

Arizona America250 Commission

Arts, Museums & Cultural Institutions Subcommittee

Virtually via Zoom

Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2025

Subcommittee Voting Members Present:

Anna Needham, Chair

Wylwyn Reyes

Bonnie Humphrey

Julianne Cheng

1. Call to order and roll call. 10:31am.

2. Discussion and possible action on meeting minutes from May 29, 2025, June 26, 2025, and July 31, 2025.

MOTION: Approval of meeting minutes from May 29, 2025, June 26, 2025, and July 31, 2025, as distributed. Bonnie Humphrey motioned, Wylwyn Reyes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Report from Executive Director.

a. Passport250 update. ED Terech shared some links for this initiative and gave background information to the subcommittee. The Passport is up to 100 sites and will continue to add monthly until 250 is reached in October. The official AZ A250 .org website is being built and will be shared heavily there.

b. Traveling Museum update. The Commission is in the process of putting the vehicle acquisition out for bid and should have that finalized by late October. Discussions are being held on content creation, and plans are to have physical as well as digital displays.

c. Suff's with ASU Gammage. The Commission is co-hosting opening night for *Suff's* on October 14th, 2025. The Governor and the Secretary of State will be in attendance. Links were shared in the meeting chat.

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

a. Traveling Museum. Chair Needham asked if there was interest in developing guidelines for art projects to be included in the museum. Wylwyn Reyes led a discussion about content curation. ED Terech reported that we will be liaising with the League of Cities and Towns during the process of schedule building. Jeffrey Lazos-Ferns suggested a graphic that is used by the Arizona Indian Tourism Association.

b. Passport250. ED Terech reported that media kits are being put together for this initiative. The Commission will be building a community calendar for the website to showcase events and festivals across the state.

c. Public art projects. This is a descendant of the Saguaros250 initiative that will embrace a symbol more universal throughout AZ than the saguaro. No funding is currently available to pay for these sculptures, but there is a possibility to negotiate group pricing that municipalities, parks, etc., could take advantage of. Jeffrey Lazos-Ferns offered information about contacts for finding fabricators for these pieces. Wylwyn asked if it will be same manufacturer, and how much the Arts & Culture committee will be involved in discussing final disposition of the pieces. ED Terech said that all of those things are up for discussion at this point. A detailed discussion was held about all the parameters to be considered.

d. Stories250. ED Terech explained the background for this and the work of collecting oral histories through the national initiative *Our American Story*.

e. Community college and university outreach. ED Terech reports that the Commission is holding a Higher Education convening in September at the Flinn Foundation.

f. Member share out on additional arts and culture projects throughout the state. Julianne Cheng reported that they are working on planning the next Blue Corn Festival.

5. Call to the public. Karen from the Maricopa County Fair and AZ State Fair said that county fairs are an obvious place for America250 Arizona to table and be involved with. She shared that they have created a belt buckle using the A250 AZ logo

6. Adjournment. The next meeting is on 25 September at 1030 h. Adjourned at 1117 h.