

**Arizona America250 Commission**

In person and virtually via Zoom

**Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2024**

**I. Call to order and roll call**

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

**Commission Members Present:**

Adrian Fontes  
Jay McCall  
Paul Tighe

Marcus Carney  
Anna Needham

Ashley Harder  
Sarah Webber

**Commission Members Absent:**

Senate Member (TBD)  
Neil Giuliano

House Member (TBD)  
Verlon Jose

**II. Discussion and possible action on meeting minutes for August 26, 2024**

The 8/26 draft minutes were accepted unanimously with no changes.

**III. Discussion and possible action on next steps for subcommittee membership.**

The suggested subcommittee membership list will be added to a shared drive and emailed directly to the subcommittee chairs to begin contacting the individuals and organizations listed. Subcommittee chairs may add members as they see fit so long as that information is communicated with the Commission at large. Executive Director Terech will provide Commissioners with a PDF overview of the Commission's work compiled from slides shown at previous meetings. Ms. Harder suggested asking new subcommittee members to share the logo contest with their respective networks.

Subcommittee meetings will begin in mid to late October.

**IV. Discussion and possible action on Commission vision and values statements.**

**MOTION** The value statement presented at the 8/26/24 Commission meeting was adopted unanimously. Mr. Tighe motioned, and Mr. Carney seconded.

**MOTION** The vision statement presented at the 8/26/24 Commission meeting was adopted unanimously. Mr. Tighe motioned, and Mr. McCall seconded.

**V. Arizona teacher nomination to the United States Capitol Historical Society (USCHS) workshop at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.**

**MOTION** Executive Director Terech and Commissioner Tighe presented information about nominating an Arizona Teacher to a September workshop with the United States Capitol Historical Society. Annie Shanahan, a high school Government and History teacher at Maryvale High School and former finalist for the Arizona Education Foundation's Teacher of the Year award, was selected for the nomination. Ms. Webber motioned, and Ms. Needham seconded.

**VI. Old Business**

**a. Update on 501c3**

Meetings have been scheduled with Vitalyst and the Arizona Community Foundation.

**b. Update on tentpole projects**

A meeting has been scheduled with Legislative Council and the Arizona Capitol Museum to discuss the possibility of taking the Liberty Bell replica on a traveling exhibition around the state.

A group of Western states (Colorado, Alaska, Utah, Washington, and Kansas) are gathering virtually to put together printable exhibits for display. These could be part of Arizona's traveling exhibition. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

**VII. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates**

Meetings are scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm, October 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-12:30pm, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-12:30pm, and December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-12:30pm.

**VIII. Call to the Public**

Rob Fullmer, the Arizona Craft Brewer's Guild Executive Director, recommended that the Secretary of State reactivate the series 5 liquor license to assist with special events. This would also open up the possibility to sell beer, wine, and spirits at the gift store. Staff were directed to investigate further.

Laura Terech thanked the IT and Communications departments for their work with the A250 logo contest.

Marcus Carney thanked the Executive Director for speaking at the Governor's Conference on Tourism to share more information about the Arizona America250 initiative.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Chair Fontes adjourned the meeting at 11:13am.