



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

Minutes of CCAC Public Meeting (Videoconference)
Tuesday, July 16, 2024 (Day 2)
10:00 am – 2:40 pm

I. Attendance

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

- Dr. Peter van Alfen (Chair)
- Arthur Bernstein
- Dr. Christopher Capozzola
- John Saunders
- Michael Moran
- Sam Gelberd
- Kellen Hoard
- Jeanne Stevens-Sollman
- Annelisa Purdie
- Dr. Harcourt Fuller (*signed on to the meeting at 12:17 pm*)

* *Donald Scarinci* did not attend Day 2

b. United States Mint Officers and Staff in Attendance:

- April Stafford, Chief, Office of Design Management
- Megan Sullivan, Senior Design Specialist, Office of Design Management
- Roger Vasquez, Senior Design Specialist, Office of Design Management
- Boneza Hanchock, Design Manager, Office of Design Management
- Sukrita Baijal, Design Manager, Office of Design Management
- Joseph Menna, Chief Engraver, U.S. Mint
- Jennifer Warren, Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs and Liaison to the CCAC
- Greg Weinman, Deputy Chief Counsel and Counsel to the CCAC
- Brendan Tate, Senior Government Affairs Specialist, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

c. Members of the Media in Attendance:

- Mike Unser, Founder and Editor of Coin News
- Louis Golino, American Numismatic Association
- Paul Gilkes, Coin World Senior Editor



II. Minutes

a. Business Matters:

1. Chairperson van Alfen called the meeting back to order at approximately 10:00 am. Chairperson van Alfen conducted roll call and determined that quorum was met. Attendance of media and Mint staff were recognized.

b. 2026 Semiquincentennial Half Dollar

1. Chairperson van Alfen introduced the next order of business, reviewing the preliminary candidate designs for the 2026 Semiquincentennial Half Dollar authorized by *Public Law 116-330*.
2. April Stafford, Chief of the Office of Design Management, provided background on the Semiquincentennial program and the Half Dollar with the program before introducing the obverse and reverse candidates.
3. The CCAC, the Mint staff, and liaisons were then asked if there were any legal, technical, or other considerations. A brief discussion occurred between CCAC members and the liaisons regarding aspects of the circulation of the Half Dollar.
4. Chairperson van Alfen then invited each CCAC member to provide comments regarding the obverse and reverse candidate designs.
5. The CCAC then scored the obverse and reverse candidate designs.

c. General Discussion of the Semiquincentennial Circulating Coins Portfolios

1. Chairperson van Alfen asked Greg Weinman to provide the scores for the portfolios from the day before, including the Dime and the two Quarters, as well as the Half Dollar.
2. Noting again that these scores would not be used to make recommendations, but rather would serve as guidelines for improving the portfolios for review in a future meeting, Chairperson van Alfen then posed several topics for discussion pertaining to aspects of the designs, including the treatment of Liberty's hair, the inclusion of "250" as a design element, whether Liberty should face right or left, whether the representation of Liberty across all of the circulating coins should have some sort of progression or shared common style.
3. Following a robust discussion between members of the CCAC and the Mint staff, Chairperson van Alfen called for a lunch break.

d. 2026 Semiquincentennial "Best of the Mint" Silver Medals

1. Chairperson van Alfen called the meeting back into order and took roll call.



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2. Chairperson van Alfen introduced the last order of business, reviewing candidate designs for the 2026 Semiquincentennial “Best of the Mint” Silver Medals, noting that this was a formal public review, and that the Mint would be seeking recommendations from the candidate designs for the Secretary of the Treasury.
3. April Stafford provided background on the Semiquincentennial “Best of the Mint” Silver Medals program and then reviewed the candidate designs for all five medals.
4. The CCAC, the Mint staff, and liaisons were then asked if there were any legal, technical, or other considerations. A brief discussion occurred between CCAC members and the liaisons regarding aspects of the inscriptions, design elements, and finish of the Medals.
5. Chairperson van Alfen then invited each member of the CCAC to provide comments on the obverse and reverse candidate designs of all five Medals.
6. Following the discussion, Sam Gelberd made a motion, seconded by Michael Moran, to recommend that the Medals be produced in high relief. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Chairman van Alfen then asked the CCAC to score the obverse and reverse design candidates for all five medals.
8. Following a short break, Greg Weinman presented the scores and discussion ensued amongst the members of the CCAC.
9. Michael Moran made a motion, seconded by Arthur Bernstein to recommend the high vote getters for four out of the five sets of candidate designs, namely those for the companion Medals for the 1804 dollar (1804-1-O/1804-1-R), the 1916 Winged Liberty Dime (Wing-3-O/Wing-3-R), the 1916 Standing Liberty Quarter (STND-2-O/STND-2-R), and the 1916 Walking Liberty Half Dollar (WALK-1-O/WALK-1-R). The motion passed unanimously.
10. Further discussion took place between CCAC members and Mint staff about the candidate designs for the 1907 Saint-Gaudens High Relief Double Eagle companion Medal.
11. Arthur Bernstein made a motion, seconded by Michael Moran, to recommend that if reverse design candidate 1907-3-R be selected for recommendation, that the flag design element in the eagle’s wing remain as submitted. Following further discussion, the motion passed 8 to 2.
12. Arthur Bernstein then made a motion, seconded by John Saunders, to recommend the candidate design set 1907-O-3/1907-R-3 for the companion Medal to the 1907 Saint-Gaudens High Relief Double Eagle coin. The motion carried unanimously.



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13. Chairperson van Alfen asked for a motion to adjourn. John Saunders motioned to adjourn and Chris Capozzola seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote. Chairperson van Alfen mentioned the next meeting will be in September and announced in the Federal Register. Chairperson van Alfen mentioned the upcoming CCAC Public Forum at the American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of Money on August 7, 2024 in Rosemont, Illinois. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.