

First Meeting of the ad hoc Committee of the Great Floridians Program



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

Statuary Hall Selection Meeting

Tallahassee, FL

June 22, 2016

I. - Facilitator's Comments

- Dr. Timothy Parsons
 - Director, Division of Historical Resources
 - State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)
- Appointed by Secretary of State Ken Detzner as Facilitator to:
 - Guide the discussion and keep order
 - Advance the agenda in a respectful and timely fashion
 - Request motions or actions of the committee
 - Provide information and answer questions



Welcome to Tallahassee and the R.A. Gray Building

- Turn off or silence cell phones
- This is a public meeting; please be courteous and respectful at all times
- All comments are public record



Purpose and Goal of Meeting

- Pursuant to Ch. 2016-41, *Laws of Florida*
- Ad hoc committee of Great Floridians must select three prominent Florida citizens to recommend to the Legislature
- Legislature will take public and committee recommendations into account in selecting a replacement for the statue of General Edmund Kirby Smith



II. - Call to Order and Roll Call



III. – Introduction of Committee Members and Staff



IV. - Adoption of Agenda and Public Comment Procedures



Agenda Overview

- I. Facilitator's Comments (introduction and welcome)
- II. Call to Order and Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Committee Members & Staff
- IV. *Adoption of Agenda and Public Comment Procedures*
- V. **National Statuary Hall**
 - A. Review of Ch. 2016-41, Laws of Florida
 - B. Presentation of Public Input Results
 - C. Discussion of recommendations for consideration
 - D. Public comment on statuary hall
 - E. *Voting on recommendations to select three individuals to advance to the Legislature*
- VI. Discuss next meeting of the Great Floridans ad hoc Committee (August 3, 2016)
- VII. Other Business
- VIII. *Adjourn*



Public Comment Procedure

- Each speaker limited to three (3) minutes (may reduce time if a large number of people wish to speak)
- If you are here with a group, consider allowing a single representative to speak for your group
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V. - National Statuary Hall



V. A. - Ch. 2016-41, *Laws of Florida*

- The Ad Hoc Committee of the Great Floridians Program within the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State shall recommend to the Florida Legislature three (3) prominent Florida citizens for consideration to replace the statue of General Edmund Kirby Smith as one of Florida's two statues in the National Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C.
- Passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Governor Rick Scott on March 10, 2016



Summary of Ch. 2016-41

Ad hoc Committee

- Shall select three citizens to recommend for commemoration in National Statuary Hall
- Based on criteria established by the Division of Historical Resources
- Shall submit report and recommendations to Legislature by January 1, 2017

Florida Council on Arts and Culture

- Shall select a sculptor to design a statue of the citizen selected by the Legislature
- Department of State shall submit a report based on Council's findings to the Legislature by January 1, 2017



Pursuant to Ch. 2016-41, DHR Established Guidelines for Recommendations

To be eligible as a candidate for replacement of the statue of General Edmund Kirby Smith in the National Statuary Hall, the candidate must be:

- A citizen of the State of Florida, either by birth or residence; and
- A person who has been deceased for ten (10) years or more, as of January 1, 2017. (No recommendations of fictional characters, animals, plants, structures, or other non-human entities or beings will be considered by the committee.)

When making a recommendation about a potential candidate, please consider the following suggested criteria:

- Significant contribution(s) of the candidate to Florida history, economy, culture, arts, education, infrastructure, and/or environment.
- Significant contribution(s) of the candidate to United States history, economy, culture, arts, education, infrastructure, and/or environment.
- Distinguished military or civil service of the candidate, at the national and/or state level.
- Length of time the candidate was a resident of the State of Florida.



Responsibilities of the ad hoc Committee

- At this meeting, the Committee **MUST** select three prominent Florida citizens as recommendations to the Legislature
- The three citizens must meet the criteria established by the Department of State
- With support from the Department of State, the Committee must submit a report with recommendations to the Legislature by January 1, 2017



V. B. - Public Input

- Open public comment period between May 18 – June 10, 2016
- Recommendations were submitted:
 - Online via survey
 - In writing via email or letter

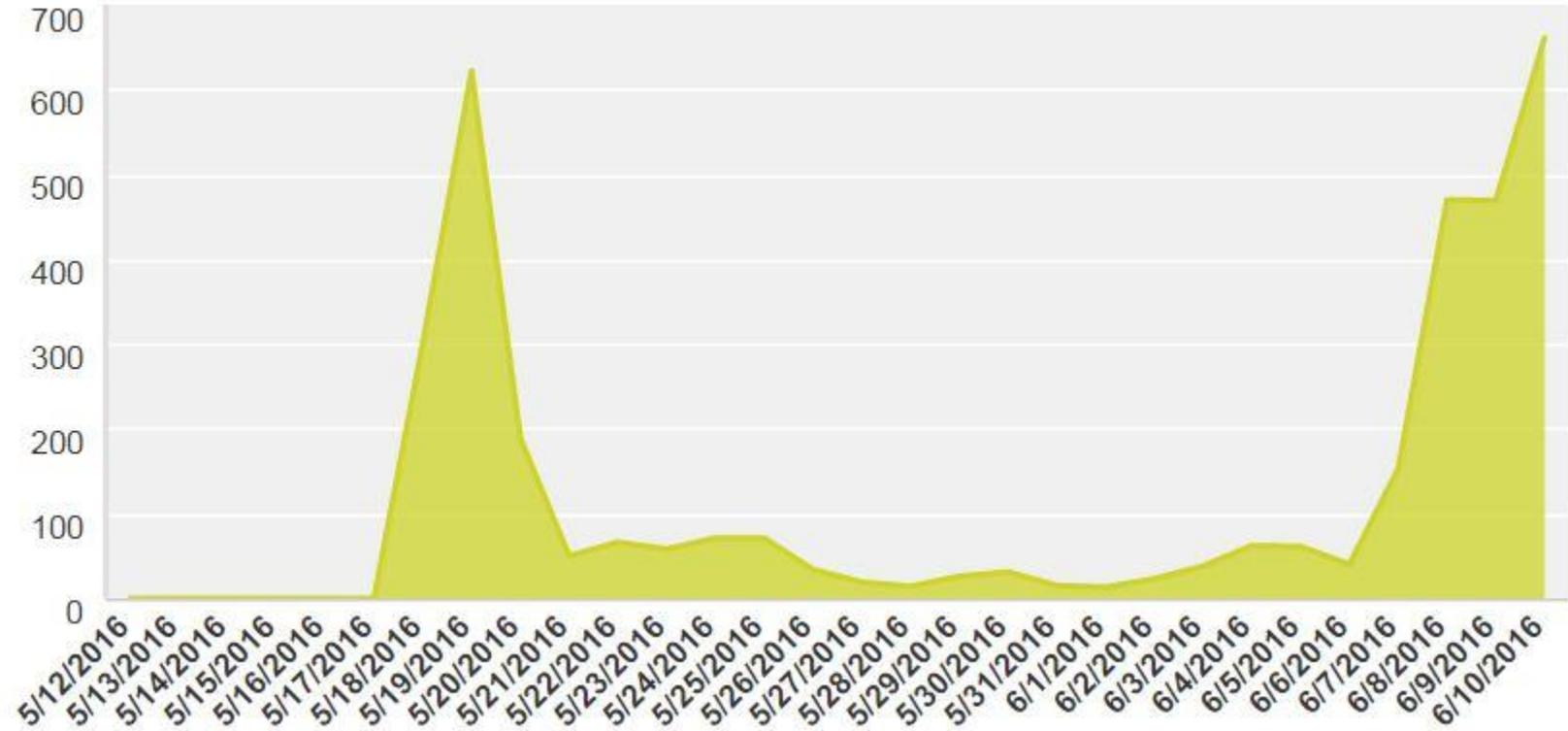


The screenshot shows the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources website. At the top is the state seal and the department's name. Below that is a dark blue banner with the text 'Recommend a Floridian for the National Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C.'. The main content area has a light blue header 'Introduction'. The text explains that pursuant to Ch. 2016-41, Laws of Florida, the Ad Hoc Committee of the Great Floridians Program is soliciting input from the public to recommend a candidate for replacement of the statue of General Edmund Kirby Smith. The deadline for recommendations is 5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, June 10, 2016. It also states that recommendations will be submitted by January 1, 2017. A section titled 'Recommendation Criteria' lists two requirements: 1. A citizen of the State of Florida, either by birth or residence; and 2. A person who has been deceased for ten (10) years or more, as of January 1, 2017. Below this, it lists four suggested criteria for consideration: 1. Significant contribution(s) to Florida history, economy, culture, arts, education, infrastructure, and/or environment; 2. Significant contribution(s) to United States history, economy, culture, arts, education, infrastructure, and/or environment; 3. Distinguished military or civil service at the national and/or state level; 4. Length of time the candidate was a resident of the State of Florida. A 'Next' button is visible at the bottom of the page.

