

*Advisory Commission on the Mississippi State Flag
and the Mississippi Coat of Arms*

MEMO

To: Winter Winter
From: Kelly Riley, Policy Liaison
Date: October 17, 2000
Subject: Agenda for Public Hearings

I think it would be beneficial if we discussed the agenda/flow of the public hearings at tomorrow's meeting, particularly for those members moderating and attending Thursday's hearing in Tupelo. I think an agenda will help ensure uniformity throughout the state. The attached proposed agenda is just an idea.

I plan on being at the capitol by 1:10 tomorrow afternoon to set up in Room 216. We are on the calendar and we will have security there. If there is an emergency and you should need me for anything Wednesday morning, my Leadership Jackson class will be meeting in the Board Room on the 4th floor of AmSouth Bank and will be having lunch at the University Club. Thanks!

Public Hearings

1. Welcome

2. Introduction of Commission members present

3. Supreme Court ruling and Executive Order No. 833 (*Why are we here?*)

- The Mississippi Supreme Court ruled on May 4 that our state flag and coat of arms were duly adopted in 1894. However, in 1906 the Legislature failed to bring forward the code section containing the state flag and coat of arms, thereby repealing it.
- Governor Musgrove appointed the Advisory Commission on the State Flag and the Coat of Arms with the sole purpose of proposing and reporting a design for the flag and the coat of arms to the Governor, the Lt. Governor and the Speaker of the House on or before May 4, 2001.
- The Commission feels the input from the public, both in the hearings and through written comments, is instrumental in the work of the Commission

4. Presentation of guidelines for public comments

- All citizens should have registered at the door and provided their name and address.
- Citizens wishing to speak during the hearing should have registered at door to do so. The moderator will recognize citizens to speak in the order in which they registered.
- Each organization may designate one representative to speak on behalf of the organization.
- In order to ensure equitable time for all citizens wishing to give comment, citizens will be asked to contain their comments to three (3) minutes.
- Citizens may file any written statement or relevant document(s) with the hearing moderator.

5. Public comments

6. Closing