



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

801 9TH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20220

Minutes of CCAC Public Meeting (Virtual)
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
2:01 pm—2:43 pm

I. Attendance

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

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

* *Dr. Harcourt Fuller and Jeanne Stevens-Sollman arrived after roll call*

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

- Megan Sullivan, Acting Chief, 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
- Michael Costello, Manager, Design and Engraving
- Jennifer Warren, Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs and Liaison to the CCAC
- James Kennedy, Legal Counsel
- Lia Johnson, Acting Senior Government Affairs Specialist, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs
- Greg Weinman, Acting Chief Counsel

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

- Sophia Mattimiro, Numismatic News
- Mike Unser, Coin News Media Group LLC



- Paul Gilkes, Coin World
- Larry Jewett, Coin World

II. Minutes

a. Business Matters:

1. Chairperson van Alfen called the meeting to order at approximately 2:01 pm. Chairperson van Alfen conducted roll call and determined that quorum was met. Attendance of media and Mint staff were recognized.
2. The first order of business was to approve the minutes and letters to the Secretary from the February 18, 2025 public meeting. Art Bernstein made motion to approve. Jeanne Stevens-Sollman seconded, and it passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. Discussion of American Liberty 24k gold coin and silver medal themes for 2027 and future years

1. Chairperson van Alfen introduced the only item of new business for the meeting to hear thoughts from CCAC Members on possible themes for the American Liberty program for the 24k gold coin and silver medal for 2027 and future years.
2. Megan Sullivan, Acting Chief of Design Management, provided background on the American Liberty program.
3. The CCAC, the Mint staff, and stakeholders were then asked if there were any legal, technical, or other considerations. There were none.
4. Chairperson van Alfen then invited each CCAC member to provide comments on possible future themes for the American Liberty program. He asked the two longest serving members of the CCAC, Donald Scarinci and Michael Moran, to lead off the discussion as they could provide further background into the CCAC's role in initiating the program and its original intentions.
5. Donald Scarinci noted in part that the original concept for the program was to give artists free reign to represent the concept of Liberty in new and experimental ways and for that reason he felt there was no need to impede artistic expression by suggesting themes.
6. Michael Moran reiterated Mr. Scarinci's call to give artists a free hand in their approach and designs.
7. Christopher Capozzola suggested that artists might consider places where Americans have experienced the emotional state of freedom, such as in nature, and might consider different aspects of liberty that Americans have experienced, such as economic and religious liberty as well as social mobility.



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8. Harcourt Fuller suggested that artists might consider the concepts of technology and space as well as free movement, such as in dance, as ways to reimagine Liberty.
9. John Saunders suggested imagining Liberty as a sailing ship, but also raised the question of whether the Mint would issue 1/10 ounce gold coins as part of this program in the future.
10. Discussion ensued on the topic of a possible 1/10 ounce gold issue between Mint staff and members of the CCAC, including that the program's original goal of achieving "high relief" is difficult on such a small coin.
11. Resuming comments from CCAC members on the order of business, Kellen Hoard suggested that artists consider depicting the collective power that Americans citizens possess to defend, promote, and define Liberty.
12. Annelisa Purdie noted the recent success in depicting of aspects of Liberty from the natural world and suggested that artists consider more of the same.
13. Chairperson van Alfen, following on Mr. Hoard's comments, suggested artists find a way to represent Liberty as a community endeavor.
14. Once each member had offered comments, brief discussions followed on various points raised.
15. Chairperson van Alfen ended the discussion and asked for a motion to adjourn. Art Bernstein motioned to adjourn and Kellen Hoard seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 2:43 p.m.