

**Christa McAuliffe State House Memorial Commission
Meeting Minutes for Approval 8/27/2024
Monday, June 10, 2024
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
172 Pembroke Road
Concord, NH 03301**

The Commission convened at 3:07 pm.

Members Present: James Scully, Representative Steve Shurtleff, Representative Tim McGough, Bill Dunlap, Sarah Stewart, Jeanne Gerulskis, and Paul Smith

Members Absent: Sen. Rebecca Whitley, Karen Rantamaki,

James Scully welcomed the group back.

The group met with Benjamin Victor via Teams to look at the sculpture and discuss the details.

The clay needs to go to the foundry on Thursday to meet the unveiling deadline.

The group discussed the possibility of a tinted patina, but that decision doesn't need to be made this week.

The group voted unanimously to approve the clay as presented with the ability to make a few minor tweaks as needed.

Benjamin asked about a wedding ring. The group unanimously voted to proceed with the wishes of Steve McAuliffe on that matter. It does appear from photographs that she had worn it in some training.

The group voted 4-3 for the left side plaque to say "A dedicated teacher in Concord, New Hampshire, Christa McAuliffe was selected to be NASA's first educator astronaut. McAuliffe and her six crewmates on the Space Shuttle Challenger were tragically lost 73 seconds after launch. She is remembered for her bravery and enthusiasm for life and for learning."

The group voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from June 4, 2024.

The group is going to reserve August 13, 2024 for review of contest submissions and program finalization.

The meeting concluded at 3:53 pm. The next meeting will be on June 25, 2024 at the State Library.