

America 250 Missouri Commission Minutes: Monday, September 8, 2025  
Truman Building, Room 850 and via Webex

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Renee Pace.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Esther Rosner.

- I. **Roll Call** was taken with the Commission members Renee Pace, Pat Thomas, Beth Pike, Dr. Gary Kremer, Dr. Brad Frazier, Esther Rosner, Senator Mike Bernskoetter, Doug Clemens, Alex Curchin, Dr. Al Voelker, and Dean Van Schoiack participating in person and via Webex.

MO Department Employees attending were Aly Gatwood, Amanda Bell, Anita Littrell, Danielle Luecke, Dean Linneman, Hannah Swann, John Dougan, Lori Simms, Pam Harlan, Samantha Dickey, TJ Craven, Trinity Crouch, and Wanda Seeney.

Public attendees were Representative Colin Wellenkamp, Andy McKean from St. Charles and Peggy Goodfriend from PBS.

- I. Pat Thomas moved to adopt the agenda as submitted with a second by Alex Curchin.
- II. The minutes of August 4<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> were provided via email to the participants ahead of the meeting, with no changes submitted, they were approved as presented.
- III. Public Comments – Andy McKean shared items underway in St. Charles.
- IV. Chair Renee Pace presented several America 250 initiatives, the Light to Unite project, time capsule, and digital passport. Governor Kehoe had presented an America 250 proclamation at the State Fair.

Vice Chair Pat Thomas presented on the State Fair events where the cutouts, stickers, drone show were well received. The flags for Senate and House reps are anticipated soon and will be ready for dissemination. Shirts for the mascot program have been requested for 115 mascots so far. Custom '250' certificates will be presented to new citizens at Naturalization ceremonies.

- V. Old Business: Al Voelker discussed voice and harmony of freedom with a link available on the Youtube channel. Website permissions will be researched to move forward as permissions and approvals are granted.
  - A. PBS Sponsorship – There was a discussion on which level of sponsorship to support based on budget considerations and markets reached. Dean Van Schoiack moved to spend \$6500 for the St. Louis market with Doug Clemens seconding the motion, which passed.
    - a. As there are other projects under consideration, it was decided to revisit any further PBS expenditure in two weeks.

VI. New Business

- A. Approval and Updates of Project Proposals were reviewed under the educate, engage, and celebrate categories.

- B. A finance subgroup has been appointed with Alex Curchin being the point person, Rep Dean Van Schoiack and Esther Rosner are also in the subgroup.

**Announcements:** It was agreed to schedule a September 22 meeting at 10:00 a.m. to revisit further PBS expenditures and receive an update regarding proposals having been submitted.

**Next Meeting Date:** Monday, October 13, 2025 10:00am

Adjournment – at 10:58 a.m.

Esther Rosner, Recording Secretary