

**Christa McAuliffe State House Memorial Commission
Meeting Minutes for Approval 6/4/2024
Tuesday, May 21, 2024
New Hampshire State Library
20 Park Street
Concord, NH 03301**

The Commission convened at 8:04 am.

Members Present: James Scully, Sen. Rebecca Whitley, Representative Steve Shurtleff, Representative Tim McGough, Sarah Stewart, Karen Rantamaki, Bill Dunlap, and Paul Smith.

Members Absent: Jeanne Gerulskis,

James Scully welcomed the group back and provided an update on the granite base and an update from the artist. James mentioned that Ben Victor should be sending us a more comprehensive update before the next Commission meeting.

Paul Smith gave an update from The Celebration Subgroup. There was also a discussion about the arts competition and possibly extending the deadline for submissions until August 1, 2024. The Commission unanimously decided to extend the deadline with the hopes of getting additional submissions.

James Scully then gave an update on the bronze plaques that the group would like affixed to three sides of the granite base. The rear plaque was discussed first and it was decided unanimously that the plaque will read, "Presented by the people of New Hampshire [State Seal] September 2, 2024.

The right side plaque was then discussed and the group unanimously decided that the plaque will read, "September 2, 1948 – January 28, 1986 [Next line] "I touch the future, I teach"

The Commission then discussed the left side plaque at length and it was decided that the group will come back to the next meeting with suggested language.

There was then a discussion about the tree that is to be removed and the potential for saving some of the wood for furniture if at all possible.

The meeting concluded at 8:48 am. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 8:00am am at the New Hampshire State Library.