

MEETING NOTES: State Emblems Redesign Commission: Nov. 21 Mtg.

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023

1-5pm; 6-9pm

[Meeting was held in-person]

Location:

Room 1200, Minnesota Senate Building
95 University Ave W, St. Paul, MN 55155

AGENDA

- Call to Order
 - *Chair Fitch called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm*
- Roll Call / Attendance
 - *Lindsey Dyer conducted attendance:*
 - *12/13 voting SERC members present (not present: President Robert 'Deuce' Larsen)*
 - *3/4 ex officio SERC members present (not present: Senator Steve Draskowski)*
- Adoption of Agenda
 - *Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mazone; seconded by Whitworth*
 - *No discussion; agenda was approved*
- Welcome / Introductions
- SERC Overview
 - *Chair Fitch welcomed the Commission, the public, and the media to the first in-person SERC meeting. The public was thanked for their enthusiastic participation in the flag and seal redesign process.*
- Specialist testimony
 - *Lee Herold (Flag design testimony)*
- Flag and Seal Design Submissions - Overview
 - *Chair Fitch facilitated a discussion of the design review process. Commission members were encouraged to reflect on the following: When you made your selections, which design elements have captured your imagination - "what represents Minnesota to you?"*
- Round 1 of Design Review (with selections)
 - *Commission members began the process of selecting their top flag and seal designs for consideration, moving forward.*

Break (15 mins)

- Round 2 of Design Review (with selections)

Recess (60 mins)

- Commission Reconvened at 6 PM
 - *Commission members discussed the flag and seal designs that resulted in the most selections from round 1 and round 2 of reviewing finalists.*
 - *Motion to increase the number of flag finalists from 5 designs to 6 designs was made by Buck; seconded by McKenzie*
 - *11/12 present voting members voted aye*
 - *Not present: Larsen*
 - *1/12 present voting members voted no*
 - *Commission member Wittnebel opposed the motion and requested that his opposition be noted in the meeting notes*
 - *Motion to select F29, F944, F1154, F1435, F1953, and F2100 as the flag finalist design options was made by Vice Chair Gaul; seconded by McKenzie*
 - *11/11 present voting members voted aye*
 - *Not present: Larsen, Wittnebel*
 - *Motion to select S2, S6, S27, S147, and S224 as the seal finalist design options was made by Harralson; seconded by Buck*
 - *12/12 present voting members voted aye*
 - *Not present: Larsen*
- Adjourn
 - *Chair Fitch adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm*