

**ARIZONA AMERICA250 COMMISSION  
HISTORY, HERITAGE, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2026

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** via Zoom

**Subcommittee Members Present:**

Ashley Harder, Chair	Stuart Rosebrook	Helana Ruter
J.J. Lamb	David Turpie	Eric Vondy
Margaret Hangan	Caitlin Dichter	Kathryn Leonard

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Kori Tueller, Desiree Aranda, Ryan Ehrfurth

**Subcommittee Members Not Present:**

Kelly McDonald	Verlon Jose	Holly Henley
Leah Stagg	Jim McPherson	David Breeckner

**Non-Voting Members Not Present:**

Amy Hartmann-Gordon, Aimée C. Quinn, Jill McCleary, Carolyn Rearly, Jeremy Fricke, Steve Kaiser, Amy Stave

**1. Call to order and welcome.**

- The meeting of the Arizona America250 Commission History, Heritage, and Historic Preservation Subcommittee was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Laura Terech.

## **2. Discussion and possible action on meeting minutes from November 20, 2025.**

- The subcommittee considered the minutes of the November 20, 2025, meeting. There were not enough voting members present to take action on the approval of the minutes.

## **3. Report from Executive Director**

- **Executive Director Laura Terech provided the following report:**

- **Traveling Museum**

- The Traveling Museum route is set and was shared with the subcommittee. The route will be released via press release on February 3, 2026, and the interior of the museum was previewed with the group, including panels to which members of this subcommittee contributed content and proofreading. Subcommittee members will be invited to the official send-off event of the Traveling Museum on February 13, 2026, and sponsorship opportunities remain available; members were asked to share any potential leads.

- **Dougherty Foundation Scholarships**

- A scholarship opportunity supported by the Dougherty Foundation, totaling over \$30,000 in available scholarships, has been launched through the Civics Committee for Arizona students. Information and the application link are available on the America250 website.

- **America's Field Trip**

- America's Field Trip is a nationwide contest for students in grades 3–12 to share what America means to them, with an opportunity to earn field trips to historic and cultural sites as part of the nation's 250th anniversary. Additional information is available at the America250 website.

- **Flinn "Art State: Arizona 5Cs" Art Exhibition**

- The "Art State: Arizona 5Cs" art exhibition is launching on February 3, 2026, with an evening reception; space is limited and subcommittee members have been invited.

## **3. Update, discussion, and possible action on the Arizona Heritage Youth Council**

- Kathryn Leonard provided an update on the Arizona Heritage Youth Council.
  - i. Eight students currently serve on the council and will meet on Saturday for a full-day session to learn about the initiative and commission, as well as to develop bylaws and plan upcoming activities. No formal action was taken.

## **4. Member share-out on upcoming events or initiatives**

- **City of Williams / Route 66** – Margaret Hangan reported that the City of Williams is organizing local partners to support America250 and Route 66 celebrations and has launched a historic website featuring photos, maps, and other

materials. She noted that grants have been received and fully fund restoration of three historic neon signs.

- **Arizona Historical Society** – Jaynie Adams shared that the Arizona Historical Society is preparing a special issue of the Journal of Arizona History and will launch a related virtual program series.
- **Prescott / Sharlot Hall / Traveling Museum** – Stuart Rosebrook reported that Prescott will be the first stop for the Traveling Museum on February 14, 2026, and expressed enthusiasm for continuing the work of this subcommittee. He also reported that on May 2, 2026, Prescott will dedicate a statue of Sharlot Hall in the rose garden and that restoration work on the Governor’s Mansion and the Budd Brown wagon is planned to begin in August.
- **Queen Creek / Southwest Heritage Circle** – Bridgette Crosby introduced herself from the Queen Creek area and shared that her first major project is to move and preserve the historic cotton gin. She also noted that she will support the Florence Traveling Museum site and that her group, the Southwest Heritage Circle Military Moms in QC/STV, will assist with the group’s mission.

**5. Call to the public.**

- No members of the public requested to speak. No action was taken.

**6. Adjournment.**

- Vice Chair David Turpie adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am.