

MEETING NOTES: State Emblems Redesign Commission: Oct. 24 Mtg.

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023

9:00-10:30am

[Meeting was held virtually]

AGENDA

- Call to Order
 - *Chair Fitch called the meeting to order at 9:00 am*
- Roll Call / Attendance
 - *Lindsey Dyer conducted attendance:*
 - *10/13 voting SERC members present (not present: Lauren Bennett McGinty, Michael Harralson, President Robert 'Deuce' Larsen)*
 - *3/4 ex officio SERC members present (not present: Senator Mary Kunesh)*
- Adoption of Agenda
 - *Motion to approve the agenda was made by Whitworth; seconded by Wittnebel*
 - *No discussion; agenda was approved*
- Updates from Chair/Vice Chair
 - *MNHS introduced Jack Barrett who will be an intern working on the SERC from now through 1/31/24*
- Update on submissions and PR/media
 - *Submissions (to date): 1045 online, 24 mailed*
 - *MNHS reported on media coverage, which has been steady through the state; a "reminder" media release on the deadline for flag and seal submissions is scheduled*
 - *Commission members commented positively on the interviews and the reach of media in rural communities*
- Proposed timeline for selection process
 - *Review and approval of DRAFT SERC Meeting and Process Timeline (attachment)*
 - *Chair Fitch reviewed the DRAFT in detail.*
 - *Commission members requested to clarify when and how the public will have access to the submissions; there was a request to include public input measures into the timeline*
 - *MNHS responded that more information re: when/how will be available when the technology options are available; there will most likely be a phased approach to releasing submissions to the Commission and to the public*
 - *Commission members requested that the public are allowed a review of the submissions prior to the Nov. 21 in-person meeting*

so there is an opportunity to comment directly to their representatives

- Specialist testimony
 - *MNHS shared a roster of potential specialists to testify at future meetings; initial contacts have been made, waiting to align schedules*
- Meetings and next steps: update on in-person meetings
 - *Commission expressed an interest in ensuring accessibility and accommodations for the public; MNHS will ensure accessibility options are communicated with the public meeting announcement*
 - *Commission requested periodic funding updates; MNHS will report at a future meeting*
 - *Commission requested information re: county/agency/tribal seals to assist with the review process; MNHS will report back with a list of seals for reference*
 - Tentative Upcoming In-person meetings:
 - Nov. 21: 1-5pm and 5-9pm (as needed)
 - Location: St. Paul, MN (meeting room TBD)
 - Dec. 12: 1-5pm and 5-9pm (as needed)
 - Location: St. Paul, MN (meeting room TBD)
 - Dec. 15: 1-5pm (as needed)
 - Location: Virtual or in-person [TBD]
- Adjourn
 - *Chair Fitch adjourned the meeting at 9:53am*