

**Arizona America250 Commission**

*Civic Engagement, Education & Community Service Subcommittee*

Virtually via Zoom

**Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2024**

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

Chair Tighe called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

**Subcommittee Members Present:**

Paul Tighe, Chair  
Dawn Wallace

Jay McCall  
Sharon Doyle

Leah Landrum Taylor  
Andy Price

**Subcommittee Members Absent:**

Neil Giuliano

Tracey Benson

Tim Carter

Jackie Norton

**II. Introductions.**

**III. Overview of subcommittee and the America250 Arizona Commission.**

Executive Director Terech presented the A250 AZ Overview slide deck, which includes mission, vision, values, subcommittees, and tentpole projects.

**IV. Discussion and possible action on Service250 as well as additional Civic Engagement, Education, and Community Service projects.**

Commissioners discussed the approach of starting some new projects as well as uplifting existing community work already happening statewide. Broad themes for the subcommittee to guide planning are civic learning, public service, volunteerism, voting, and civic duty.

As part of the Service250 Commission initiative, the Civic Engagement subcommittee will pursue the next steps for becoming authorized to bestow the President's Volunteer Service Award. Ms. Wallace suggested the subcommittee handle the administrative piece of the award for organizations that are already doing project and hour tracking. Subcommittee members also discussed the idea of continuing to bestow the award beyond 2026, which would necessitate finding a permanent home for the project, either with a private organization or potentially within the Arizona Department of Education. This could also potentially include formalizing legislation.

Subcommittee members shared ideas for additional civic engagement projects and programming. These included providing the A250 AZ logo for branding use for groups like the Boys and Girls Club, Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Scouts, etc. for the purposes of building programs and collateral appropriate and authentic to both their organization and A250 AZ. Other ideas included promoting the Arizona Seal of Civics Literacy program and potentially developing a standards-aligned curriculum to promote civic and community engagement statewide, similar to the program Ms. Wallace developed in 2012 for the Arizona Centennial. Sticker and patch projects as a part of the Scouts, potentially aligned with some of the paths in the Arizona Passport250 app. Challenge organizations and families to do 250 minutes of community service projects or volunteerism. This could potentially be tracked in the passport app to report metrics for 2026, branding Arizona “The state that cares.”

**V. Discussion and possible action on subcommittee membership and future meeting dates through the end of the year.**

Subcommittee members suggested bringing in additional membership as well as connecting with relevant organizations for the purposes of communication and coordination. Based on the list below, it will be up to individual committee members to reach out to individuals and organizations and either invite them to join the subcommittee or add them to a distribution list and database of partners.

Hannah Rude from the Department of Education, Governor’s Office on Youth, Faith & Family Director Tonya Hamilton, Girl Scouts, Rotary, Lions, Junior League, Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, 4H, FFA, YMCA, and the foster community.

The Civic Engagement, Education & Community Service subcommittee will meet again on December 2, 2024, at 2pm. This meeting will be held virtually on Zoom.

**VI. Public Comment.**

No public comments were received.

**VII. Adjournment.**

Chair Tighe adjourned the meeting at 11:22am.