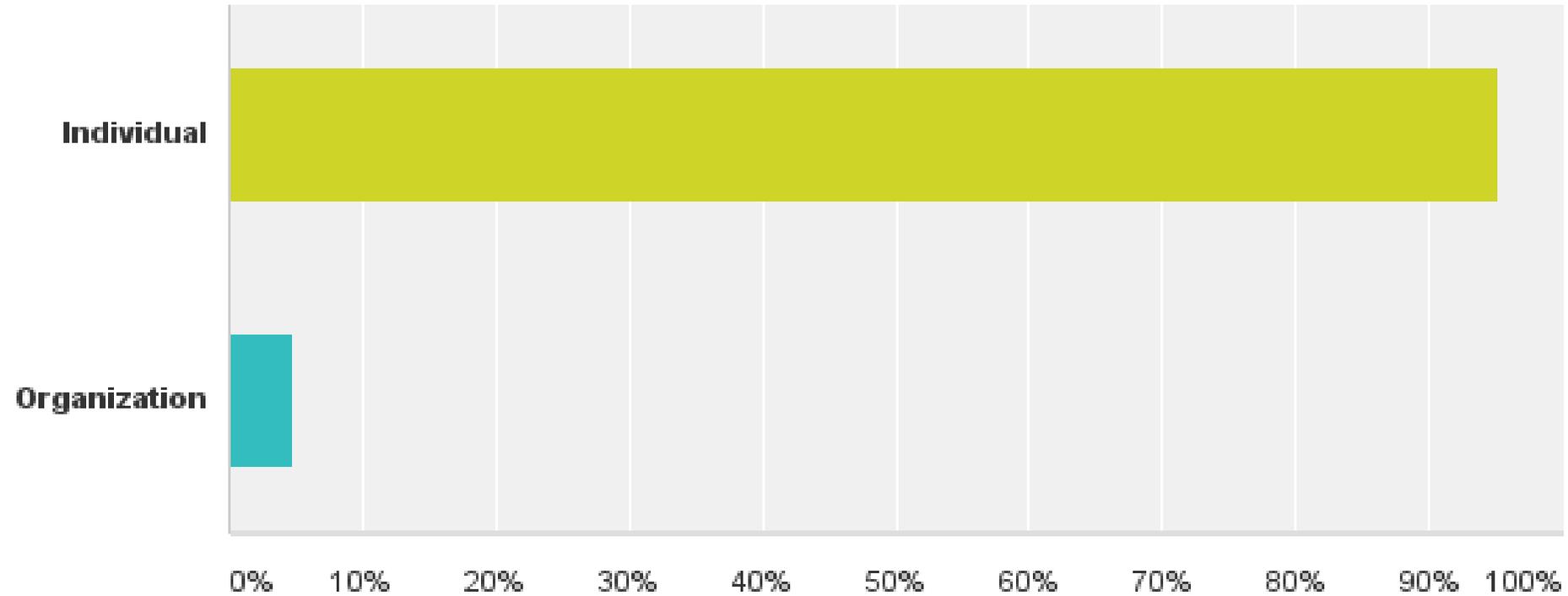


Public Input Results: Votes Received

