

## Arizona America250 Commission

*Civic Engagement, Education & Community Service Subcommittee*

Virtually via Zoom

### Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2025

**ATTENDEES:** Chair Paul Tighe, Ken Leja, Colleen Coons, Holly Henley, Megan Hammond, Bree Campbell, Andy Price, Sharon Walker, Deborah Berkley, Shawnte Rothschild, KaRa Lyn Thrasher, Hannah Rude, Jackie Norton.

#### 1. Call to order and welcome. 3:01pm

##### a. Discussion and possible action on meeting minutes from October 27, 2025.

Tabled for the next meeting due to quorum.

#### 2. Discussion, possible action, and report from the Executive Director

**a. Traveling Museum.** ED Terech shared a slide deck with drawings and photos of the Traveling Museum and content. A group of western states have been developing shared content for their local museums. There will be five themes based on elements of the Declaration of Independence. A significant part of the museum's content will focus on Arizona history. The route has not been selected as of yet. A discussion was had about the proposed time capsule.

**b. Dougherty Foundation Scholarship.** Colleen Coons reported the Rotary Clubs can help contribute to the fund. They are currently looking at \$10-20K.

#### 3. Updates, discussion, and possible action on projects and initiatives related to civic engagement, education, and community service in honor of the Semiquincentennial.

**a. Cardinals Civics Summit.** Jackie Norton reported that we are eight weeks out from this event. They have 5800 students on the list. Programming will be interactive. She thanked everyone who signed up to help and invited everyone to come and table.

**b. Read250.** Megan Hammond reports that libraries are being surveyed for interest and that bookmarks are being printed.

**c. Postard250: "Dear America, Love Arizona".** ED Terech reports that this is still being developed with Agital. The plan is for students to write postcards.

**d. Vote250.** ED Terech reports that this initiative is still active and seeking partners to host voter registration drives.

**e. Educational toolkits and other partnership initiatives with the Arizona Department of Education.** Hannah Rude reports that the toolkit keeps evolving and changing. She has met with her counterparts across the state about A250. ED Terech reports that there is a national initiative to provide toolkits for students and invited input from the subcommittee.

**f. Town halls for students.** The town hall with Kids Voting was very successful. If other organizations or educational institutions would like to host future town halls, there is a model to replicate.

**g. Community outreach and connecting with community service organizations.** Colleen reported that Rotary plans to have 250 service projects by 1 May 2026. Ken Leja reports that ED Terech has been guest speaker twice for Lions conventions. The Lions have adopted A250 as part of their program for 2026. They are currently identifying what they can do. Two conventions are coming up in 2026, and the next international president will be in the state. ED Terech has been invited.

**h. “Day of the Volunteer” recognition and proclamation at state and municipal levels.** ED Terech reported that many ideas have been discussed. The Commission is still looking for ways to honor volunteers. She suggested this can be an additional focus after Independence Day. The Commission will encourage municipal partners to hold their own observance. Co-Chair Wallace is planning an art exhibition at Flinn Foundation with art based on Arizona’s 5 C’s and there is the potential to honor volunteers at that time.

**i. Share out from subcommittee members on additional events for possible promotion and co-branding.** ED Terech shared information about a group that is creating a large panel flag with students across America. There is no cost to participate as the My America organization provides all the necessary materials. Schools interested in participating can visit [www.myamerica2026.org](http://www.myamerica2026.org) to sign up.

**4. Call to the public.** No public comments were received.

**5. Adjournment.** 3:47pm.