after bond election on November 6.
- October 17 Sopher and Perez attend the Task Force meeting, which votes to reinter the human remains at the CTEC site.
- October 18 Sopher has a conference call with Clark to debrief on the October 17 Task Force meeting.
- October 18 Dupre meets with Moore.
- October 18 2:30 pm – Jason Burdine, Dupre, Board Counsel Rick Morris, Dupre and Scamardo meet with Moore to learn what information Moore has to support his public comments at the October 15 Board Meeting.
- October 23 CoSL unanimously approves the Interlocal Agreement with FBISD for reinternment in the Imperial Cemetery.
- October 29 Scamardo letter to Moore confirming that Moore does not have any direct evidence of Newland’s or the CoSL’s knowledge of a cemetery on the Property before it was sold to FBISD.
- November 2 News Release: [Fort Bend ISO to continue discussions regarding future interment of remains discovered at abandoned and historic cemetery](#)
- November 7 Petition to Removal of Remains from Abandoned Cemetery and For Removal of Dedication for Cemetery Purposes filed. Court scheduled hearing on Monday, November 19.
- November 8 FBISD hires Anid Lee to facilitate FBISD’s Advisory Committee on Sugar Land 95.
- November 19 434th District Court holds hearing on the District’s Petition for Removal of Remains from Abandoned Cemetery and For Removal of Dedication for Cemetery Purposes from the CTE Center Site. Allows “member of the public” to address the Court.
- November 21 Court appoints Michael Elliott (Elliott) as Master in Chancery with broad authority to “assist in the investigation, to assist in the legal discovery in the case and in the promulgation of options and potential resolutions for the Court to consider.”
- November 22 Thanksgiving Day
- November 26 Meeting with Dupre, Sopher, Perez, Fuzetti, Scamardo and MMorris. Dupre advised that he had already directed Design & Construction to work with Stantec to redesign site to relocate E wing; Perez and Fuzetti

shared Stantec's preliminary concepts for relocation; Dupre advises Moore of new strategy, that FBISD will not build on site of discovery, and will leave cemetery designation in place. Dupre proposes to meet with community activists to obtain their agreement on his plan to relocate bodies to Imperial Cemetery in exchange for leaving designation of cemetery on CTEC site (the "win/win" proposal).

- November 30 FBISD files Objection to Appointment of Master.
- December 05 First meeting of the FBISD Advisory Committee, Dupre and Sopher attend. Dupre addresses Advisory Committee and expresses openness to preservation of cemetery on CTEC site, solicits feedback for potential new options for solution.
- December 10 MMorris and Scamardo provide full update to Board in closed session. Directed by Board to proceed with aggressive legal strategy, mandamus of judge and continued pursuit of relocation of bodies.
- December 17 434th District Court conducts hearing on FBISD's Objection to Appointment of Master.
- December 18 Petition for Mandamus filed in the 14th Judicial District Court of Appeals, transferred by court to the 1st Judicial District Court of Appeals, seeing an Order for 434th District Court to vacate its order appointing Master.
- December 19 RMorris meets with County Attorney Roy Cordes to dissuade County from intervening in suit.
- December 20 Appellate Court Orders Stay of Order Appointing Elliott as Master.

2019

- January 7 Architect delivers drawings to contractor for termination of CTE building through Area D (column line 28) excluding area over abandoned cemetery (Building Area E).
- February 6 Fort Bend County Historical Commission votes unanimously to request Commissioners' Court intervene in suit.
- February 7 Change order Approval provided for termination of building at column line 28 (Area D) an extended general conditions.
- February 8 RMorris and Scamardo meet with County Attorney.
- February 11 Senator Boris Miles and Representative Ron Reynolds letter to Dupre requesting meeting to discuss exhumed bodies.
- February 12 Fort Bend County Commissioners Court votes unanimously to authorize the County Attorney to negotiate an Interlocal Agreement with FBISD for the conveyance of land.
- February 15 RMorris, MMorris and Scamardo meet with County Attorney.

- February 18 FBISD Board votes unanimously to authorize Superintendent to negotiate an Interlocal Agreement on issues relating to abandoned cemetery.
- February 21 RMorris, MMorris and Scamardo meet with County Attorney.
- February 26 Architect submits add services for LEED resubmittal, extended construction administration services, and Building E DeScope and re-permit.
- February 27 RMorris, MMorris, and Scamardo meet with County Attorney.