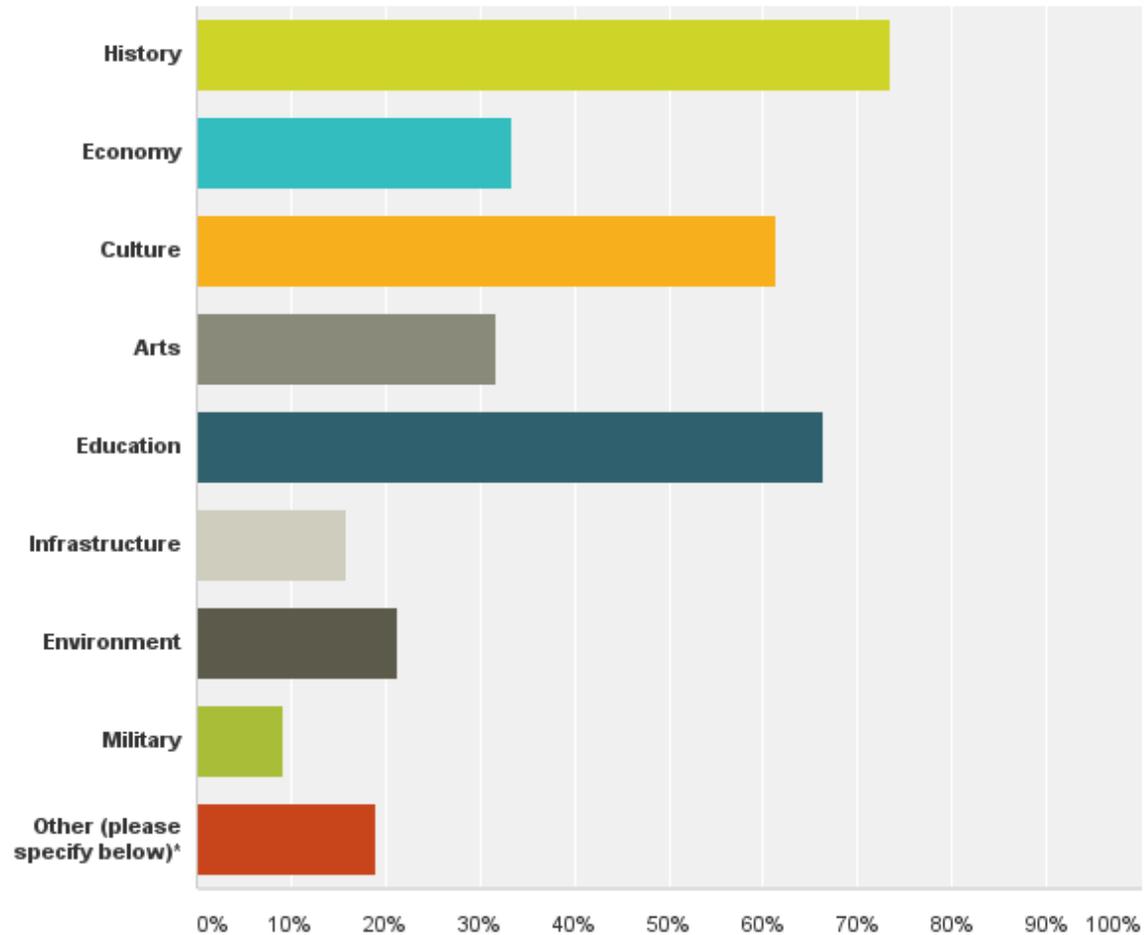
- 3,559 online
- 15 in writing
- 13 via email
- **TOTAL: 3,587**



