



**CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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WASHINGTON, DC 20220

Minutes of CCAC Public Meeting  
U.S. Mint Headquarters  
April 21, 2026  
12:32 p.m. – 3:31 p.m.

**I. Attendance**

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

- Dr. Peter van Alfen (Acting CCAC Chair)
- Arthur Bernstein
- Dr. Christopher Capozzola
- Kellen Hoard
- Annelisa Purdie
- Donald Scarinci
- John Saunders
- Jeanne Stevens-Sollman (virtual)
- Michael Moran (virtual)

b. United States Mint Officers and Staff in Attendance

- Megan Sullivan, Acting Chief, Office of Design Management
- Roger Vasquez, Senior Design Specialist, Office of Design Management
- Sukrita Baijal, Designer Manager, Office of Design Management
- Boneza Hanchock, Design Manager, Office of Design Management
- Michael Costello, Manager, Design and Engraving (virtual)
- Joseph Menna, Chief Engraver (virtual)
- Jennifer Warren, Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs and Liaison to the CCAC
- James Kennedy, Counsel to the CCAC

c. Liaisons/stakeholders/subject-matter experts for the portfolios:

- For the 2027 American Innovation \$1 Coin – Oregon:
  - Sybil Ackerman-Munson, Chief of Staff for the Oregon State Treasury
  - Kerry Tymchuk, Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society
- For the 2027 American Innovation \$1 Coin – Kansas:
  - Patrick Zollner, Executive Director and State Historical Preservation officer for the Kansas Historical Society
  - Ann Kilby, daughter of Jack Kilby
  - Dr. Karen Nordheden, Associate Professor, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, University of Kansas
- For the 2027 American Innovation \$1 Coin – West Virginia:



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- Ennis B. Smith, Deputy Secretary and Chief Development Officer, West Virginia Department of Tourism
- Jill Malusky, Senior Public Information Manager and Public Information Officer, National Radio Astronomy Observatory
- For the 2027 American Innovation \$1 Coin – Nevada:
  - Daniel P. Thielen, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums and History

### d. Members of the Media in Attendance (virtual):

- Mike Unser, CoinNews
- Larry Jewett, Whitman Brands
- Sophia Mattimiro, Numismatic News
- Dennis Tucker, American News Agency

## II. Minutes

### a. Business Matters:

1. Acting Chairperson van Alfen called the meeting to order at approximately 12:32 p.m. Acting 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 letters and minutes from the February 24, 2026 public meeting. Arthur Bernstein made the motion to approve, Donald Scarinci seconded, and it passed unanimously by voice vote.

### b. 2027 American Innovation \$1 Coin – Oregon

1. The next order of business for the day was discussion of the reverse design for the 2027 American Innovation \$1 Coin for the state of Oregon. The selected innovator for this coin is Beverly Cleary. The CCAC was joined by Sybil Ackerman-Munson, Chief of Staff for the Oregon State Treasury and Kerry Tymchuk, Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society. Malcolm Cleary, son of Beverly Cleary, was unable to attend but provided commentary on the designs.
2. Megan Sullivan, Acting Chief of Design Management, provided background on the portfolio.
3. The CCAC and the Mint staff were then asked if there were any legal, technical, or other considerations.
4. Several CCAC members raised questions about various aspects of the portfolio, including artistic considerations, which were answered by Mint staff.



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5. Acting Chairperson van Alfen then invited each member of the CCAC to comment on the portfolio and then the CCAC proceeded to score the designs and send them to Jim Kennedy for tallying. A short break then began.
  6. On resumption of the meeting, Acting Chairperson van Alfen invited James Kennedy to read the scores.
  7. Following the scoring, the Acting Chairperson asked if there were any motions. Kellen Hoard made a motion seconded by Arthur Bernstein to recommend the design with the highest score, **OR-06A** (20 out of 27 points). The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- c. 2027 American Innovation \$1 Coin – Kansas
1. The next order of business for the day was discussion of the reverse design for the 2027 American Innovation \$1 Coin for the state of Kansas. The selected innovator for this coin is Jack St. Clair Kilby. The CCAC was joined by Patrick Zollner, Executive Director and State Historical Preservation officer for the Kansas Historical Society; Ann Kilby, daughter of Jack Kilby; and Dr. Karen Nordheden, Associate Professor, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, University of Kansas.
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  7. Following the scoring, the Acting Chairperson asked if there were any motions. Kellen Hoard made a motion seconded by Arthur Bernstein to recommend the design with the highest score, **KS-09A** (23 out of 27 points). The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. 2027 American Innovation \$1 Coin – West Virginia
1. The next order of business for the day was discussion of the reverse design for the 2027 American Innovation \$1 Coin for the state of West Virginia. The selected innovation is the Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope. The CCAC was joined by Ennis B. Smith,



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  7. Following the scoring, the Acting Chairperson asked if there were any motions. Kellen Hoard made a motion seconded by Arthur Bernstein to recommend the design with the highest score, **WV-01** (25 out of 27 points). The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Jeanne Stevens-Sollman made a motion to enlarge the size of the telescope by 10-15%. The motion was seconded by Donald Scarinci. Upon discussion of this motion, the Mint's Chief Engraver, Joseph Menna, provided guidance that the design was aesthetically strong as submitted and could be successfully rendered on a coin with the telescope standing out clearly amid the landscape. He further noted that a 10-15% increase in size would be negligible at coin size. Upon voice vote, the motion failed.
- e. 2027 American Innovation \$1 Coin – Nevada
1. The next order of business for the day was discussion of the reverse design for the 2027 American Innovation \$1 Coin for the state of Nevada. The selected innovation is Copper-Riveted Clothing. The CCAC was joined by Daniel P. Thielen, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums and History.
  2. Megan Sullivan, Acting Chief of Design Management, provided background on the portfolio.
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8. Arthur Bernstein motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kellen Hoard. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting ended 3:31 p.m.