



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

801 9TH STREET, NW
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**Minutes of CCAC Public Meeting (Virtual)
September 16, 2025
12:00 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 (initially present but departed early)
- John Saunders
- Donald Scarinci

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
- Michael Costello, Manager, Design and Engraving
- Joseph Menna, Chief Engraver
- Jennifer Warren, Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs and Liaison to the CCAC
- James Kennedy, Counsel to the CCAC
- Apryl Whitaker, Program Counsel for the Forgotten Heroes of the Holocaust Congressional Gold Medal

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

- Mike Unser, Coin News Media Group LLC

d. Liaison:

- Ezra Friedlander, Founder and CEO of Friedlander Group, liaison for the Forgotten Heroes of the Holocaust Congressional Gold Medal



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- Preston Kevin Lewis, Head of Consumer Products and Retail Strategy for the Americas, Warner Brothers Discovery, stakeholder for the 2026 Comic Art Medals and Coins Program

II. Minutes

a. Business Matters:

1. Chairperson van Alfen called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 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 from the July 22, 2025 public meeting. Arthur Bernstein made the motion to approve. Jeanne Stevens Sollman seconded, and it passed unanimously by voice vote.
3. The second order of business was to approve the corrected minutes from October 15, 2024 which Annelisa Purdie was accidentally not included in the attendance roll. Arthur Bernstein made the motion to approve. Dr. Harcourt Fuller seconded, and it passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. Review and Discussion of the Candidate Designs of the Forgotten Heroes of the Holocaust Congressional Gold Medal

1. The next order of business was the discussion of the portfolio for the Forgotten Heroes of the Holocaust Congressional Gold Medal. Ezra Friedlander, Founder and CEO of The Friedlander Group, joined the meeting as the liaison.
2. Megan Sullivan, Acting Chief of Design Management, provided background on the portfolio, and invited Mr. Friedlander to say a few words about the Medal.
3. The CCAC, the Mint staff, and stakeholders were then asked if there were any legal, technical, or other considerations.
4. Chairperson van Alfen asked Mr. Friedlander to note if he had a preference among the candidates designs.
5. Chairperson van Alfen then invited each member of the CCAC to comment on the portfolio.
6. Following each members' comments, Mr. Friedlander again noted the reasons for his preference among the candidate designs. There was also brief discussion on how to score the portfolio. The members then scored the candidate designs.
7. James Kennedy then presented the scores.

8. Harcourt Fuller moved to recommend Set 9, the high vote getter and the liaison's preferred candidate designs. Michael Moran seconded the motion.
 9. John Saunders suggested a friendly amendment to recommend that the passport on the reverse of the candidate design in Set 9 be altered to look more like a passport and less like a book. Dr. Fuller accepted this friendly amendment.
 10. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
 11. Chairperson van Alfen then thanked Mr. Friedlander for his presence and comments at the meeting.
- c. Review and Discussion of the Candidate Designs of the 2026 Green Lantern Comic Art Coin and Medals
1. Chairperson van Alfen moved the discussion to the 2026 Green Lantern Comic Art Coin and Medals.
 2. Megan Sullivan, Acting Chief of Design Management, provided background on the portfolio.
 3. Ms. Sullivan then invited the stakeholder from Warner Brothers, Preston Kevin Lewis to speak.
 4. The CCAC, the Mint staff, and stakeholders were then asked if there were any legal, technical, or other considerations.
 5. Christopher Capazzola noted that while he welcomed the Comic Art Coin and Medal program as a way to celebrate a uniquely American form of art, he has concerns that to date the designs have featured only comic characters from a single publicly traded company. He expressed hope that the program would ultimately reflect a number of different comic art producers and multiple approaches to the medium, and asked that the Mint address these concerns.
 6. Megan Sullivan, in response, noted that the intention of the program was to do just that, to expand beyond the current set of characters to be more widely inclusive.
 7. There followed a discussion between CCAC members and Mint staff about technical aspects of the Green Lantern portfolio, and marketing aspects of the program as a whole.
 8. Chairperson van Alfen then invited each member of the CCAC to comment on the portfolio.
 9. Following each members' comments, the members then scored the candidate designs.
- d. Review and Discussion of the Candidate Designs of the 2026 Robin Comic Art Coin and Medals



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1. Chairperson van Alfen moved the discussion to the 2026 Robin Comic Art Coin and Medals.
 2. Megan Sullivan, Acting Chief of Design Management, provided background on the portfolio..
 3. The CCAC, the Mint staff, and stakeholders were then asked if there were any legal, technical, or other considerations.
 4. As there were none, Chairperson van Alfen then invited each member of the CCAC to comment on the portfolio.
 5. Following each members' comments, there was a brief discussion between Christopher Capazzola and Joseph Menna about design aspect in one of the candidate designs. The members then scored the candidate designs.
- e. Review and Discussion of the Candidate Designs of the 2026 Supergirl Comic Art Coin and Medals
1. Chairperson van Alfen moved the discussion to the 2026 Supergirl Comic Art Coin and Medals.
 2. Megan Sullivan, Acting Chief of Design Management, provided background on the portfolio.
 3. The CCAC, the Mint staff, and stakeholders were then asked if there were any legal, technical, or other considerations.
 4. Arthur Bernstein and Joseph Menna briefly discussed aspects of Supergirl's outfit.
 5. Chairperson van Alfen then invited each member of the CCAC to comment on the portfolio.
 6. Following each members' comments, Arthur Bernstein, noting that there appeared to be a consensus among the members, moved that the CCAC recommend the set of obverses **DC-SG-G-O-02**, **DC-SG-S-O-02**, and **DC-SG-SC-O-02** and the set of reverses **DC-SG-COIN-R-05** and **DC-SG-MEDAL-R-05**. Harcourt Fuller seconded the motion.
 7. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by raising hands with eight in favor and two opposed.
 8. Chairperson van Alfen then called for the members to complete their scoring of the three Comic Art Coin and Medal portfolios, while the meeting went into recess for ten minutes.
- f. Report of Scores and Final Decision on the Candidate Designs of the 2026 Comic Art Coins and Medals



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1. Jim Kennedy, CCAC Counsel, reported the scores for Green Lantern, Robin and Supergirl.
2. Chairperson van Alfen then called for a motion on the Green Lantern portfolio.
3. Kellen Hoard moved that the CCAC recommend the set of obverses **DC-GL-G-O-03**, **DC-GL-S-O-03** and **DC-GL-SC-O-03** and the set of reverses **DC-GL-COIN-R-03** and **DC-GL-MEDAL-R-03**. Sam Gelberd seconded the motion.
4. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote with eight in favor, one opposed and one abstaining.
5. Chairperson van Alfen then called for a motion on the Robin portfolio.
6. John Saunders moved that the CCAC recommend the set of obverses **DC-R-G-O-03**, **DC-R-S-O-03** and **DC-R-SC-O-03** and the set of reverses **DC-R-G-R-01** and **DC-R-MEDAL-R-01**. Kellen Hoard seconded the motion.
7. The motion passed on a voice vote unanimously.
8. Following a brief discussion between the CCAC, Mint staff and Mr. Lewis, Chairperson van Alfen called for a motion to adjourn.
9. Art Bernstein motioned to adjourn and Christopher Capazzola seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 3:12 p.m.