

**Christa McAuliffe State House Memorial Commission  
Meeting Minutes for Approval 5/2/2023  
Tuesday, April 18, 2023  
New Hampshire State Library  
20 Park Street  
Concord, NH 03301**

The Commission convened at 8:00am.

Members Present: James Scully, Representative Steve Shurtleff, Sen. Rebecca Whitley, Jeanne Gerulskis, Sarah Stewart, Karen Rantamaki, Paul Smith, Linda Frawley

Members Absent: Bill Dunlap, Rep. Tim McGough

James Scully welcomed the group back and noted that Speaker Packard's schedule wouldn't allow him the time to participate, so he appointed Representative Tim McGough in his place who will be able to join at the next meeting.

The group voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from April 4, 2023.

The group discussed July 30 as the deadline for proposals laid out in the RFP.

It was reported that the McAuliffe family requested the memorial to be tasteful but they didn't need to be involved in the process. They will be happy to attend the public unveiling.

The group used the RFP for the Governor Wynant statue as a starting point to establish parameters for this RFP. The goal will be to have at least a draft RFP for the next meeting. It was noted that the memorial should reflect her life of service and impact on future generations while also being in concert with the other monuments on the State House lawn.

The Commission discussed ensuring that the process is expedited as there are numerous steps and a tight timeline. The group also discussed attaching the Executive Order to the RFP to give context and note the deadline for the unveiling on Christa's birthday.

The Commission discussed the importance of statues of women and New Hampshire's history of honoring women. The commission agreed that they didn't want to specify an exact location in the RFP and would consult with the chosen artist.

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources has a hearing in Senate Finance at 3:15 where the Commissioner and James Scully will plan to speak on behalf of the funding in HB 2.

The Commission discussed a webpage as a public facing presence and a need for a digital way to submit proposals, which the Governor's office will be working on.

The meeting concluded at 8:56 am. The next meeting will be Tuesday May 2, 2023 at 8 am at the State Library.