

America 250 Missouri Commission Minutes
Monday, June 9, 2025
Truman Building, Room 750A
(accessible via Webex)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Renee Pace at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Dean Van Schoiack.

Roll Call: Members present were Chair Renee Pace, with commission members Esther Rosner, Dr. Gary Kremer, Pat Thomas, and MO Employees Perry Gorrell (DESE, and Hannah Swann (OA) present. Joining via Webex were Doug Clemens, Alex Curchin, Beth Pike, Dean Van Schoiack and Al Voelker (commission members). [MO State Employees joining via Webex were Aly Gatwood (Department of Natural Resources), Amanda Bell (Secretary of State's Office), Anna Littrell (Lt. Governor's Office), Danielle Luecke (OA), Dr. Jason Groce (Senator May's office), Lori Simms (Tourism), Pamela Harlan (MODOT), Rachel Dunn (Secretary of State's Office), Samantha Dickey (Higher Education & Workforce Development), Susan German (DESE), Taylor Hagenhoff (Department of Corrections), Trinity Crouch (Department of Agriculture), and Wanda Seeney (MODOT) with members of the Public: Jim Oldebeken and Andrew McKean also joining.]

Adoption of the Agenda: Pat Thomas moved to adopt the agenda as presented, the motion was seconded and carried.

Approval of Minutes May 19, 2025 minutes were provided via email on June 2. Motion made by Alex Curchin to accept as provided, motion seconded and carried.

Public comments: Jim Oldebeken of Clay County 250 provided information on his group's activities and offered suggestions of website, speakers bureau and encouraged volunteers to collaborate with other groups.

Reports: Chair Pace provided information on collaboration efforts she'd made with Local Partnerships, US Semiquincentennial Commission, review of Federal Agreement, Caucus List and America's Field Trip with the winner being a homeschool student from Weldon Spring.

Contact has been made with Diane Gillespie regarding an announcement and recognition at the Salute to America on the stage during the evening celebration. A press release has been prepared for release if approved to move forward with recognition.

Other information from the US Semiquincentennial included information on America Waves, the Flag of Honor Tour, the Largest U.S. Flag in History, America's Field Trip, and 2026 Planning. A caucus list was provided for review, and she asked members to reach out to non-Caucus member officers in delegation.

Unfinished Business

- A. State and Territory Partnership and Sublicense Agreement** The agreement was provided for review and further consideration. Alex Curchin moved for its approval; the motion was seconded and carried.
- B.** Hannah Swann provided a custom flag mock-up for review with pricing information.

New Business

Approval of Project Proposals Chairman Pace had provided the “Show-Me America 250, **Educate, Engage, Celebrate**” packet to members prior to the meeting, each area was covered with members encouraged to offer suggestions and sponsor a project.

Tasks were assigned to members to move these projects forward.

The Show-Me America 250 website was discussed with an unveiling date to be by July 4. Pat Thomas made a motion to allocate \$3,500 from the Commission budget for the website. The motion was seconded and carried.

Announcements:

Next Meeting Dates: Wednesday, July 9th 10:00 a.m. and Monday, August 4th 10:00 a.m.

With no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.