

Arizona America250 Commission
Arts, Museums & Cultural Institutions Subcommittee

Virtually via Zoom

Meeting Minutes of May 29, 2025

1. Call to order and roll call.

Chair Needham called the meeting to order at 10:32am.

Subcommittee Members Present:

Anna Needham, Chair

Caitlin Dichter

Wylwyn Reyes

Julianne Chen

Beverely Elliott

Sandra Kory

Ashley Harder

Subcommittee Members Absent:

Verlon Jose

Evan Kory

Bonnie Humphrey

Jessica Lewis

2. Discussion and possible action on meeting minutes from March 27, 2025.

MOTION: Approval of the draft minutes as written. Wylwyn Reyes motioned to approve, Julianne Chen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Report from the Executive Director.

Secretary of State team members reported in lieu of the Executive Director.

a. Two Lights for Tomorrow wrap-up.

b. ASU Gammage “Suffs” event. Staff reported that this is still in the planning stages with Gammage. The event will be on the opening night of the play, 14 October at 7:30 PM. More information to come as the date approaches.

Chair Anna Needham shared her screen and a “jam board” for the subcommittee’s work and touched on items 4a, 4b, and 4c as well as Stories250. Chair Needham and Wylwyn Reyes had a discussion about what the working groups would involve.

4. Discussion and possible action on arts and culture projects for the Semiquincentennial.

a. Traveling Museum. The 3H subcommittee has been working on key pieces of planning for the Traveling Museum. The ED and staff have also been meeting with stakeholders. Ashley Harder gave a detailed explanation about the planning for this as it relates to her subcommittee. Staff added some key elements of the discussion so far. Chair Needham discussed with Beverly Elliott the possibility of a hologram being part of the Traveling Museum.

b. Passport250.

c. Saguaros250. Discussion was had about what type of installations these pieces would be. The draft budget for fundraising was shared at the main commission meeting earlier this month.

d. Community college and university outreach.

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

5. Call to the public. Zack Hyham introduced himself. He attended Two Lights and expressed an interest in joining the subcommittee. Jeffrey Lazos-Ferns introduced himself and explained his background and his work highlighting Arizona’s indigenous communities.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24am.