



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

801 9TH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20220

Minutes of CCAC Public Meeting

Virtual/Microsoft Teams

August 6, 2026

2:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.

I. Attendance

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

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

b. Treasury and United States Mint Officers and Staff in Attendance

- Paul Hollis, Director of the United States Mint
- Kristie McNally, Deputy Director of the United States Mint
- Brandon Beach, Treasurer of the United States
- Roger Vasquez, Acting Chief, Office of Design Management
- Megan Sullivan, Senior Design Specialist, Office of Design Management and Liaison to the CCAC
- Sukrita Baijal, Designer Manager, Office of Design Management
- Boneza Hanchock, Design Manager, Office of Design Management
- Michael Costello, Manager, Design and Engraving
- Joseph Menna, Chief Engraver
- James Kennedy, Counsel to the CCAC

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

- Jonathan Gibson, Executive Vice President of Marketing and Business Development for the Penske Corporation
- Larry Bluth, Executive Vice President and General Counsel for the Penske Corporation

d. Members of the Media in Attendance:

- Dennis Tucker, American News Agency



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II. Minutes

a. Business Matters:

1. Acting Chairperson Bernstein called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. Acting Chairperson Bernstein 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 April 21, 2026 public meeting. Acting Chairperson Bernstein asked if there were comments or corrections to the letter. Hearing none, the letters and minutes were deemed approved by acclamation.

b. Freedom 250 Grand Prix National Medal

1. The next order of business for the day was discussion of the reverse design for the Freedom 250 Grand Prix National Medal. The CCAC was joined by two executives from the Penske Corporation: Jonathan Gibson, Executive Vice President of Marketing and Business Development, and Larry Bluth, Executive Vice President and General Counsel.
2. Roger Vasquez, 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.
5. Acting Chairperson Bernstein 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 Bernstein invited James Kennedy to read the scores. The designs with the highest votes were **Obverse-05** (17 out of 27 points) and **Reverse-02** (9 out of 27 points).
7. Following the scoring, the Acting Chairperson asked if there were any motions. Kellen Hoard made a motion seconded by Peter van Alfen to recommend the obverse design with the highest score, **Obverse-05**. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. No reverse design was recommended.
8. Peter van Alfen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kellen Hoard. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting ended at 2:55 p.m.