



**America's Semiquincentennial Committee
Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 2:00 PM
1228/1327 Legislative Building**

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order

Co-chairs: **Rep. Hugh Blackwell, Presiding**

Sen. Ted Alexander

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (August 21, 2025) and (September 18, 2025)

IV. Presentations

John Torbett, "First in Freedom: A History of the State License Plate."

John Torbett serves as state representative for NC House District 108. With over 25 years of experience in the corrugated converting industry, Torbett has held numerous professional positions including Vice President of Business Development for Next Wave Technologies. He has been in public service since 2001.

Dr. Dixie Abernathy, "In Honor of Our Semiquincentennial: The Ancestral Tree and Patriotic Journey of a Great North Carolina Family."

Dixie Abernathy is currently a Professor of Education at Queens University. She has teaching experience at the elementary, secondary, and post-secondary levels. A former North Carolina Teacher of the Year, she has published widely. Her current project is Cramerton: A Trilogy.

Other Business

V. SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL CONSTITUTION EDITION

VI. AMERICAN JOURNEY EXPERIENCE

VII. COMMITTEE OUTREACH

VIII. WEBSITE INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. CELEBRATE AMERICA FOUNDATION UPDATE

X. STATEMENTS OF COMMENDATION & LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

XI. OTHER UPDATES

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT (Three minutes maximum for each person, unless recognized by the presiding chair.)

Adjournment