Public Input Results: Individual vs. Organizational Votes



Public Input Results: Area of Influence



Public Input Results: By the Numbers

Name	Description <small>(DISCLAIMER: The descriptions below are intended to be very brief summaries of accomplishments provided by members of the public who submitted recommendations, and accounts provided in historical record. These descriptions are not intended to be all-encompassing and do not reflect the official view of the Florida Department of State or members of the ad hoc committee.)</small>	Count
1 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune	Educator and civil rights activist, founded what became Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Florida, in 1904.	1,233
2 James Weldon Johnson	Teacher, poet, essayist, social activist, diplomat, and song writer <i>Lift Ev'ry Voice</i> ; First African American admitted to the Florida Bar.	447
3 George Washington Jenkins, Jr.	Founder of the Publix grocery store chain in 1930, based in Lakeland, Florida, and now has over 1,000 stores across the Southeast.	417
4 Marjory Stoneman Douglas	Noted author and environmentalist, best known for her 1947 work <i>The Everglades: River of Grass</i> and as an ardent defender of the environment.	261
5 Harry T. Moore	Civil rights activist in Central Florida and active in the NAACP and the Progressive Voters' League, he and his wife were tragically murdered after a bomb exploded in their home in Mims, Florida.	189
6 Henry Morrison Flagler	Prominent developer, hotelier and railroad magnate; played a major role in the development of South Florida and the growth of Florida tourism.	82
7 Zora Neale Hurston	Noted author and anthropologist from Eatonville, Florida, most famous work is <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> , published in 1937.	68
8 Seminole Leader Osceola (Billy Powell)	Seminole leader and commander who led troops during the Second Seminole War.	61
9 Governor Lawton Major Chiles, Jr.	The 41st Governor of Florida, during campaign walked across the state and became known as "Walkin' Lawton."	52
10 Walter Elias "Walt" Disney	Motion-picture and television producer, creator of the character Mickey Mouse and founder of Disneyland and Walt Disney World.	40
11 Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings	Florida author, lived in Cross Creek, Florida. Best known work, <i>The Yearling</i> , won a Pulitzer Prize in 1939.	19
12 Governor LeRoy Collins	The 33rd Governor of Florida, promoted civil rights, economic development, and advanced education in the state.	18
13 Ernest Hemingway	Classic American author of <i>The Old Man and the Sea</i> and journalist who spent many years in Key West, Florida, where his home is now a museum.	15
14 Robert "Bob" Ross	Born in Daytona Beach, Florida, he was the host of the PBS show <i>Joy of Painting</i> .	13
15 Juan Ponce de Leon	Most well-known Spanish explorer, arrived on the east coast, named "La Florida" in 1513; Military governor of Puerto Rico.	11
16 Asa Philip Randolph	Civil rights activist and trade unionist from Crescent City, Florida, who organized the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.	8
17 James Douglas "Jim" Morrison	Lead singer for the rock band The Doors, from Melbourne, Florida.	8

- 3,587 submissions from the public
- Total of 259 unique names
- 130 eligible names submitted
- 129 ineligible recommendations



V. C. – Discussion of Recommendations for Consideration



V. D. - Public Comment on Statuary Hall

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V. E. - The Voting Process

1. Initial Selection and Deliberation of Individual Name Recommendations

Following the review of the law, presentation of public input, and discussion and public comment, the facilitator will ask each committee member to offer comments and then announce three individual names as their recommendations to be considered by the committee. This becomes the slate of finalists.

- a. DHR staff will tally the recommendations from the members. Individual names with 2 or more committee member recommendations will advance to a second round of Committee level review and discussion, with committee members again announcing their three recommended individual names.
- b. DHR staff will tally the recommendations from the members. Individual names with 3 or more committee member recommendations will advance to a third round of Committee review and discussion, with committee members again announcing their three recommended individual names.

This process of discussion, naming, and tallying to narrow the field will continue until consensus has been achieved on the selection of the final three individual names to be submitted to the legislature.



V. E. - The Voting Process

2. Motion to Accept Top Three Recommendations

Once consensus has been achieved, the facilitator will state that he would like to entertain a motion to accept the three recommendations. If there is a motion and a second, a majority vote in favor of the motion can end the selection process.



After Voting: The Next Steps

Ad hoc Committee

- Department of State and Division of Historical Resources will facilitate the preparation of a report that includes details on the process we have undertaken, and the three recommended individuals
- Shall submit report and recommendations to Legislature by January 1, 2017

Florida Council on Arts and Culture

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- Department of State shall submit a report based on Council's findings to the Legislature by January 1, 2017



Initial Selection and Deliberation



Voting: Initial Selection Results

- Name Placeholder (## Votes)



Voting: Second Round Candidates

- Name Placeholder (## Votes)



Voting: Second Round Results

- Name Placeholder (## Votes)



Voting: Third Round Candidates

- Name Placeholder (## Votes)



Voting: Third Round Results

- Name Placeholder (## Votes)



VI. – Discuss Next Meeting of the Great Floridians ad hoc Committee (August 3, 2016)



VII. - Other Business



VII. - Motion to Adjourn

