



**CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Minutes of CCAC Public Meeting  
Tuesday, February 28, 2023  
(9 am -12 pm)

**I. Attendance**

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

- Dr. Lawrence Brown (Chair)
- Samuel Gill
- Robin Salmon (via videoconference)
- Dennis Tucker
- Dr. Peter Van Alfen
- Arthur Bernstein
- Dr. Harcourt Fuller
- Dr. Dean Kotlowski
- Michael Moran
- John Saunders

b. United States Mint (Mint) Officers and Staff in Attendance:

- April Stafford, Chief, Office of Design Management
- Megan Sullivan, Senior Design Specialist, Office of Design Management
- Pam Borer, Design Manager, Office of Design Management (virtual)
- Roger Vasquez, Senior Design Specialist, Office of Design Management (virtual)
- Russell Evans, Design Manager, Office of Design Management
- Jennifer Warren, Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs and Liaison to the CCAC
- Joseph Menna, Chief Engraver
- Greg Weinman, Senior Legal Counsel and Counsel to the CCAC
- Elizabeth Young, Legal Counsel and project counsel for the American Innovation Dollar Coin Program
- Gwen Mattleman, Senior Legal Counsel and project counsel for the Willie O'Ree Congressional Gold Medal
- Michael Costello, Manager, Design and Engraving
- Brendan Tate, Senior Government Affairs Specialist, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs
- Mike White, Office of Corporate Communication

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

- Mike Unser, Founder and Editor of Coin News Media Group, LLC
- Brandon Hall, Senior Editor of Social Media for Whitman Publishing, LLC

d. Liaisons in Attendance:

- Chandra O’Ree, daughter of Mr. O’Ree for the Willie O’Ree Congressional Gold Medal
- Rob Wooley, Senior Director of Legislative Affairs, Public Policy & Partnership Development of the National Hockey League for the Willie O’Ree Congressional Gold Medal
- Tyler Hobbs, Senior Policy Advisor of the Office of the Governor of Missouri for the 2024 Missouri American Innovation \$1 Coin Program

## II. Minutes

1. Chair Brown, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:01 am. Chair Brown took roll call and determined that the quorum was met. Attendance of media, Mint staff and officers, and liaisons was recognized.
2. The minutes and the letters to the Secretary from the CCAC’s January 24, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved via a motion by Mr. Arthur Bernstein, seconded by Dr. Peter van Alfen.
3. Dr. Brown shared comments about the significance of his beginning his second term as Chair, an African American, during Black History month with quotes by Maya Angelou and Michele Obama.
4. The Mint next presented the background for the 2024 American Innovation \$1 Coin Program. All coins in this program share a common obverse of the Statue of Liberty and inscribed “\$1” and “In God We Trust.”
5. *Public Law 115-197*, the American Innovation \$1 Coin Act (Act), requires the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue \$1 coins with a reverse design honoring innovation or innovators from each of the 50 states, the territories, and the District of Columbia. In accordance with the Act, the Mint worked with the Governors of the states being honored in 2024 to develop design concepts for the coins. These concepts have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.
6. The State of Missouri proposed to honor the innovator George Washington Carver, a renowned scientist responsible for major innovations in agriculture. For the State of Missouri, the CCAC was joined by Mr. Tyler Hobbs, Senior Policy Advisor of the Office of the Governor of Missouri.
7. The Mint provided background information and followed by an opportunity for comments by Mr. Hobbs. The Mint then presented the eleven reverse candidate designs of this portfolio. The CCAC was offered an opportunity to pose questions pertaining to any legal, technical, or other considerations.
8. With this background, the CCAC discussed the reverse candidate designs, recommending design **MO-10**, which received a score of 29 points out of a 30-maximum score. This design presents a portrait of Mr. Carver gently smiling while examining a sample of his work in his laboratory. The incused inscription is “George Washington Carver.” Regarding the CFA’s suggested modification of the inscription of “Missouri”, the CCAC recommended that the Mint uses its discretion to maintain the artistry of the design. Chair Brown thanked Mr. Hobbs for his participation.
9. Next, Chair Brown acknowledged the role of Dr. Peter van Alfen, Ms. Robin Salmon, and himself in collaboration with the US Commission on Fine Arts and the United States Mint Office of Design Development in Liberty and Britannia Gold Coin and Silver Medal program.

10. The Mint next presented background information of this program along with a description of the two obverse candidate and four reverse candidate designs (each presented in both coin and medal format).
11. In concert with recommendations of a subcommittee of the Royal Mint's Advisory committee, the CCAC recommended obverse candidate design **LB-O-01** with a score of twenty-three points out of a maximum score of thirty. This design presents a portrait of allegorical Liberty and Britannia presented as complimentary and balancing elements with Liberty holding her torch and Britannia holding her trident. This candidate design was also recommended by the CFA.
12. Of the reverse candidate designs, the CCAC recommended **LB-R-01** with a score of twenty-seven points out of a maximum score of thirty. Also recommended by the CFA, this design pairs the bristlecone pine on the left with an English yew tree on the right, separated by the Atlantic Ocean with the sun rising above it.
13. The Mint next presented the background for the five obverse and the five reverse candidate designs for the Willie O'Ree Congressional Gold Medal. For this discussion of the five obverse and five reverse candidate designs, the CCAC was joined by Ms. Chandra O'Ree, daughter of Mr. O'Ree, and Mr. Rob Wooley, Senior Director of Legislative Affairs, Public Policy & Partnership Development of the National Hockey League.
14. The Mint provided background information and followed by an opportunity for comments by Ms. O'Ree and Mr. Wooley. The Mint then presented the five obverse and the five reverse candidate designs of this portfolio. The CCAC was offered an opportunity to pose questions pertaining to any legal, technical, or other considerations.
15. After a robust discussion, the CCAC recommended obverse **WOR-O-02** with a score of twenty-six points out of a maximum score of thirty. This design features a portrait of a mature Mr. O'Ree, wearing his trademark fedora hat with the Boston Bruins logo in the background.
16. Reverse candidate design **WOR-R-01**, which depicts Mr. O'Ree scoring a goal while playing for the Boston Bruins, was recommended by the Committee with a score of twenty-nine points out of a maximum score of thirty. On a motion by Mr. Dennis Tucker, seconded by Mr. Michael Moran, the Committee recommended unanimously that the inscription on the reverse be changed to "hockey is for everyone" and that the design be modified to include removal of the team logo from all players except Mr. O'Ree to make it more generic with possibly modification of the hair at the discretion of the Mint's Chief Engraver.
17. Chair Brown thanked Ms. O'Ree and Mr. Wooley for their input during this meeting, especially as it provided another opportunity to hear the retelling of the story of the accomplishments of Mr. Willie O'Ree.
18. Chair Brown announced that the CCAC would stand in recess until 9:00 am the following morning.