

Arizona America250 Commission

ARTS, MUSEUMS & CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS Subcommittee
Virtually via Zoom

Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2026

SUBCOMMITTEE ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Anna Needham, Chair Wylwyn Reyes Julianne Cheng Caitlin Dichter
Jeannette Holverson Sandra Kory

SUBCOMMITTEE ATTENDEES NOT PRESENT:

Kelly Paisley

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

None

NON-VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Verlon Jose Ashley Harder Evan Kory Jessica Lewis Jeffrey Lazos Ferns
Beverly Elliott Bonnie Humphrey

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. **Call to order, welcome, and roll call.** Chair Anna Needham called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.
2. **Discussion and possible action on meeting minutes from March 26, 2026.** Caitlin Dichter moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed without objection.
3. **Discussion and possible action on arts and culture projects for the Semiquincentennial.**
 - a. **Stories250/TheirStory activations for oral history collection.**

Natalie Cianciola discussed flyer initiatives that include prompt lists to guide participation.
Chair Needham provided additional context on flyer distribution and outreach.
Discussion included archival tactics through America250 efforts.
 - b. **Public art projects.**

Natalie Cianciola discussed working through public arts grants. Projects are in development, with plans to seek support and amplify events once activated.

c. **Volunteer recognition.**

Natalie Cianciola is exploring ideas for an America250 award and recognition ceremony.

Discussion included potential certificates and options for recognizing exceptional contributions.

d. **Bell rededication ceremony.**

Natalie Cianciola reported the bell is expected to arrive the following week.

Fencing will remain in place until the official reveal.

A rededication ceremony is planned for the summer, including remarks in the rotunda and a ribbon-cutting once details are finalized.

e. **Passport250 museum contacts for promotion.**

Natalie Cianciola stated Passport250 will remain active throughout the year.

Thousands of participants have downloaded the program.

Executive Director Laura Terech is compiling a list of museum contacts for outreach and promotion.

f. **Member share out on additional arts and culture projects throughout the state.**

No additional updates were provided.

4. **Discussion, possible action, and report from Executive Director.**

a. **Arizona initiatives.**

Discussion included diplomas featuring the Arizona America250 logo and the distribution of postcards.

Passport250 efforts continue.

b. **National initiatives.**

“America’s Potluck” is scheduled for July 5. A week of service will take place July 5–11, with a goal of 250 volunteer opportunities.

5. **Call to the public.**

No public comments were made.

6. **Adjournment.** Chair Anna Needham adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.