

**MINUTES**  
**TEXAS AMERICA250 COMMISSION**  
**Bullock Texas State History Museum**  
**1800 N. Congress, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom**  
**Austin, Texas 78701**  
**April 11, 2024**  
**11:00 AM**  
**VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

The Texas America250 Commission convened with the following appointed agency members present: Members of Commission Appointed Agencies: Margaret Koch, Presiding Chair, Bullock Texas State History Museum, Jelain Chubb, Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Tim Fennel, Governor's Office, Rodney Franklin, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Pat Hardy, Board of Education

**Item 1: Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum**

Margaret Koch, serving as the Commission's presiding officer, called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and called roll. A quorum was present.

**Item 2: Introduction Staff, Guests, and Members Present**

Chair Koch welcomed all to the first official meeting of the Texas America250, and called on specially invited guests from additional state agencies and organizations to introduce themselves. Present were: Rayanna Hoeft, Texas Historical Commission, Rebeka Dobrasko, Texas Department of Transportation, Emily Hermans, Texas Historical Commission, Brittany Petrilli, Texas Association of Museums, Kierstan Schwab, TX PBS. Several other invitees expressed regrets at being unable to attend: Lynn Forney Young, America250 representative from Texas, Monte Monroe, State Historian, Kelsi Tyler, Humanities Texas, Laura Casey, Texas Historical Commission.

**Item 3: Presentation via Zoom by Rosie Rios, Chair of the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission**

Chair Koch then introduced with a warm welcome, special guest and Chair of the national commission, Rosie Rios. Ms. Rios was assisted during her presentation by staff members, Ed Perez and Jason Novak. A comprehensive slide deck of the Commission's work and initiatives such as America's Field Trip was shared, with a particular emphasis on the bipartisan support and wish that the anniversary "Make Americans feel this is the land of opportunity all over again." A professionally produced video that the Texas Commission was urged to share freely was also shown: [America's Invitation Launch Video](#); Ms. Rios noted the number of U.S. Congress members who have signed on to the Congressional Caucus, including 14 members from Texas.

**Item 4: Receipt of Public Comment**

The Chair called for anyone wishing to provide public comment on any matter pertaining to the Commission; no public comment registrations forms were received.

## **Item 5: Consideration of the Following Agenda Items:**

### **5.1 Discussion and possible action on adoption of rules/bylaws governing work of the Commission**

The Chair called for discussion regarding the draft of rules/bylaws to govern and hold accountable the work of the Commission. She noted several copy edits and page numbering that would be updated as identified by Ms. Chubb. Consensus on updating the regional map to the appropriate and state-wide agency accepted map of Travel Texas and TxDot was reached. Ms. Hardy requested the Chair create contact list of Commissioners and invited guests contact information.

Motion moved by Jelain Chubb, seconded by Pat Hardy. Motion carried to send bylaws to Governor's counsel for review with changes discussed.

### **5.2 Update and discussion on development of website page**

The Bullock Museum offered to create a TX America 250 landing page to live on thestoryoftexas.com website by Bullock Web & Digital Media team. Ms. Chubb proposed keeping web presence active for 3 years after the anniversary year, then archiving with TSLAC. Ms. Chubb noted that the Commission should secure the domain name Texas America250, if possible.

Motion read by Margaret Koch, moved by Pat Hardy, seconded by Rodney Franklin. Motion carried to have Bullock Museum team draft web landing page for review by the Commission at its next meeting, and explore and secure the domain name Texas America250 for future use.

### **5.3 Update and discussion on development of state logo**

Discussion and input was received. Once design is finalized, Commission to discuss licensing for use of logo by others.

Commission in agreement of Bullock Museum's Creative Services continued work on drafting the logo.

12:01 Chair requested Commission members permission to extend time to complete last of the Agenda items. Unanimous approval received.

### **5.4 Discussion and possible action on entering into State and Territory Partnership and Sublicensing agreement with America250.ORG, Inc.**

If partnership approved, a restricted Texas America250 account is set up to receive funding and pay for Commission approved expenses.

Motion moved by Jelain Chubb, seconded by Rodney Franklin. Motion carried to send partnership agreement to Governor's legal counsel for review. Commission will deliberate before any entering into partnership. Clarity will be sought on who to be the final signatory on the partnership.

**Item 6: Scheduling of next Texas America250 Commission meeting**

The Chair asked if the same recurring timeslot would work for the Commission. Members established meeting monthly at 11 AM every second Thursday of the month for the next three months and reassess to meet every other month following first meetings.

**Item 7: Adjournment**

With no further business, the Chair requested a motion to adjourn. Pat Hardy made motion to adjourn the meeting, Jelain Chubb seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 pm.