



Minutes of CCAC Public Meeting (Videoconference)
Monday, May 20, 2024
2:02 pm - 2:31 pm

I. Attendance

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

- Dr. Peter van Alfen (Chair)
- Arthur Bernstein
- Dr. Harcourt Fuller
- Dr. Christopher Capozzola
- John Saunders
- Michael Moran
- Sam Gelberd
- Kellen Hoard
- Annelisa Purdie
- Jeanne Stevens-Sollman

Not in attendance

- Donald Scarinci

b. United States Mint Officers and Staff in Attendance:

- Kristie McNally, Deputy Director
- 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
- Russ Evans, Design Manager, 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, 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:

- Maggie Pahl, Editorial Director, Numismatic News, Active Interest Media



- Mike Unser, Founder and Editor of Coin News Media Group, LLC
- Larry Jewett, Editorial Director, Coin World, AMOS Media

II. Minutes

- Business Matters:
 1. Chairperson van Alfen called the meeting to order at approximately 2:02 pm. 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 April 16 and 17, 2024, were approved via a motion from Arthur Bernstein and second by Kellen Hoard.
 3. Swearing in for Sam Gelberd as the member specially qualified in numismatics. Oath of office was administered by Deputy Director McNally.
 4. Swearing in for Jeanne Stevens-Sollman as the member specially qualified in sculpture or medallic arts. Oath of office was administered by Deputy Director McNally.
- Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Presidential Medal
 1. Chairperson van Alfen then introduced the only new order of business, reviewing the candidate designs for the Joseph R. Biden Jr. Presidential Medal, and invited April Stafford to discuss the Medal.
 2. Ms. Stafford provided an overview of the Medal and the single obverse and reverse candidate designs.
 3. Chairperson van Alfen noting that since the portfolio had only a single option for obverse and reverse that the CCAC would forego the usual individual comments in lieu of any suggestions to improve the candidate designs.
 4. Brief technical and legal discussion followed.
 5. Arthur Bernstein raised a question pertaining to the periods being used for delimiters.
 6. Dr. Christopher Capozzola raised a point regarding the placement of the White House in relation to the US Capitol on JRB-R-14. Mint staff clarified that the design portrays a stylized view devised to depict both the White House and the Capitol Building, and that this is not a view that occurs naturally.
 7. Brief general discussion followed.
 8. Jeanne Stevens-Sollman made a motion to replace the periods with bullets on JRB-R-14. A bullet after “DEFENDED” and PROTECTED”, but not after “CHOOSE IT”. Arthur Bernstein seconded the motion.
 9. Dr. Christopher Capozzola pointed out that the context of this reference comes in regard to comments made by President Biden on November 2, 2022. In the official record this reference had commas and not periods.
 10. The motion passed unanimously.



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11. Chairperson van Alfen asked the Committee to propose a motion to recommend the medal with the changes agreed upon. Arthur Bernstein made the motion to recommend the medal. Sam Gelberd seconded the motion.
12. The motion passed unanimously.
13. As all agenda items were concluded for the meeting, Chairperson van Alfen thanked the CCAC Members and the Mint staff for their contributions and attendance.
14. Chairperson van Alfen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
15. Dr. Christopher Capozzola offered the motion, seconded by Jeanne Stevens-Sollman. With unanimous approval, the meeting concluded at 2:31 pm on May 20, 2024.