

MEETING NOTES: State Emblems Redesign Commission: Dec. 5 Mtg.

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023

9:00-11:00 am

[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:*
 - *12/13 voting SERC members present (not present: President Robert 'Deuce' Larsen)*
 - *3/4 ex officio SERC members present (not present: Rep. Bjorn Olson)*
- Adoption of Agenda
 - *Motion to approve the agenda was made by Wittnebel; seconded by Mazone*
 - *No discussion; agenda was approved*
- Updates from Chair/Vice Chair
 - *Vice Chair Gaul shared an update on social media posts, encouraging diplomacy as it relates to the SERC*
- Update PR/media
 - *MNHS provided an update on media from the past week, which continues to be strong*
- Update on public input
 - *MNHS shared a large spreadsheet with the SERC late last week which included thousands of public comments, both positive and negative*
 - *15,000 (approx.) public comments for the flag designs*
 - *6,000 (approx.) public comments for the seal designs*
 - *Commission members discussed the public testimony process for today's meeting; MNHS shared that the form was first come first served and filled up quickly*
- Public testimony (40 mins)
 - Commission members heard (up to) 2 minutes of public testimony from the following 28 individuals:
 - Virginia Townsend
 - Jason Hill
 - Andrew Stevenson
 - Dan Baggenstoss
 - Isaac Maruyama
 - Brad Trom
 - Brian Cham
 - Lisa Dovgodko

- Anne Krisnik
 - Daniel Kalla
 - Erik Sahlin
 - Nathan Bakken
 - Shelley Pohlman
 - Cindy Jackson
 - Dennis Fazio
 - Chase A. Carlson
 - Todd Schuman
 - Alan Hardy
 - Adrian DeRosier
 - Tyler & Jenae Michaletz
 - Tom Senior
 - Judith Prachar
 - Molly Swanson
 - Christopher Lucas
 - Josh Reagen
 - Mario Perez
 - Rick Rud
 - Mitchell McCallson
- Flag and Seal design review
 - *Chair Fitch presented SERC Design Concepts (linked on the [SERC website](#)) which provided a design overview of the finalists with variations and considerations at the Commission continues to focus in on a single design*
 - *Wittnebel made a **motion to move forward with S224 as the official Great Seal of the State of Minnesota subject to further design modifications***
 - *Some specific potential design modifications may include the inclusion or omission as well as the language of the state motto, the year of statehood (inclusion/omission), the number of stars, and the color of the loon's eye*
 - *The motion was seconded by Secretary Simon*
 - *The motion was voted on by roll call:*
 - *11/11 present voting members voted aye, which was a unanimous approval of the motion (not present: Lauren Bennett McGinty, President Robert 'Deuce' Larsen)*
- Meetings and next steps
 - 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 10:57am*