



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

April 23, 2026

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

Dear Mister Secretary:

The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) held a public meeting on April 21, 2026, during which the CCAC reviewed the candidate designs for the reverses of the 2027 American Innovation \$1 Coins, which feature the states of Oregon, Kansas, West Virginia, and Nevada.

Oregon reverse candidate designs featured author Beverly Cleary. We were joined by Sybil Ackerman-Munson, Chief of Staff, Oregon State Treasury, and Kerry Tymchuk, Executive Director, Oregon Historical Society. After discussion and scoring, design **OR-06A** received the highest score (20 out of 27 points). A motion was made and unanimously accepted to recommend design **OR-06A**, which is a derivation of the state and family's preferred design of **OR-06**.

Kansas reverse candidate designs featured inventor Jack St. Clair Kilby. We were joined by Patrick Zollner, Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, Kansas Historical Society; Ann Kilby, daughter of Jack Kilby; and Dr. Karen Nordheden, Associate Professor, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, University of Kansas. After discussion and scoring, design **KS-09A** received the highest score (23 out of 27 points) of all options. The CCAC unanimously moved to recommend this design, consistent with the preference of the Kilby family.

West Virginia reverse candidate designs featured the Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope. We were joined by Ennis B. Smith, Deputy Secretary and Chief Development Officer, West Virginia Department of Tourism, and Jill Malusky, Senior Public Information Manager and Public Information Officer, National Radio Astronomy Observatory. After discussion and scoring, design **WV-01**, the preferred design of the Governor of West Virginia and the Green Bank Observatory, received the highest score (25 out of 27 points). A subsequent motion to enlarge the size of the telescope by 10-15 percent was made but ultimately rejected following input from the Mint's Chief Engraver, Joseph Menna.

Nevada reverse candidate designs featured the concept of copper-riveted clothing. We were joined by Daniel P. Thielen, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums and History. The CCAC acknowledged the difficulty of depicting this concept on a coin. The committee gravitated towards designs that focused on the rivets themselves. After discussion and scoring, design **NV-05** received the highest score (12 out of 24 points). A motion was made and accepted to recommend this design with 6 votes in favor and 2 abstentions.



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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Peter van Alfen". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

Peter van Alfen  
Acting Chairperson  
Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee