

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

801 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20220



Public Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2006, 10 AM
Colorado Convention Center, Denver CO

Attending:

John Alexander
Leon Billings (via telephone)
Bill Fivaz
Rita Laws
Mitch Sanders
Donald Scarinci
Ken Thomasma
Joe Winter (via telephone)

1. This public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee was held in conjunction with the annual convention of the American Numismatic Association.
2. Chairman Mitch Sanders called the meeting to order at 10 AM.
3. The minutes of the CCAC's June 15, 2006 and July 10, 2006 meetings were unanimously approved.
4. The CCAC considered proposed designs for the silver dollars to be issued for the Little Rock Central High School Desegregation 50th Anniversary Commemorative Program. Cynthia Meals of the United States Mint presented proposed designs to the committee.
5. Each member assigned each design a rating of 0, 1, 2, or 3 points. The design with the highest point total is the CCAC's recommendation.
6. The proposed obverse designs and their ratings were:

Design	Description	Points (maximum=24)
LR-O-01	Scales of justice	4
LR-O-02	Knowledge tree	3
LR-O-03	Lamp of Learning	6
LR-O-04	Group of children walking to school with military escort	19
LR-O-05	Symbolic of growth, education, and equality	2
LR-O-06	Falling dreams	0
LR-O-07	Flaming torch, symbolizing liberty	2
LR-O-08	Fundamental tools used in education	0
LR-O-09	Allegorical representation of law and justice	6
LR-O-10	Thurgood Marshall and Dwight Eisenhower	1

7. The CCAC recommends design LR-O-04. This was the clear preference of the committee, receiving 19 of a possible 24 points. Members considered this to be a powerful design, and appreciated the clear depiction of the event being

commemorated. Members generally felt that this design most clearly portrayed the history, meaning, and significance of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School.

8. Ms. Meals indicated that the recipient organization asked for a reverse design portraying Little Rock Central High School.
9. Some members expressed a preference for a design other than a building on the reverse. In addition to rating the five proposed reverse designs, the committee considered adapting obverse design LR-O-01 for use on the coin's reverse.
10. The proposed reverse designs and their ratings were:

Design	Description	Points (maximum=24)
LR-R-01	Little Rock Central High School	5
LR-R-02	Little Rock Central High School	15
LR-R-03	Little Rock Central High School	0
LR-R-04	Little Rock Central High School	0
LR-R-05	Little Rock Central High School	0
LR-O-01	Scales of Justice	10

11. The CCAC recommends design LR-R-02, which received 15 of a possible 24 points.
12. Proposed obverse LR-O-04 carries the inscription "Courage With Dignity," and the committee also discussed the alternative inscriptions "Separate is not Equal," and "Desegregation in Education." After an extensive discussion, the CCAC voted unanimously to recommend that the inscription should be changed to "Desegregation in Education."
13. Ms. Meals then presented a proposed obverse and reverse design for the bronze medal honoring former Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snow. Ms. Meals indicated that a variety of designs had been presented to Secretary Snow, and that the designs being proposed were his preferences.
14. The CCAC voted 8-0 to recommend the proposed designs for the obverse and reverse of the medal for Secretary Snow.
15. The CCAC then heard comments from the public about issues related to American coin design.
16. Ms. Meals then presented proposed narratives for the 2008 issues of the First Spouse Bullion Coin program, representing the presidencies of Monroe, J. Q. Adams, Jackson, and Van Buren.
17. CCAC members did not have any strong negative reactions to any of the proposed narratives.
18. The obverses of the issues for Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren, who did not have spouses during their time in office, will feature an image of liberty from a coin issued during their presidencies. There was a consensus among members that these designs should be exact replicas of the original issues. Some members also suggested that Hard Times Tokens of the Jackson/Van Buren era could be useful materials for artists preparing reverse designs for these Presidents' issues.
19. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 12:30 PM.

