

MEETING NOTES: State Emblems Redesign Commission: Nov. 28 Mtg.

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 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:*
 - *11/13 voting SERC members present (not present: Lauren Bennett McGinty, President Robert 'Deuce' Larsen)*
 - *4/4 ex officio SERC members present*
- Adoption of Agenda
 - *Motion to approve the agenda was made by Wittnebel; seconded by Harralson*
 - *No discussion; agenda was approved*
- Updates from Chair/Vice Chair
 - *Chair Fitch thanked the Commission for the hard work at the 11/21 in person meeting*
- Update on PR/media
 - *MNHS shared an update on media coverage, which has been extensive*
- Update on public input
 - *MNHS shared that the [SERC website](#) was open for public comment around the same time as when the finalist designs were posted; over two thousand comments have come in, to date*
- Flag and Seal designs: review and next steps
 - *Chair Fitch delivered a presentation that captured the overall conversations and questions that have been addressed since the finalists have been announced; full presentation is available on the [SERC website](#)*
 - *Commission members discussed various public input/feedback that they received thus far. Comments ranged from positive to negative; the Commission addressed the potential relatability of the flag designs and expressed a mixed reaction from the public re: the symbols, colors, and representation in flag designs*
 - *Commission members expressed an interest in winnowing the design selections in order to focus design efforts on a few designs; there was general agreement to continue receiving public input prior to winnowing with an emphasis that the finalists are drafts and subject to modification*

- *Wittnebel presented a variety of proposed design changes with variations to the flag design submissions; these were created in collaboration with various members of the public interested in flag and seal design*
- Meetings and next steps
 - *MNHS requested that the Dec. 5 meeting be extended by 30 minutes to accommodate further discussion and allow time for the potential of public testimony*
 - Update on in-person meetings
 - Dec. 12: 1-5pm and 5-9pm (as needed)
 - Dec. 15: 1-5pm (as needed) [TBD Virtual or in person]
- Adjourn
 - *Chair Fitch adjourned the meeting at 10:35am*