



I. Attendance

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

- Dr. Peter van Alfen (Chair)
- Kellen Hoard
- Dr. Christopher Capozzola
- Donald Scarinci
- Annelisa Purdie
- Michael Moran
- Dennis Tucker
- John Saunders

b. Mint Officers and Staff in Attendance:

- Ventris C. Gibson, Director of the U.S. Mint
- 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 Hancock, Design Manager, Office of Design Management
- Sukrita Baijal, 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
- H.L. Dufour Woolfley, Program Manager, Sales and Marketing Directorate

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 Florida:
 - Anastasios Kamoutsas, Deputy Chief of Staff in the Executive Office of the Governor
 - Andrew Meade McGee, Curator of Computing at the National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution



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- For the 2025 American Innovation \$1 Coin honoring innovation in Texas:
 - Thomas W. “Wes” Hambrick, Director of the Office of State-Federal Relations, Office of the Governor
 - Andrew Meade McGee, Curator of Computing at the National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution

II. Minutes

- Business Matters:
 1. Chairperson van Alfen called the meeting to order at approximately 12:02 PM. Chairperson van Alfen conducted roll call and determined that quorum was met. Attendance of media, Mint staff and officers, and liaisons were recognized.
 2. The CCAC minutes and letters to the Secretary of the Treasury from our public meeting on November 28, 2023, were approved via a motion from Christopher Capozzola, seconded by Dennis Tucker.
 3. Following Chairperson van Alfen’s brief introduction of Ms. Annelisa Purdie, Ventris Gibson, the Director of the United States Mint, administered the oath of office to Ms. Purdie, who was recently appointed as a member representing the interests of the General Public.
 4. Chairperson van Alfen then offered some comments on becoming Chairperson of the CCAC and the work that lies ahead this year.
- 2025 American Innovation \$1 – Florida
 1. April Stafford, Chief of the Office of Design Management, provided background information on the American Innovation \$1 coin program, as authorized by *Public Law 115-197*, that requires the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue dollar coins with a reverse design, honoring innovation or innovators from each of the 50 states, the territories and the District of Columbia.
 2. Both, Florida and Texas, the remaining states for the 2025 American Innovation \$1 coins, each submitted one design concept for consideration. These concepts have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.
 3. Ms. Stafford then began reviewing Florida’s concept, which is the Space Shuttle Program, operated by NASA that launched its first reusable Space Shuttle orbiter in 1981 from Florida’s Kennedy Space Center.
 4. Ms. Stafford then invited the liaisons -- Mr. Anastasios Kamoutsas, who is the Deputy Chief of Staff in the Florida Executive Office of the Governor, and Mr. Andrew Meade McGee, curator at National Air and Space Museum -- to offer a few words on Florida’s concept.
 5. After the presentation of the eight candidate designs, the CCAC, the Mint staff, and liaisons were asked if there were any legal, technical, or other considerations. A robust discussion occurred with questions by CCAC members and answers by the liaisons.
 6. With this background, each CCAC member provided comments regarding the candidate designs. This was followed by further CCAC questions and answers by the liaisons.



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7. The CCAC scored the candidate designs, and design **FL-09** received the high score of 17/24 points.
 8. Following a motion made by Kellen Hoard, seconded by John Saunders to recommend design **FL-09**, further discussion ensued, which included an up/down vote between designs **FL-02** and **FL-09**, with the latter receiving highest votes, 5/8. Subsequently, Mr. Hoard's motion was adopted with the Committee recommending candidate design **FL-09**, featuring the Space Shuttle lifting off framed by billowing clouds of rocket exhaust.
 9. On a motion by Christopher Capozzola, seconded by Mike Moran, the CCAC recommended that the stylized stars in **FL-09** be reexamined to determine if they should be modified or deleted.
 10. Chairman van Alfen thanked the liaisons for the valuable and insightful comments they provided.
- 2025 American Innovation \$1 Coin-Texas
 1. Chairman van Alfen then introduced the next order of business, reviewing the candidate designs for the American Innovation \$1 coin for the State of Texas, inviting April Stafford, Chief of the Office of Design Management, to introduce both the concept for Texas and the liaison from the Texas governor's office.
 2. Ms. Stafford introduced Thomas Hambrick, Director of the Office of State Federal Relations, Office of the Governor, Texas, and reintroduced Mr. McGee, curator at the National Air and Space Museum.
 3. After providing an overview of the concept selected by the Governor of Texas -- Mission Control at the Johnson Space Center in Houston -- Texas, Ms. Stafford invited Mr. Hambrick to address the CCAC, who noted Governor Abbot's preference for candidate design TX-03.
 4. After the presentation of the nine reverse candidate designs, the CCAC, the Mint staff, and liaisons were asked if there were any legal, technical, or other considerations. A robust discussion occurred of questions by CCAC members and answers by the liaisons.
 5. With this background, each CCAC member provided comments regarding the reverse candidate designs. This was followed by further CCAC questions and answers by the liaisons and Chief Engraver Joseph Menna, including comments at length by Mr. McGee on the history of Johnson Space Center.
 6. U.S. Mint Counsel Greg Weinman reminded the CCAC that Mr. Hambrick, as Governor Abbot's representative, was the recognized legal liaison for this program.
 7. The CCAC then scored the reverse candidate designs with both **TX-03** and **TX-06** tying both receiving 19/24.
 8. There followed discussion about scoring procedures, strategies, and the function of the scoring, which is not binding but serves to guide the CCAC's decisions.
 9. There followed vigorous discussion between the CCAC, the liaisons, and Chief Engraver Menna on the relative merits and symbolism of **TX-03**, featuring an astronaut in space floating above the International Space Station, versus **TX-06**, depicting a man sitting at a bank of computer terminals below a large screen on which is a Space Shuttle in space.



