

**Christa McAuliffe State House Memorial Commission Meeting Minutes for Approval  
4/18/2023**

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023  
New Hampshire State Library  
20 Park Street  
Concord, NH 03301**

The Commission convened at 8:00am and were welcomed by Governor Sununu. Members present were:

James Scully  
Representative Steve Shurtleff  
Sen. Rebecca Whitley  
Jeanne Gerulskis  
Sarah Stewart  
Karen Rantamaki  
Bill Dunlap  
Paul Smith  
Linda Frawley

Governor Sununu opened the meeting with welcoming remarks. James Scully then welcomed the Members to the Commission and asked the respective Members to introduce themselves.

James Scully then explained the implications of RSA 91:A and reviewed Executive Order 2023-02.

The Commission then discussed optimal meeting times and it was determined that the Commission meetings will take place every other Tuesday until the end of June.

The budget for the memorial was then discussed and the Commission decided it will monitor the progress of HB2 as it moves into the Senate phase.

The Commission then discussed the timeline and the preference to establish an RFP process to select an artist as was done with the Governor Wynant statue. There was also discussion about public comment and it was noted that the public is welcome to attend any meeting and the Commission will always allow time for public comment.

There was then a lengthy discussion about what the design should potentially look like and what should be included in the RFP which will be discussed at the April 18, 2023 meeting.

The Commission discussed possible locations on State House Grounds and the benefits and risks to several locations.

The Commission also discussed inviting the McAuliffe family to participate in any way they deem appropriate and it was brought to the Commission's attention that Christa's family would like her to be remembered not only as an astronaut, but as an educator.

The meeting concluded at 9am and the Commission walked the State House grounds to look at possible locations for the memorial.