



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
801 9TH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20220

Minutes of CCAC Public Meeting (Videoconference)
Monday, July 15, 2024
10:00 am – 3:38 pm

I. Attendance

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

- Dr. Peter van Alfen (Chair)
- Arthur Bernstein
- Dr. Christopher Capozzola
- John Saunders
- Michael Moran
- Sam Gelberd
- Kellen Hoard
- Jeanne Stevens-Sollman
- Donald Scarinci
- Annelisa Purdie
- Dr. Harcourt Fuller (left the meeting at 3:20 pm)

b. United States 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
- Boneza Hanchock, Design Manager, Office of Design Management
- Sukrita Baijal, Design Manager, Office of Design Management
- Joseph Menna, Chief Engraver, U.S. Mint
- Jennifer Warren, Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs and Liaison to the CCAC
- Greg Weinman, Deputy Chief 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:

- Mike Unser, Founder and Editor of Coin News
- Louis Golino, American Numismatic Association
- Paul Gilkes, Coin World Senior Editor



II. Minutes

a. Business Matters:

1. Chairperson van Alfen called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 am. Chairperson van Alfen conducted roll call and determined that quorum was met. Attendance of media and Mint staff were recognized.
2. The CCAC minutes and letters to the Secretary of the Treasury from our public meeting on June 18, 2024, were approved via a motion from Arthur Bernstein and second by Kellen Hoard.
3. Before introducing the next order of business, Chairperson van Alfen offered a few comments about the importance of the Semiquincentennial circulating coinage program, noting also that the Mint was not seeking recommendations on candidate designs from this meeting, but rather comments and suggestions on ways to improve the designs before the designs are formally reviewed during the October meeting of the CCAC.

b. 2026 Semiquincentennial Dime

1. Chairperson van Alfen then introduced the next order of business, reviewing the preliminary candidate designs for the 2026 Semiquincentennial Dime authorized by *Public Law 116-330*.
2. April Stafford, Chief of the Office of Design Management, provided background on the Semiquincentennial program, before introducing the preliminary candidate designs for the Dime.
3. With this background, Chairperson van Alfen then invited each CCAC member to provide comments regarding the obverse and reverse designs.
4. Following these initial comments, Chairperson van Alfen asked April Stafford if she had any questions concerning the CCAC's input on the designs. A brief discussion then ensued between the members of the CCAC and Ms. Stafford.
5. The CCAC then scored the obverse and reverse candidate designs, with Chairperson van Alfen noting that the scores would not be used to make a design recommendation at this time, but rather to be used by the Mint staff as a guide, along with the CCAC's comments on the designs, to further improve the Dime portfolio ahead of the October 2024 CCAC meeting when recommendations would be made.

c. 2026 Semiquincentennial Quarter commemorating Declaration of Independence and 2026 American Eagle Platinum Proof Coin



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1. Chairperson van Alfen then introduced the next order of business, reviewing the preliminary candidate designs for the 2026 Semiquincentennial Quarter commemorating the Declaration of Independence authorized by *Public Law 116-330* and the 2026 American Eagle Platinum Proof Coin also commemorating the Declaration of Independence. He also noted that because both this Quarter and Platinum Proof Coin share the same theme they would be considered together. Again, he noted that in both cases the Mint was not seeking design recommendations, but rather input on ways to improve the designs.
 2. April Stafford, Chief of the Office of Design Management, provided background on both the Semiquincentennial Quarter program comprising of five Quarters each representing an inflection point in our nation's history, and the Platinum Proof Coin program for 2026–2028 before introducing the candidate designs for the Declaration of Independence Quarter and the Platinum Proof Coin.
 3. With this background, Chairperson van Alfen then invited each CCAC member to provide comments regarding the obverse and reverse designs for the Quarter.
 4. Following these initial comments, Chairperson van Alfen then called for a lunch break.
 5. On return from the lunch break, Chairperson van Alfen then invited each CCAC member to provide comments regarding the obverse and reverse candidate designs for the Platinum Proof Coin.
 6. Following the individual comments, Chairperson van Alfen then invited CCAC members and the Mint staff to have a general discussion about both the Quarter and the Platinum Proof Coin portfolios.
 7. Once this general discussion concluded, the CCAC then scored the obverse and reverse candidate designs, with Chairperson van Alfen again noting that the scores would not be used to make a design recommendation at this time, but rather to be used by the Mint staff as a guide, along with the CCAC's comments on the designs, to further improve the portfolios ahead of the October 2024 CCAC meeting when recommendations would be made.
- d. 2026 Semiquincentennial Quarter commemorating the U.S. Constitution
1. Chairperson van Alfen then introduced the next order of business, reviewing the preliminary candidate designs for the 2026 Semiquincentennial Quarter commemorating the U.S. Constitution as authorized by *Public Law 116-330*.
 2. April Stafford, Chief of the Office of Design Management, provided additional background on the Semiquincentennial Quarter program, before introducing the designs for the 2026 Quarter commemorating the U.S. Constitution.
 3. With this background, Chairperson van Alfen then invited each CCAC member to provide comments regarding the obverse and reverse designs.



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4. The CCAC then scored the obverse and reverse designs, with Chairperson van Alfen once again noting that the scores would not be used to make a design recommendation at this time, but rather to be used by the Mint staff as a guide, along with the CCAC's comments on the designs, to further improve the portfolio ahead of the October 2024 CCAC meeting when recommendations would be made.

5. Chairperson van Alfen then gavelled the meeting into recess until Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 10:00 am. The meeting went into recess at 3:38 pm.