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10. Following the discussion, the Committee held an up/down vote between **TX-03** and **TX-06**, with **TX-06** prevailing as the CCAC's recommendation with five in favor, two against, and one abstaining.
 11. Chairperson van Alfen thanked the liaisons for their insightful and useful comments.
 12. Chairperson van Alfen called for a recess and to return at 2:30pm.
- 2026 Semiquincentennial One Cent and Five Cent:
 1. Chairperson van Alfen called the meeting back to order and introduced the next order of business, the design options for the 2026 Semiquincentennial one cent and five cents coins, noting that the *Circulating Collectible Coin Redesign Act* authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to change the design on any of the authorized circulating coins minted for issuance during the one-year period beginning January 1, 2026, in celebration of the United States' Semiquincentennial.
 2. Chairperson van Alfen invited April Stafford, Chief of the Office of Design Management, to review the design options.
 3. After the presentation of the obverse design options, four each for the one cent and five cent coins, the CCAC and the Mint staff were asked if there were any legal, technical, or other considerations.
 4. Among the questions for the Mint Staff, John Saunders asked if a complete redesign of the one cent and five cent coins was possible under the Act. CCAC Counsel Greg Weinman responded that legally it was possible. April Stafford then noted that a decision internal to the Mint has been made not to completely redesign the two coins in order to mitigate various problems and risks.
 5. With this background, each CCAC member provided comments regarding the candidate designs.
 6. The CCAC scored the candidate obverse designs for both the one cent and five cent coins simultaneously, with the simple **Date Range** option for both receiving the high score of 13/24 points.
 7. On a motion by John Saunders, seconded by Mike Moran, the CCAC recommended unanimously the **Date Range** option for both the one and five cent coins.
 - Future Themes for Platinum Proof Coins:
 1. Chairperson van Alfen then introduced the next order of business a discussion of future themes for the platinum proof coins.
 2. April Stafford provided background to the program overall and the possibility of offering a three series of coins starting in 2026 that would also relate to the Semiquincentennial. The three-year program would tentatively be called the Charters of Freedom, which would honor the founding documents: the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.
 3. With this background, each CCAC member provided comments regarding the proposed three-year program.
 4. Each CCAC member then provided ideas on possible future themes for the platinum proof coins. Among the proposals, Christopher Capozzola suggested four possibilities: (1) the Four Freedoms as articulated by Franklin Roosevelt; (2) the obligations of citizenship in voting, jury duty, and paying taxes; (3) Section 1 of the



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14th Amendment on citizenship and equal protection of the laws; (4) key moments of American Liberty, including Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act, and the Immigration and Nationality Act.

- 2026 “Best of the Mint” Series:
 1. Chairperson van Alfen introduced the final order of business a review of the 2026 Best of the Mint series.
 2. April Stafford and Dufour Woolfley provided the background for the series noting that this will be a one-year series, featuring historic designs from the last 250 years of U.S. coinage. The Mint identified the coins in this program after consulting with numismatic experts and soliciting input from the public. These 24-Karat gold coins in uncirculated finish will be released over the course of 2026 in fractional formats, approximating the size of the original coins. One ounce, half ounce, quarter ounce, tenth ounce. The coins will faithfully represent the historic designs and feature their original dates of issue. To indicate that these are 2026 issuances, the coins will bear a special semiquincentennial privy mark featuring the Liberty Bell and the numerals 250. In addition, the Mint will also release five companion silver medals featuring new and modern designs, inspired by each of the historic 24-Karat gold coins.
 3. Dufour Woolfley, from US Mint Sales and Marketing, then reviewed the input from the public and the selected designs, which include the 1804 Silver Dollar (Class I), the 1907 Saint Gaudens high relief Double Eagle, 1916 Walking Liberty Half Dollar, the 1916 Standing Liberty Quarter Dollar, and the 1916 Mercury Dime.
 13. Following discussion of the program by the CCAC, Dennis Tucker offered a motion, seconded by Mike Moran, that the CCAC recommend this program with strong endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.
 14. As all agenda items were concluded for the meeting, Chairperson van Alfen thanked the CCAC Members, the Mint staff, and the liaisons for their contributions and attendance.
 15. The Chairperson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christopher Capozzola offered the motion, seconded by Dennis Tucker. With unanimous approval, the meeting concluded at 3:43pm on February 27, 2024.