



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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United States Mint
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Minutes of CCAC Public Meeting
Tuesday, November 28, 2023
9:00 am to 2:32 pm

I. Attendance

a. Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) Members in Attendance:

- Dr. Lawrence Brown (Chair)
- Kellen Hoard
- Dr. Peter van Alfen
- Arthur Bernstein
- Dr. Harcourt Fuller (remote)
- Dr. Christopher Capozzola
- Donald Scarinci
- John Saunders (remote)
- Michael Moran
- Dennis Tucker

b. Mint Officers and Staff in Attendance:

- April Stafford, Chief, Office of Design Management
- Megan Sullivan, Senior Design Specialist, Office of Design Management
- Roger Vasquez, Senior Design Specialist, Office of Design Management
- Russell Evans, Design Manager, Office of Design Management
- Sukrita Baijal, Design Manager, Office of Design Management
- Boneza Hanchock, Design Manager, Office of Design Management
- Joseph Menna, Chief Engraver
- Michael Costello, Manager, Design and Engraving
- Jennifer Warren, Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs and Liaison to the CCAC
- Greg Weinman, Senior Legal Counsel and Counsel to the CCAC
- Brendan Tate, Senior Government Affairs Specialist, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

c. Members of the Media in Attendance (remote):

- Mike Unser, Founder and Editor of Coin News Media Group, LLC
- Paul Gilkes, Coin World Senior Editor, AMOS Media

d. Liaisons in Attendance:

- For the 2025 American Innovation \$1 Coin honoring innovation in Michigan, we had Judge Steven Bieda, Chairman of the Michigan Tax Tribunal
- For the 2025 American Innovation \$1 Coin honoring innovation in Arkansas, we had the following:
 - Dr. Blake Wintory, Arkansas Heritage Museum Services Director of the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism.
 - Dr. Montague, son of Raye Montague and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.
- For the Army Rangers of World War II Congressional Gold Medal, we had the following:
 - Mr. Ron Hudnell, Congressional Gold Medal Project Manager of the Descendants of WWII Rangers, Inc., the primary liaison.
 - Mr. Jimmie Spencer, Senior Fellow of the Association of the United States Army, who is the secondary liaison.
- For the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympic Games “handover medallion” during the closing ceremony of the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics, we had the following:
 - Mr. Peter Zeytoonjian, Senior Vice President of Commerce and Events at United States Olympic and Paralympic Properties.
 - Mr. Taylor Reynolds, Senior Manager of Consumer Products at United States Olympic and Paralympic Properties.
- For the 2025 Native American \$1 coin, we had the following:
 - Pelehonuamea “Pele” Harman, great-granddaughter of Mary Kawena Pukui
 - La‘akea Suganuma, grandson of Mary Kawena Pukui.
 - Dodie Browne, granddaughter of Mary Kawena Pukui.
 - Halena Kapuni-Reynolds, Associate Curator at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian with a focus on Native Hawaiian History and Culture.

II. Minutes

1. Chairperson Brown called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 AM. Chairperson Brown conducted roll call and determined that quorum was met. Attendance of media, Mint staff and officers, and liaisons was recognized. One member was remote, nine members present and one member, John Saunders, joined late remotely after the first portfolio.
2. The CCAC minutes and letters to the Secretary of the Treasury from our public meeting on October 24 and 25, 2023 were approved via a motion from Arthur Bernstein, seconded by Peter van Alfen.
3. April Stafford, Chief of the Office of Design Management, provided background information on the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympic Games “handover medallion” to be presented during the closing ceremony for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics portfolio.
4. Mr. Peter Zeytoonjian and Mr. Taylor Reynolds participated remotely with Mr. Zeytoonjian offering comments. After the presentation of the thirteen candidate designs, the CCAC was offered an opportunity to pose any legal, technical, or other types of questions to the Mint staff and the liaisons. A robust discussion occurred of questions by CCAC members and answers by Mr. Zeytoonjian and the Mint staff.

5. With this background, each CCAC member provided comments regarding the candidate designs. This was followed by further CCAC questions and input by Mr. Zeytoonjian.
6. Upon further discussion, with nine members voting and on a motion by Michael Moran, seconded by Peter van Alfen, the CCAC recommended candidate design **LA28-01** as the obverse and design **LA28-14** as the reverse with eight members voting in favor of the motion and one in opposition.
7. Chairperson Brown thanked Mr. Zeytoonjian and Mr. Reynolds for their invaluable participation.
8. Turning to the next matter on the agenda, April Stafford provided the background information, design descriptions, and portfolio on the reverse candidate designs for the 2025 American Innovation \$1 coin program honoring innovation in Arkansas.
9. The state of Arkansas has proposed to honor the innovator Raye Jean Montague, an American Naval Engineer and innovator of computer-aided design of naval ships. She is credited with developing the first computer-generated rough draft of a naval ship for the United States Navy. For the State of Arkansas, the CCAC was joined by Montague's son, Dr. David Montague, who is the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, along with Dr. Blake Wintory of the Arkansas Heritage Museum Services Director of the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism.
10. After the presentation of the five reverse candidate designs, the CCAC was offered an opportunity to pose any legal, technical, or other types of questions to the Mint staff and the liaisons. Dr. Montague offered comments.
11. With this background, each CCAC member provided comments regarding the candidate designs. This was followed by further CCAC questions and answers by Dr. Montague.
12. On a motion by Kellen Hoard, seconded by Peter van Alfen, the CCAC by a vote of nine members in favor and one abstaining, recommended reverse design **AR-02** with a recommendation to adjust the portrait for accuracy, as noted by the US Mint staff, and to add a delimitator between the inscriptions "Arkansas" and "Raye Montague."
13. Chairperson Brown thanked Dr. Montague and Dr. Wintory for their invaluable contributions to this discussion.
14. The CCAC then considered the next item on the agenda. April Stafford, Chief of the Office of Design Management, provided the background of candidate designs for the 2024 Flowing Hair Gold Coin and Silver Medal portfolio.
15. After the presentation of the original and revised obverse and reverse candidate designs, the CCAC was offered an opportunity to pose any legal, technical, or other types of questions to the Mint staff.
16. With this background, each CCAC member provided comments regarding the original and revised obverse and reverse candidate designs. The comments reflected either ambivalence or limited support for original obverse and reverse designs, recognizing that the "original" candidate designs are not true replicas of the 1794 coin. No opposition was expressed to the use of modern technologies, but there was a comment of caution to revising classic designs, correcting for the idiosyncrasies or flaws in these coins. With ten members voting and on a motion by Michael Moran, seconded by Peter van Alfen, the CCAC

