



**Semiquincentennial Commission Meeting
August 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. (Central Time)**

**Nebraska State Historical Society - Dr. Don R. Gerlach Capitol View Room
1500 R Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68501**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Candace Cain called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT -

Jeff Barnes, Candace Cain, Roy Christensen, Tyeisha Kosmicki, Chris Kratochvil, Lori Shaal, Bre Wilton

ABSENT -

Gwendolyn Easter, Debra Nelson-Loseke, Chris Sommerich

TARDY -

Cindy Drake (2:10 p.m.)

GUESTS -

Mike Markey, Nebraska Arts Council

Meagan Dion, Nebraska Arts Council

David Bristow, Deputy Director, Nebraska State Historical Society (2:10 p.m.)

Ben Kruse, Deputy Director, Nebraska State Historical Society (2:10 p.m.)

Certification of Publication - Notification of Open Meetings Act

The legal notice required by state statute was published in the *Lincoln Journal Star* on August 6, 2024.

Approval of the Minutes from the October 11, 2023 Meeting

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 11, 2023

Motion by: BARNES

Second by: CHRISTENSEN

Yeas: BARNES, CAIN, CHRISTENSEN, KOSMICKI, KRATOCHVIL, SHAAL, WILTON

Nays: NONE

Abstain: CAIN

Motion adopted

Opportunity for Public Questions and Comments

No one from the public was in attendance.

Selection of a Commission Chair

After group discussion, a motion was made.

Motion to approve Candace Cain as the Semiquincentennial Commission Chair

Motion by: BARNES

Second by: CHRISTENSEN

Yeas: BARNES, CHRISTENSEN, DRAKE, KOSMICKI, KRATOCHVIL, SHAAL, WILTON

Nays: NONE

Abstain: CAIN

Motion adopted

History Nebraska Updates to the Commission

Interim Director Drake announced that History Nebraska will revert to its legal name of the Nebraska State Historical Society as of September 1. David Bristow, Deputy Director, shared that we are in the process of planning exhibits for the Nebraska History Museum. Araceli Hernandez, Director of Education, was in attendance and offered any assistance needed from their team.

Committee Discussion and Updates

Community Relations Committee

Cain suggested that once we decide on a logo, we have a letterhead designed to contact potential partners. Some initial ideas were the Burwell Rodeo and the Lincoln Veterans Parade. A budget is needed to help communities develop and execute planned activities.

Education Committee

Discussion continues about instituting an Education Challenge to schools across Nebraska. The Burwell School District has agreed to pilot and test for fidelity.

Shaal left the meeting at 3:05

Finance Committee

No Finance Committee report was given.

Fundraising Committee

No Fundraising Committee report was given. Cain challenged each commissioner to contact ten potential partners once a letter is drafted on commission letterhead.

Wilton left the meeting at 3:10

Social Media Committee

No Social Media Committee report was given.

Other Business

Mike Markey and Meagan Dion from the Nebraska Arts Council would like to collaborate with the commission, and they may have funds available to assist with projects. The Nebraska Arts Council has already been working with the History Nebraska Exhibits and Education Departments. The Nebraska Arts Council plans to incorporate the 180 Sculptures dedicated during the 1976 Bicentennial.

Motion to adjourn

Motion by: KOSMICKI
Second by: CHRISTENSEN
Yeas: BARNES, CHRISTENSEN, CAIN, DRAKE, KOSMICKI, KRATOCHVI
Nays: NONE

Meeting Adjourned - 3:25

Approved by The Semiquincentennial Commission
November 25, 2024