



Semiquincentennial Commission Meeting  
Thursday, December 1, 2022  
12:00-1:00 CST

Nebraska History Museum - Gilmore Room  
131 Centennial Mall N, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

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## MINUTES

12:01 PM **Call to Order**, Jill Dolberg  
**Welcome and Remarks**, Jill Dolberg  
Notice to the Press  
Nebraska Open Meetings Act – in compliance  
Introduction of Guests  
Reminder of the Mission

The meeting notice was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on November 25, 2022.

Introduction of new member, Marissa Payzant, Director of Content Standards & Instruction for the Nebraska Department of Education. She is replacing Ebony McKiver who has moved out of the state.

### Roll Call

PRESENT - Jeff Barnes, Candace Cain, Roy Christensen, Jill Dolberg, Tyeisha Kosmicki, Marissa Payzant, Deb Miner

ABSENT - Don Arp, Ted Carter, Dan Curran, Gwendolyn Easter, Debra Nelson-Loseke, Cristina Castro-Matukewicz

12:05 PM **Review of Minutes from August 29, 2022 Meeting**

Motion to approve August 29, 2022 minutes.

Motion by: Roy Christensen  
Second: Jeff Barnes  
Motion passed.

12:10 PM **Opportunity for Public Questions & Comments**

No Questions

12:20 PM **Discussion of Ideas from AASLH**

We have not yet signed the documents needed to join the national organization. If we join we receive \$10,000, however, there are benefits to not joining. If we join, we are bound to use the state logo they have provided. If we do not join we could have a statewide design contest for a logo which would gain some public buy-in.

Motion:  
Contingency motion to move that we not join with the national organization just yet and forge our own path with designing our own logo.

Motion by: Jeff Barnes

Second: Roy Christensen

Discussion - Maybe we should use both logos on different websites to test the waters. Like the idea of engagement across the state. Agree to postponing signing with the national group.

Motion:

All of those in favor of postponing national engagement at this time.

Motion passed.

Ideas were shared as to how we could celebrate. We want to make sure to share the Native American perspective. Potential challenges to include populations who have been marginalized.

What were your ancestors doing in 1776?

What is the story of Nebraska within the past 250 years?

What contributions has Nebraska made to the United States in the past 250 years?

12:30 PM **Establishment of Committees**

Social Media Committee -

Finance Committee -

Fundraising Committee - Roy Christensen, Tyeisha Kosmicki, Tyler Vacha

Community Relations Committee - Candace Cain, Jeff Barnes

12:40 PM **Commission Vacancies**

There are 4 vacancies to fill in order to have a 17 member board.

12:50 PM **Other Business**

The Nebraska History Museum is presenting "American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith", a traveling exhibit on loan from the Smithsonian. Could we use this to wrestle up some enthusiasm?

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by: Marissa Payzant

Second: Roy Christensen

Motion passes

1:00 PM **Adjournment**, Jill Dolberg

Submitted by:

Lezlee Williams, Executive Assistant

History Nebraska

Approved by the Commission

March 23, 2023