recommended the original obverse and reverse candidate designs with nine members voting in favor of the motion and one member abstaining.

17. The CCAC then considered the next item on the agenda. April Stafford, Chief of the Office of Design Management, provided the background on the US Army Rangers of World War II Congressional Gold Medal portfolio.
18. Mr. Ron Hudnell, Congressional Gold Medal Project Manager of the Descendants of WWII Rangers, Inc. and Mr. Jimmie Spencer, Senior Fellow of the Association of the United States Army, joined the CCAC participated in discussing this program.
19. After the presentation of the four obverse and eight reverse candidate designs, the CCAC was offered an opportunity to pose any legal, technical, or other types of questions to the Mint staff and the liaisons.
20. With this background, each CCAC member provided comments regarding the candidate designs. This was followed by an extensive discussion between the CCAC and the liaisons.
21. On a motion by Arthur Bernstein, seconded by John Saunders, the CCAC unanimously recommended obverse design **ARV-O-04** and reverse design **ARV-R-07A** with geographic landing locations on one side and sites of Presidential unit citations on the other. This motion also included separating the inscription “World War II” on the obverse from the rest of the inscriptions, removing the inscription “World War II” on the reverse, and checking for accuracy the ammunition belt on the Colonel on the obverse .
22. Chairperson Brown thanked Mr. Hudnell and Mr. Spencer for their invaluable participation.
23. Chairperson Brown called for a recess for lunch returning back at 1:00 pm.
24. Chairperson Brown called the meeting back in order and conducted a rollcall, confirming that a quorum existed.
25. April Stafford, Chief of the Office of Design Management, provided the background of the 2025 American Innovation \$1 coin program honoring innovation in Michigan.
26. The state of Michigan has recognized the automobile assembly line as its state’s innovation. The assembly line, driven by conveyor belts, reduced production time and a reduction in injuries to workers and the financial cost of production. This cost savings reduced the price of automobiles, increased pay for workers, and played an integral part in America’s adoption of the automobile in everyday life. Judge Steven Bieda, Chairman of the Michigan Tax Tribunal joined the meeting remotely to participate in the discussion with the CCAC.
27. After the presentation of the six reverse candidate designs, the CCAC was offered an opportunity to pose any legal, technical, or other types of questions to the Mint staff and the liaison. A robust discussion occurred of questions by CCAC members and answers by the liaison.
28. With this background, each CCAC member provided comments regarding the candidate designs. This was followed by further CCAC questions and answers by Judge Bieda.

29. On a motion by Kellen Hoard, seconded by Peter van Alfen, the CCAC recommended unanimously reverse candidate design **MI-06**, including a review for accuracy of the spokes on the wheels of the vehicles. This design was preferred by the liaison.
30. Chairperson Brown thanked Judge Bieda for his invaluable participation in the discussion with the CCAC.
31. The CCAC then turned their attention to the last item on today's agenda. April Stafford, Chief of the Office of Design Management, provided the background of the 2025 Native American \$1 coin that will be honoring Mary Kawena Pukui, the first Native Hawaiian to be so honored.
32. For the discussion of this program, the CCAC was joined by Pelehonuamea "Pele" Harman, great-granddaughter of Mary Kawena Pukui; La'akea Suganuma, grandson of Mary Kawena Pukui, Dodie Browne, granddaughter of Mary Kawena Puki; and Halena Kapuni-Reynolds, Associate Curator at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian with a focus on Native Hawaiian History and Culture.
33. After the presentation of the ten reverse candidate designs, the CCAC was offered an opportunity to pose any legal, technical, or other types of questions to the Mint staff and the liaisons. A robust discussion occurred of questions by CCAC members and answers by the liaisons.
34. With this background, each CCAC member provided comments regarding the candidate designs. This was followed by further rounds of comments by CCAC members along with questions from the CCAC and answers by the liaisons.
35. On a motion by Peter van Alfen, seconded by Arthur Bernstein, the CCAC voted unanimously to recommend reverse candidate design **2025-MKP-01B**, which shows stylized depictions of water as a background element and depicts Pukui wearing an aloha print garment and a kukui nut lei and holding a kukui nut lei.
36. Chairperson Brown thanked the family of Mary Kawena Pukui and Smithsonian liaison for their patience and phenomenal and invaluable input during the discussion with the CCAC.
37. Chairperson Brown provided a few comments reflecting his experience of serving two consecutive one-year terms as CCAC Chair. Chairperson Brown thanked the CCAC Members and the Mint staff for their superb contributions and attendance today. He also like thanked members of the public and the numismatic community who have sent questions and recommendations to the CCAC at the email address of Info@CCAC.gov. The next public meeting will be in 2024 and announced in the Federal Register.
38. Various CCAC members offered their thanks for the service and leadership of Chairperson Brown.
39. On a motion the Donald Scarinci and seconded by Peter van Alfen, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM.