

Minnesota Session Law, Chapter 62, 2023.

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The language in Article 2,

Sec. 118 **STATE EMBLEMS REDESIGN COMMISSION.**

Subdivision 1.

Establishment.

The State Emblems Redesign Commission is established. The purpose of the commission is to develop and adopt a new design for the official state flag and the official state seal no later than January 1, 2024.

Subd. 2.

Membership; meetings.

(a) The commission consists of the following members:

(1) three members of the public, appointed by the governor;

(2) one member appointed by the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage;

(3) one member appointed by the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs;

(4) one member appointed by the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans;

(5) one member representing the Dakota community and one member representing the Ojibwe community, appointed by the executive board of the Indian Affairs Council;

(6) the secretary of state or the secretary's designee;

(7) the executive director of the Minnesota Historical Society or the director's designee;

(8) the chair of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board or the chair's designee;

(9) the chair of the Minnesota Arts Board or the chair's designee; and

(10) the executive director of Explore Minnesota Tourism or the director's designee.

(b) The following serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the commission: (1) two members of the house of representatives, one each appointed by the speaker of the house and the minority leader of the house; and (2) two members of the senate, one representing the majority caucus appointed by the senate majority leader and one representing the minority caucus appointed by the senate minority leader.

(c) Appointments to the commission must be made no later than August 1, 2023. The voting members of the commission shall elect a chair and vice-chair. An appointee designated by the governor shall convene the commission's first meeting. Decisions of the

commission must be made by majority vote. The Minnesota Historical Society must provide office space and administrative support to the commission.

Subd. 3.

Meetings.

Meetings of the commission are subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

Subd. 4.

Duties; form and style of recommended state emblems.

The commission shall develop and adopt a new design for the official state seal and a new design for the official state flag. The designs must accurately and respectfully reflect Minnesota's shared history, resources, and diverse cultural communities. Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design. The commission may solicit and secure the voluntary service and aid of vexillologists and other persons who have either technical or artistic skill in flag construction and design, or the design of official seals, to assist in the work. The commission must also solicit public feedback and suggestions to inform its work.

Subd. 5.

Report.

The commission shall certify its adopted designs in a report to the legislature and governor no later than January 1, 2024. The commission's report must describe the symbols and other meanings incorporated in the design.

Subd. 6.

Expiration.

The commission expires upon submission of its report.