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Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

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

October 9, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bessent
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Bessent:

The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) held a virtual public meeting on October 6, 2026, during which the CCAC reviewed the candidate designs for the 2028 American Innovation $1 Coins honoring Nebraska, Colorado, North Dakota, and South Dakota, and the candidate designs for the 2027 Comic Art Coin and Medal Program featuring Aquaman, Batgirl, and The Flash.

Beginning with the 2028 American Innovation Coins, the innovation for Nebraska is Center Pivot Irrigation. We were joined by Breanna Wirth, Policy Advisor to Governor Jim Pillen and Daryl Bohac, Director of the Nebraska Historical Society. After discussion and scoring, design **NE-02** received the highest score (26 out of 30 points). A motion was made and unanimously accepted to recommend **NE-02**.

The innovation for Colorado is the Mosco Pueblo Chile. We were joined by Dr. Mike Bartolo, Vegetable Crop Specialist at Colorado State University and inventor of the Mosco variety of the Pueblo Chile, and Dr. Rachael Storm, Curator of Business & Industry at History Colorado. After discussion and scoring, design **CO-01** received the highest score (28 out of 30 points). A motion was made and unanimously accepted to recommend **CO-01.**

The innovation for North Dakota is Innovation in Unmanned Aircraft. We were joined by Mike Kennedy, Governor's Liaison and Deputy Communications Director in the Office of the Governor of North Dakota, and Trevor Woods, Executive Director of the Northern Plains UAS Test Site. After discussion and scoring, design **ND-05** received the highest score (26 out of 30 points). A motion was made and unanimously accepted to recommend **ND-05.**

The innovation for South Dakota is The Duprees – Saving the American Buffalo. We were joined by Dr. Benjamin Jones, Governor's Liaison, South Dakota State Historian, and Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, and Dr. Ken Zontek, History Instructor at Yakima Valley College. After discussion and scoring, design **SD-04** received the highest score (26 out of 30 points). A motion to recommend **SD-04** passed with nine votes in favor and one abstention.

Moving on to the 2027 Comic Art Coin and Medal program, the first portfolio reviewed was for the Aquaman Coin and Medals. After discussion and scoring, the obverse set of **AM-G-O-03, AM-S-O-03,** and **AM-SC-O-03** received the highest obverse score (25 out of 30 points), and the reverse set of **AM-G-R-01** and **AM-MEDAL-R-01** received the highest reverse score (24 out of 30 points). A motion was made and unanimously accepted to recommend both of these sets.

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The next portfolio was for the Batgirl Coin and Medals. After discussion and scoring, the obverse set of **BG-G-O-01, BG-S-O-01,** and **BG-SC-O-01** received the highest obverse score (22 out of 30 votes) and the reverse set of **BG-G-R-02** and **BG-MEDAL-R-02** received the highest reverse score (17 out of 30 votes). A motion was made and unanimously accepted to recommend both of these sets, with a strong recommendation to endeavor to declutter the reverse design.

The final portfolio for the day was for The Flash Coin and Medals. After discussion and scoring, the obverse set of **TF-G-O-03, TF-S-O-03,** and **TF-SC-O-03** received the highest obverse score (27 out of 30 votes) and the reverse set of **TF-G-R-01** and **TF-MEDAL-R-01** received the highest reverse score (20 out of 30 votes). A motion was made and unanimously accepted to recommend both of these sets.

It was my honor for this meeting to serve as the Acting Chair of the CCAC.

Sincerely,

Arthur Bernstein
Acting Chairperson
Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee