

<p>2023-12-15 01:06:37 PM</p>	<p>I think the Seal should not say "THE Great Seal OF THE State OF Minnesota." It should be more along the lines of "The Great State of Minnesota". A seal doesn't need to say it's a seal on it the same way a flag doesn't need to say it's a flag on it. Thanks for your time.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 01:17:56 PM</p>	<p>If you're going to significantly change the state seal or flag, then you should allow public input after you do so. When you start removing and adding other items, that is a significant change, not a minor tweak, and you should be allowing public comments when you do so. People were commenting on the original designs, not a redesign. When are you going to allow comments on these new designs?</p>
<p>2023-12-15 02:17:26 PM</p>	<p>I am simply writing to implore the Commission to adopt F1953 without changes to the original design. My feelings are very much in line with the review of the finalists outlined by the YouTuber CGP Grey in video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFww0W5Ugg summarized below.</p> <p>F944 the swoops will get lost as a flag waves in the wind, and overall provides a design that will look dated in a matter of years, and may already be dated. The shapes also take a too literal approach to symbolism, and I feel it best to let block colors do the talking.</p> <p>F2100 is better, but again has a swoopy curve in it, and is a bit too similar to the flag Duluth has adopted as their city flag. On an emotional level, it gives me vibes of a credit union logo, not a government.</p> <p>F1953 on the other hand, exhibits very much a unspoken "flaglike" quality. It is a design that could stand with the best even compared on an international stage. However, I have concerns over the edits made to the design seen in prepared agendas. I can understand the desire to align the colors to the existing state branding, but for this design it is just not working, and there is no reason that the colors absolutely must match. Having seen the alternatives, the muted scheme of the original design still holds strong, while the increased saturations of the variants comes off with the same feeling as a photograph that has been over-retouched. It even calls to the late autumn palette I see looking out my window at the very moment I write this comment. I also noted that all alternatives have moved the white stripe to the center, which again I feel is detracting from the original design. Having the white on top is both unique amongst many international flags that all place white in the middle, providing us a sense of further identify, but the position could be symbolic as well, as snow is more prevalent in the northern regions of the state. There will be many Minnesotans who will be disappointed no matter which flag is adopted, but F1953 holds so much more potential not just to incorporate symbology of our state, but to become a symbol in and of itself. This is the only flag left that I could be proud to fly as a lifelong Minnesotan, in its original form, without tweaks; I cannot see myself wanting to</p>
<p>2023-12-15 02:55:31 PM</p>	<p>Hello! I am a Judge of the Minnesota Tax Court. Per statute, our orders and decisions must have a seal on them. See Minn. Stat. 271.03 (The Tax Court shall have a seal, engraved with the words, "State of Minnesota, Tax Court." Such seal may be used to authenticate the official acts of the Tax Court ..."). We were using the old state seal, but we discontinued use of that seal several years ago due to its content. We are looking forward to using the new MN State Seal on our orders. Is it possible to get a copy of the seal in electronic form that we can paste onto our orders? We cannot use the imagines on the website since the seal should be black and white for our purposes.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

<p>2023-12-15 03:03:16 PM</p>	<p>I know it way past the deadline to submit but I would like to at least show a design so that possibly you may consider it when you design the current finalist. The three options are basically the same flag with different color schemes http://paddle.mn/img/flag1.jpg http://paddle.mn/img/flag2.jpg http://paddle.mn/img/flag3.jpg</p>
<p>2023-12-15 03:08:26 PM</p>	<p>It is still very hard to hear Aaron Wittnebel in your meeting session.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 03:15:20 PM</p>	<p>I very much appreciate the comments from the native members on the board, however, concerning design 944, the design, while conveying a lot of meaning, looks way too corporate. I'm a young Minnesotan, and while I want something new and bold, I don't want to be represented by a design that could be confused for a financial planning firm. I strongly support 1953</p>
<p>2023-12-15 03:32:42 PM</p>	<p>Designs are terrible. This decision should of been on a general state vote, not just a committee. I will be ashamed to be a Minnesota resident if one of these flags gets choosen</p>
<p>2023-12-15 03:57:46 PM</p>	<p>I like the new state seal that was chosen and I know you are debating design modifications based on the remaining three flags. I would encourage the commission to use the same star design in the flag as is used in the seal (the four pointed star). Consistency is really really important in establishing a brand identity.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 03:58:39 PM</p>	<p>Overall the Seal design is good. But I think a couple minor tweaks are in order. 1) the trees look like mountains - change them to show large zig-zag angled branches (like a fir tree). See design submission # 69, but use a more simplified tree outline. 2) the Loon's body looks too much like a vase with the wider top & narrow base & angled colors. Perhaps tweak it to be more curved in the lower part to more accurately reflect the true shape of the bird. And modify the wings to look less like a fork & more curved like a bird wing.. My personal favorite of all the submissions is # 69 (but that one aleo need some tweaking).</p>
<p>2023-12-15 04:22:58 AM</p>	<p>Please change the motto from mni sóta Makoce back to L'étoile du Norde and put 1858 back. We are a state built by Europeans, not Native Americans. Don't give in to the demands of one crazy loud person over the voices and opinions of the citizens of this state. We are sick of cancel culture and being made to feel ashamed for who we are and our ethnicity. Why is it more acceptable to have the have Dakota language (which no one speaks daily, even tribe members, by the way) on the flag rather than French language (which people do actually speak)? Just because you were victimized in history doesn't entitle you to special privileges. It is an extremely non inclusive decision to change the motto and goes against the desires of most Minnesotans, who are mainly European by the way. We already are giving up our history by changing the flag in the first place in order to appease the woke mob. They imagined racism and some old guy wanted to sell more flags, so here we are. Please don't give into their demands even further by stripping the flag of the two remaining historical artifacts. Our state's LONG HELD motto (since 1861!) and the year of our state's creation. Is that really too much to ask for?</p>
<p>2023-12-15 04:25:04 PM</p>	<p>DO NOT PICK A FLAG FROM TEXAS! I shouldn't have to say this put a Minnesota flag should be from Minnesota. F1953 even looks just like the Texas flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 04:38:17 PM</p>	<p>Is the public still able to contribute to the meeting discussions? I'm on the 12/15 meeting now, and it's disappointing to not see a way to chime in.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 04:38:50 PM</p>	<p>Why can't you just let the original design be the flag. It's good, it works. For gods sake stop trying to make it asymmetrical and putting words on it. The original design won for a reason.</p>

<p>2023-12-15 04:49:37 PM</p>	<p>I am not happy with any of the finalist designs. Especially bad is F 944 which is too abstract. . Things to include would be the colors (white, sky blue - not navy blue, green). Also the 8 pointed star or the compass star (see Seal submission #47, 48,49) Incorporating the gold in those stars is a nod to our grain industry & the Golden Gophers. Or the Big Dipper as on Flag submission # F10, but much smaller. One "must have" are either the word Minnesota or the shape of the state which would make the flag easily identifiable to people who are from other States/Countries. As to include the motto in French, it depends on how much other things are on the flag & whether or not there is a star. If possible it would be nice to have the motto in French to reflect our Voyagers history. I fele that leaving out thhe date 1858 or the motto does a diservice to our State's community history.</p> <p>Flag submission # 1953 is a good start, but switch the positions of the blue & green. Or Flag submissions #250 & 278 & 88 are good too. Perhaps a combination of elemants form several flags would be good. Just try not to make it look like Texas' flag. Our State flag should be simple, easily identified from a distance and reflect the nature of the State.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 04:52:49 PM</p>	<p>Keep the original design (colors and order) of f1953. If you do change anything only change the star to the 8-pointed M star. Please do not make the Minnesota outline asymmetrical.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 04:53:36 PM</p>	<p>Addendum to my previous comment on the trees for the new State Seal: The tree design I suggested can be found on Flag submissions # F 241 & 242, or F 513, 514, 515.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 04:54:17 PM</p>	<p>Please do not choose the asymmetrical versions of F1953. I heard multiple members exclaim how it made them do a double take because it immediately looks "off" and with a second closer look they see Minnesota. I do not see this as a positive reaction to our state symbol. Many non-Minnesotans will not have that "realization" because they won't recognize the geographic shape of the state. It will just look "off" to them, that's it. Please consider this in your deliberations next week. The original design of F1953 is symmetrical and incredibly functional. It would be a great flag, banner, and icon. Thank you for your hard work, it's been interesting to follow your discussions on Zoom.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 04:56:24 PM</p>	<p>I am requesting as a Minnesota resident to leave design 1953 in its original form if it is to be chosen. The design is fantastic already and needs no editing.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 04:57:47 PM</p>	<p>I am glad to hear today's consensus on 1953, but I was alarmed to see suggested modifications that butcher it beyond recognition. Please at least keep the symmetrical Minnesota shape to left and the three stripes (in whatever order). Nobody is examining a flag and comparing with a map outline. It just makes a more aesthetic flag, and better honors the designer's work.</p>

<p>2023-12-15 04:58:01 PM</p>	<p>I just wanted to let you know that while I have supported Ted Kaye's work and the five principles of flag design in the past, it's been sobering to learn that these five principles were originally developed because Native American tribal flags did not agree with Mr. Kaye's personal taste, and he wished to be personally involved in redesigning them. In 2001 he writes: "In my work on Raven 3/4 "Flags of the Native Peoples of the United States", I noted the poor design of most of the over 100+ tribal flags documented, nearly all adopted in the past 20 years. Most showed a lack of understanding of sound flag design principles, probably due to emulating many poorly designed U.S. state flags. However, this vexillonnaire, before attempting to help a tribe with a new flag or a redesign of an old flag, needed a tool to educate, influence, and guide the participants in the process. This spurred me to create Good Flag, Bad Flag, a 16-page guide to flag design."</p> <p>For me, a helpful resource has been the article "Flags in Context: A Discussion of Design, Genre, and Aesthetics" published in NAVA's journal (Raven: A Journal of Vexillology) in 2020, suggesting that the five principles are merely descriptive of one particular style of flag (European neoclassical), and not necessarily universal principles. It's also been a bit concerning to hear the commission describing Mr. Kaye and Mr. Cham's views as representing all of NAVA, especially given that the organization's primary mission is to support academic research of flags rather than promoting particular schools of design (see their about page). I know I've been heavily involved with promoting the five principles in the past, but after learning more I want to voice my concern with the commission favoring one flag over another based on the opinions of Mr. Kaye and Mr. Cham, given the information above.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 04:58:32 PM</p>	<p>Please please please take public comment on Friday's meeting. Some of the options presented by the commission are really bad because the commission is not made up of designers. Please stick to a design that is close to the original 1953 - that's what people loved, not some Frankenstein design that is distantly similar to it.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 04:59:07 PM</p>	<p>I believe that the Minnesota shape should stay with the point centered in the middle; the offset shape might look fine horizontally, but vertically it will look "off" and unrecognizable. I would also like to suggest that the 8 pointed star has one north-facing point and the cardinal directions are larger points than the diagonal points. Just my two cents!</p>
<p>2023-12-15 04:59:23 PM</p>	<p>I would like to know why the original F1953 concept is no longer being considered despite winning the entire contest? The original design survived rounds of voting and only now at the end this committee is trying to hijack its entire concept by changing the star, the colors, the number of stripes, and the state outline. I think the committee is trying to do too much and is shooting themselves in the foot as a result. The original design had plenty of symbolism on its own.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 04:59:55 PM</p>	<p>I hate the asymmetrical designs that change the swallowtail shape to a too-literal shape of Minnesota. It will look especially bad when the flag hangs vertically. It unnecessarily complicates the design and makes it harder to draw or sew because it's not a symmetrical shape to measure out.</p> <p>I also strongly prefer the star to point North-South like a compass rose.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:01:05 PM</p>	<p>I'd like the original f1953 flag. The potential edits to the design throw off the entire look.</p>

<p>2023-12-15 05:01:05 PM</p>	<p>Watching the part of the committee meeting after the decision to move forward with design F1953 filled me with dread. I've been in committee meetings before where one person who fancies himself an expert (legitimately or otherwise) took over the space and made it his own playground and watching Chair Fitch change thoughtful elements of the flag design for his own versions was watching that in real time. The design of F1953, as it was originally designed and has moved forward over multiple rounds of voting, is a good and thoughtful design. It has weight and solidity and deserves to be considered on its own merits. Frivolously altering that design at the 11th hour is a poor use of the state's time. The committee and the state deserve a truly timeless and well-designed flag.</p> <p>One of the committee members mentioned that the asymmetry of the flag made her do a double-take and this should be a major point of contention. A flag should not be off-putting and bizarre. A flag is supposed to be a timeless symbol, and introducing asymmetry by shifting the star and the symmetry of the design is not timeless, it is of this time and this place.</p> <p>This Minnesota citizen is in favor of using the unaltered design F1953.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:01:17 PM</p>	<p>PLEASE FOR THE LOVE OF GOD DONT MAKE THE FLAG ASYMMETRICAL</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:02:34 PM</p>	<p>Why did you go thru the process of selecting submitted flags only to design one yourself. How can a single commissioner completely take over and eliminate the most popular flag amongst Minnesotans. This is not a good process. Please take a step back and listen to the public and select a flag as it was submitted. Not one designed by the commission</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:02:50 PM</p>	<p>Please just accept the original tricolor hoist design with three stripes and white on top. You can darken the blue in the field on the left and switch up the star a bit, but that is realistically the only order of stripes that both doesn't feel too much like Texas and keeps the light blue obviously referring to the water. If the rivers and lakes are so important, then don't make the blue stripe look like the sky (that would also happen if you put it in the middle...white immediately becomes clouds rather than snow).</p> <p>I'm originally from Arizona, which is incredibly proud of its flag (though admittedly not as much as Texas). It has 4 colors (which is fine, especially with purpose), but it's instantly recognizable as a desert sunset with copper streaks. Minnesota's flag can be recognizable as a riverbank or lakeshore in the snow. It doesn't matter if it's in the forest or prairies, as the three stripes work for either. A symmetrical K on the left is still plenty recognizable as Minnesota! Out of staters genuinely don't think about how asymmetrical the state is. It's fine! You don't want people to not like looking at your flag. It's supposed to be a symbol for people to get behind organically, so it needs to look nice. The person who submitted it had the right idea. Tweak the star a bit and you have something that screams Minnesota.</p> <p>This was a lot. In conclusion, white over green over light blue, all to the right of a symmetrical blue K with a star. That's the best flag design you'll ever come up with.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:04:00 PM</p>	<p>Please keep they symmetrical, abstract MN. The alternative, asymmetrical version is ugly and inconsistent with flag design without looking much more like MN. I prefer the original star and stripe colors from 1953, but find other stripes and stars to be acceptable. But the asymmetrical wedge is terrible.</p>

<p>2023-12-15 05:05:14 PM</p>	<p>I heard that Minnesota's new flag was chosen. Design F1953 was chosen and they're trying to change the tricolor. Please stop this from happening.</p> <p>Truly Yours</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:05:43 PM</p>	<p>Hello! My name is Kyle K I am of resident of Crystal. I want to notify the commission that Fox 9 made a live stream of your session on the 15th of December, which included a chat where people watching the livestream would type their opinions. The COMPLETE feeling of more than 400 people was that the original design of F1953 was superior to what the commission brought forth today. The minority of ideas still included tricolor, symmetry, and the star from the original F1953. We do not approve or like what the commission has done to F1953, and we want the ideas I have just laid out for you.</p> <p>We hope you hear our concern;thank you.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:06:31 PM</p>	<p>Please, dear God, for the love of all that is holy, DO NOT USE THE ASYMMETRICAL STATE SHAPE. You guys are taking a great design and making it ugly, seemingly for the reason that it is so ugly that people will do a double take and look at the flag again. That is literally the reason multiple members of the committee gave. The flag is supposed to serve as a symbol;symbols are always and necessarily simplified. Simplicity is not the enemy of design but rather its greatest ally. The symmetrical state shape looks better both when flown vertically and horizontally. The state flag is meant to serve as a symbol, not a map;accuracy to the perfection of the state shape serves only to make the design more complicated and worse. Please I really, really beg of you all, make the right decision and keep the symmetrical design. If you do the right thing here, I will owe you all 1 (one) big smooch on the lips, redeemable at any date in the future. thank you for your time!</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:06:41 PM</p>	<p>Good work today commission, I think you made a great choice of F 1953 (and variations) today, after a healthy and vigorous discussion. I'm now confident we'll arrive at a great flag that all Minnesotans can, with time, stand behind. I agree on the white rather than yellow star. I too will spend time with the designs this weekend to decide if I like the new Minnesota asymmetrical abstraction, but so far I really like the "Minnesota Star" balanced on two points, and the idea of making that star our own. I'm leaning toward blue-white-blue stripes, because of the reinforcement of the sky tinted waters meaning of Minnesota, but will certainly consider the importance of green for fields and forests. THANK YOU for all your efforts, your travel, and your time for this important and long lasting project for our state!</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:06:57 PM</p>	<p>I noticed that the proposed 1953 flag redesign with the asymmetrical state of MN doesn't look nearly as good when in what would be the vertical orientation. In the original design, the abstract shape of mn also makes a point towards the north star, while in the proposed variation, the shape points to empty space.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:08:00 PM</p>	<p>Having watched your most recent meeting, I have two thoughts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have you considered using 10 stripes instead of 3, in reference to Minnesota as "the land of 10 thousand lakes"? 2. I am not a fan of the asymmetric variation on 1953, because it doesn't look good when the flag is hung vertically.

2023-12-15 05:08:11 PM	As a lifelong resident of Minnesota and a veteran, why can't we keep our historic, original flag? We believe it's a waste of time and money.
	The original K shape of 1953 feels timeless. Something about it just looks right. I understand the asymmetry of the modified K shape is meant to be more "Minnesota", but it throws the whole thing off. It's just trying too hard to say "Look, Minnesota!" when the original already had a strong Minnesota identity. On the subject of color, the original design of 1953 stood out for a reason. The proposed reordering of those colors doesn't hurt it. But subtracting one or two of the stripe colors makes this a new flag entirely, and weakens its identity.
2023-12-15 05:09:27 PM	As for the star- we are the North Star State. Pointing one tip of the star north (up) conveys a deeper attachment to that meaning.
2023-12-15 05:13:17 PM	All of these choices are terrible.why was this not put before the general population to vote on?? Why do a select few get to choose this very important part of our State?? Any choice made should have had the Loon, The River and the Lady Slipper. Shame on you all!! I thought we were a DEMOCRACY not a ruling committee!!!! We will never be a true DEMOCRACY with people the likes of you in charge. SHAME ON YOU! This needs to be redone for all the people to have a say. You are NAZIS. SHAME
2023-12-15 05:14:23 PM	Thank you for the streaming. As I watched I saw commission members were getting feedback through various methods. Are you able to pass this on to the commission for consideration? Please consider using the shades of blue from Concept 944 in your adjustments to design 1953. They appear to me to be more pleasing, rich, and bolder shades than the two blues used in Concept 1953. It is also a nice nod to the design of 944 that made it that far along in consideration.
2023-12-15 05:14:24 PM	I find it very important to note that the variations of F 1953 with blue-white-blue stripes, while waving as a flag, still reflect the curving two rivers design, or aurora borealis above the river. That concept is not lost, it's still embedded in F1953 when functioning as a flag.
2023-12-15 05:14:52 PM	How can I get in contact with the people on the board who are picking the new state flag to give my input on the design options? Because I strongly feel that the original design number 1953 by Andrew Prekker is the best option.
2023-12-15 05:18:19 PM	Please reinstate F29
2023-12-15 05:18:48 PM	i would prefer the original 1953 design :)
2023-12-15 05:19:28 PM	The revisions to the final flag look retarded

<p>2023-12-15 05:20:09 PM</p>	<p>Please keep 1953 how it is, or at the very least if you HAVE to tinker, switch the white to being in the middle. The star was perfect, as was the inverted triangle being centered.</p> <p>All of the revisions are absolutely awful, though the ones with the “more Minnesota” shape are absolutely the worst and would look awful as a flag. I love the shape of this state, but keeping the original one that invoked it was so much better. Keep it tricolor. If you do it off-center, it is going to get made fun of so much, it will be unanimously across the country as the worst state flag in the union. Even the old Provo, UT rainbow flag looks better</p> <p>Seriously, you don’t have to tinker. Keep it how it is. I’m begging you to understand how bad the revisions are. It was perfect as is.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:20:25 PM</p>	<p>Eliminating F2100 and F944 was a poor mistake. I think they had much potential, but F1953 is a worse flag design than some of the initial submissions. The wavy lines in the previously eliminated two were symbolic and had other aspects screamed minnesota. F1953 is a copy cat design of the texas state flag. Please reconsider. Will there be a public referendum for the new flag?</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:20:46 PM</p>	<p>Please give us an unaltered 1953. The polaris star, centered swallowtail, and tri-color comprise a much stronger flag than the variations presented by the committee at tonight’s meeting.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:22:11 PM</p>	<p>Hello emblem commission. I would merely like to state my support for the correct decision to go with F1953 for the flag design and wholeheartedly endorse going with the full original design as it was originally submitted. It's a great flag and I will be first in line to buy one if adopted.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:22:26 PM</p>	<p>F1953 is perfect, please do not change it. Symmetrical when hung vertically, while green, white and blue represent our landscape so beautifully. Please select F1953 without modification. Thank You.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:22:32 PM</p>	<p>Having watched the committee meeting on Friday, December 15th, I must take issue with the sudden proposal of a new flag design after a variant of F1953 had already been decided on. This new design has a different color scheme, and a shape that is sufficiently different that it constitutes a brand new design and not a variant of the existing design that the committee had already agreed on. This is compounded by the fact that, in my view, Chairman Fitch's proposed new design is overly literal-minded to the detriment of the flag's aesthetic appeal. Aesthetic considerations are very important to a new flag, as this needs to be a symbol that Minnesotans are proud of.</p> <p>As a proud Minnesotan, I would be disappointed to see the selection of our new flag be derailed by the caprices of this committee. F1953 is a sound design, and the committee should choose on variations of that design, not entirely new designs which get to skip the rest of the selection process.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:23:40 PM</p>	<p>Go with the default 1953. All the changes just make it worse.</p>

<p>2023-12-15 05:23:47 PM</p>	<p>I have a few thoughts on the design variations that I hope can be brought to the committee members.</p> <p>I'm glad to see that F1953 was selected as the final design. I hope that the committee remains faithful to the submission, and I am concerned to see committee members suggest removing the stripes. The original design is a tricolor and by removing the stripes it is no longer the flag that many Minnesotans voted for. Something of comparatively less importance to me is the order of the stripe colors. While I like the asymmetry created by the white stripe on top, changing the order of the stripes is understandable. That being said, I don't think any colors should be removed. Doing so would disregard important parts of our state's identity (as well as detract from a nice color palette). Finally, I like the abstraction of the shape of our border in the original submission. If the shape must be altered, please ensure the inflection point aligns with the horizontal stripes (i.e. a third of the way up the flag).</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:23:53 PM</p>	<p>Hello! I'm a decade-long Minnesota resident who's been paying close attention to the state flag redesign process.</p> <p>I'd like to comment that I'm deeply disappointed in the organization of the public-facing committee meeting on 12/15, and outright appalled at the committee chair's proposal to make such drastic changes to the submitted design at the eleventh hour, seemingly without any prior input from the people or the committee representatives.</p> <p>I find this to be inappropriate, disrespectful of the residents that this flag is supposed to represent, and frankly delegitimizing of the whole civic process. Between this man's ad-hoc presentation and Senator Drazkowski's similarly inappropriate proposal that skipped the selection process on a whim, this has had a deep and negative impact of my trust in this redesign process.</p> <p>Additionally, I find that the previously-unnannounced alterations reduce or completely do away with much of what made F1953 such a strong contender to begin with. The simplicity of the symmetrical inverted chevron and stripes made it both more functional as a flag and open to interpretation; the change to an overtly "Minnesota-like" shape and landscape-painting coloring both throws away those advantages and frankly makes the new suggested design look childish.</p> <p>The public has made its support and comments known about the three finalists you've already announced based on how they were initially proposed. Please reject these new last-minute design elements that keep the flag you decide on from resembling the flags that you've presented to us. The designs that passed, passed in the form that they did for a reason.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:27:03 PM</p>	<p>Please don't choose one of the asymmetrical shape flags. Choose the original tricolor, it's the best one by far.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:28:16 PM</p>	<p>The designs chosen are not of this state or country, they appear Arab states. An embarrassment to our state. Just cant leave things alone. The new flag will never be flown on any of my family's property. Shame on you !</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:29:23 PM</p>	<p>Please leave the selected final flag design alone with no modifications! There is no need to change it with another variant!</p>

2023-12-15 05:29:44 PM	Have you taken into consideration the significant mental health impact of seasonal affective disorder on a substantial percentage of Minnesotans? The thick white line presented between fields of blue and green in variations of the preferred flag designs deeply trigger negative emotions.
2023-12-15 05:31:43 PM	<p>Don't butcher the star! I pitched for 1953 over the starflake since it had better flag properties, but it was contingent on the star not being totally botched! Sleek compass rose over the new star variants. The 8 pointers are just too blocky and will ruin the other positives!</p> <p>Also, please no asymmetrical Minnesota shape! The original 1953 design was shaped enough like MN.</p> <p>Be careful!!</p>
2023-12-15 05:32:41 PM	Do not make the Minnesota shape on F1953 asymmetrical. It's much simpler and more elegant being symmetrical. Please do the right thing. Also, the original muted colors were way better than the more saturated versions.
2023-12-15 05:32:45 PM	It is of my opinion that the design of F1953 was strongest as originally submitted, and should be chosen over any of the variations that have been proposed.
2023-12-15 05:32:47 PM	I would like to submit that F1953 is my preference of the finalist designs, but am very against the numerous last minute proposed changes. I feel that removing stripes or changing the shape of the "V" would detract both from the artists original intent and not add value to the design. The abstract of the state shape is enough without having to move the angles to make it "clearer". This would greatly detract from the appearance while hung vertically as well. The original symmetry lends itself well to both orientations. To reiterate, please consider no major alterations to F1953 as originally submitted. Three stripes, white, green, blue, with the original inverted "V" shape.
2023-12-15 05:33:25 PM	I would like to support a symmetric version of the selected 1953 flag. I feel that the symmetric nature functionally works better, especially in horizontal display, and I also like the abstract nature. I believe it is already completely evocative of the state, given there are no other states in the US sharing that geometry. I worry that the asymmetric variant would try to make the flag a map, more than a symbol.
2023-12-15 05:33:53 PM	Take the star from F29 and add it to F1953. I would also like to add that the images I've seen to the tweaks of 1953 are a step down from the original 1953. The asymmetrical ones will not look good if the flag is hung vertically and just in general don't look as good at the symmetrical shape F1953 has.
2023-12-15 05:34:37 PM	<p>I am please that 1953 was selected. Based on the final design discussion at the end my input is this.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I want white 8 point star orientated North and South 2. "Minnesota" shape should be symmetrical 3. Original colors are fine 4. 3 bars white - top for sky and snow green - middle for land and trees blue - bottom for lake and rivers <p>One comment on the seal that comes to mind when the "MNI SOTA MAKOCÉ" is looked at or sounded out in english it makes me think/say "MN, I soda my coochee" which is a bit vulgar, but I don't know how else to interpret it in english.</p>

2023-12-15 05:35:12 PM	Why does the chair get to completely change the design submitted after the vote? The asymmetrical flag looks completely wonky. It's a flag, not a map of the state. Please stick to the original 1953 design.
2023-12-15 05:35:14 PM	The asymmetrical flags are absolutely horrible. Original design is nice and clean.
2023-12-15 05:36:35 PM	Please pick a symmetric variant of F1953. It looks significantly better than the asymmetric variant when the flag is vertical. I think this perspective is popular among the public. Also the resemblance to the shape of MN is fine when abstract like in the symmetric case. It is a bit of a case where less is more.
2023-12-15 05:38:13 PM	<p>Why was the original F1953 design voted out? The colors were unique and quintessentially Minnesota. The original star shape didn't demand too much visual space or attention and perfectly balanced with the tricolor. Additionally, it is disappointing to see that although the base design was voted through, there are now discussions to fundamentally change that template by adding an asymmetrical design. This would be a mistake. It is best to allow the viewer to see the symmetrical triangle shape and interpret the shape of Minnesota. We don't need to be "told" that the shape of Minnesota is in the design - allow the classic look of the original F1953 to do that naturally.</p> <p>All told, the original F1953 design is the best from a vexillology standpoint and in social media is by far the most popular of those remaining - even the live chat on YouTube was demanding for the original design. Please reconsider the decisions made on Friday (12/15) and open the floor for the original F1953 design to be considered.</p>
2023-12-15 05:40:22 PM	As all words are symbols, why does this commission think that it can ignore it's mandate from the legislature when it expressly forbid such action and add in divisive words to the seal that cater to a single demographic?
2023-12-15 05:40:42 PM	Leave F1953 the way it is. Team Polaris Tri-Color!
2023-12-15 05:42:19 PM	All of the proposed redesigns for the final state flag looks significantly worse than the original submission. Please don't mess this up, the flag looks amazing as is!
2023-12-15 05:43:25 PM	With F1953 being the final flag choice, please keep the design as close to the original as possible. The reverse chevron does not need to be changed to a more explicit shape of MN as it is not visually appealing. The flag does not need to be a map of MN to represent MN. Personally I believe F1953-18 is the best of the remaining choices but can accept any of the SYMMETRICAL options at the end of the day.
2023-12-15 05:43:33 PM	PLEASE do not change 1953 to the asymmetrical style. The original version is so much better and would be truly an awesome and iconic symbol of Minnesota! Do not mess this up!!!!
2023-12-15 05:44:23 PM	<p>Please stop considering the asymmetrical versions of the tricolor design. The tricolor (1953) has been the best design all along, but modifying the "K" to be asymmetrical is the worst possible variation on the design. We're so close to something incredible; please don't screw it up.</p> <p>And definitely keep any words, even the name Minnesota, off of the design.</p>
2023-12-15 05:44:56 PM	F1953 was the worst base design out of all the finalists! It doesn't represent Minnesota at all. The side geometric shape is not the shape of our state in any way, shape, or form. PLEASE consider previous designs and get rid of this one.

<p>2023-12-15 05:45:31 PM</p>	<p>F29 please!! And if F1953, please don't overcomplicate it or use lime green. Lime green is hideous.</p> <p>In all honesty I think you should hire a designer or design firm to bring it across the finish line, as design by committee has never been a good idea. But that's just my two cents plus whatever taxes I pay.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:46:13 PM</p>	<p>This question is directed towards Chair Fitch: on what grounds are you designating the asymmetrical variant of 1953 as a NAVA rated A+? Have you actually consulted the members of NAVA on that variant? In my opinion, and in the opinion of my entire family of Minnesotans, the symmetrical variant is much more classic in the vexillological canon, will feel less dated and more timeless, and will eventually come to be seen as an iconic symbol of Minnesota. You touted Canada as an A+ flag, and this is because Canada sticks to symmetry and simplicity. The asymmetrical variants will also not look good when being hung vertically as a banner.</p> <p>I also disagree with the color change to fit the current State of Minnesota branding colors. A brand is designed to last about 5-10 years before being updated for relevancy, while a flag should last hundreds. The state brand colors may be "trendy" currently but the original flag 1953 colors felt much more timeless and regal. Please return to the original variant colors and keep the flag symmetrical.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:46:25 PM</p>	<p>I thank this group for their hard work and encourage them to accept design F1953 as submitted.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:48:26 PM</p>	<p>I strongly oppose any major changes to F1953. Almost all of the proposed revisions seemed to be revision for revision's sake. Changing the hues of the colors slightly or the shape of the star are acceptable, though not well advised. However, keep the shapes and color locations as proposed by the original submission. Particularly, DO NOT change the shape of the inverted triangle (Minnesota 'K'). It looks uneven and quite terrible compared to the simple elegance of the original design.</p> <p>I must also express my disappointment by the decision to remove the state motto from the state seal in favor of what feels like pandering to a single ethnic group. It goes against the intent of the law establishing this commission and the purpose of creating a seal to represent the state government and all those who it represents.</p>

<p>2023-12-15 05:48:54 PM</p>	<p>I question the reasoning, and design taste of the state seal wording and removal of the date.</p> <p>Is it really necessary?</p> <p>It's in direct violation of the design requirements laid out originally "Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design. "</p> <p>The design change was done in BAD FAITH, at "the last moment", by a person who had weeks / months to push this change, but did it now with about 2 weeks before the deadline.</p> <p>ROLL BACK THE CHANGES. This is not acceptable.</p> <p>Also: Can we get the F29 snowflake design on one of the 3 final designs?</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:49:03 PM</p>	<p>Please DO NOT choose the asymmetrical design for the flag! It will optically look lopsided when hanging vertically. Please just choose the regular tricolor with the updated star. Keep it simple and clean! -signed a working GRAPHIC DESIGNER</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:51:12 PM</p>	<p>Please stick to the original Minnesota shape for F1953. The newly proposed asymmetrical shape is awful for many reasons. It would look worse hung vertically, and creates opportunities for the flag to be more noticeably hung upside down. It also takes away the clever symbolism of using a traditional flag shape to represent Minnesota, and just shoves the Minnesota shape in your face. No fun!</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:51:58 PM</p>	<p>Why are the proposals by Luis Fitch being entertained? These were not part of the process. To allow them to be considered would be disrespectful to the other designers that had their designs go through the process. Honestly it feels like commissioner Fitch is using his position to barge his proposal in. I ask to remove his proposals from consideration. Thanks</p>
<p>2023-12-15 05:52:51 PM</p>	<p>As F1953 looks to be the basis for the final design, I have three comments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In my opinion, the inverted chevron should be kept symmetrical. It evokes the shape of the state of Minnesota well enough, and moving towards an asymmetrical design detracts from the aesthetics of the flag, especially if the flag is hung vertically. 2. The original colors of the tricolor and inverted chevron as submitted should be kept. I have no strong opinions on if the white and light blue stripes are swapped or not. 3. In my opinion, the star should be kept white and 8-pointed. Either the original 8-point compass rose or an octagram with 2 points each facing down, right, left, and up looks best.

to whom it may concern,

As a resident of our great state of Minnesota, I watched the December 15th meeting to decide the future of our new state flag. I would like to submit my thoughts.

I left with a sour taste in my mouth not because my favorite design was eliminated. But because of the Chair's unrestricted, unprompted and unwarranted forwarding of their own cacophony of designs and alterations that do little to pay proper homage to the original artist. It was an embarrassment to listen to this gentleman propose asymmetry, elimination of the white stripe and even the elimination of stripes entirely from the design. These are principles not seen in the original design and start to brush into the territory of an entirely different flag design.

The creation of such alterations would not be so intrusive if there were not so many of them brought forward, only further delaying the selection of a final design. Furthermore, it is extremely unprofessional in my opinion for him to submit so many designs unprompted, as it is a clear attempt to steer the design of this flag into something of his own creation. I find it to be unacceptable behavior and would like to see the preservation of the majority of the original 1953 design - chiefly in 1953-B, 1953-18, and 1953-17. Those three, in my opinion, most closely pay respect to the original design and artist and are the three I am most in favor of.

I dislike any asymmetry in the design as it would compromise the appearance of our flag when hung vertically. I feel strongly about the appearance of our flag when seen vertically, and feel that the symmetrical designs are the strongest candidates for verticality by far. The shape itself does not *need* to look more like Minnesota itself, the vague shape included in the symmetry gets the point across well enough.

Furthermore, I would like to advocate my unequivocal support for the preservation of the original 1953 design. Its muted colors perfectly represent the warm, comfortable feeling of drinking your favorite hot beverage on a cold winter night in our beautiful state. Please

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I'm excited to see which flag is chosen.

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I truly believe the tricolor symmetrical design is the best for the flag. Please do not change to an asymmetrical design nor a dual or single color stripe system.

I watched the ENTIRE 4 hour committee meeting today again, and it was a complete shit show...

The fact that every committee member is still wanting to make “small tweaks” and put their own stamp on the state flag at this point in the process just shows how clueless, lost, and out of touch with public opinion that this committee is. You all should be ashamed of the “work” you’ve done.

You’re not just fumbling at the 1 yard line; you all have been fumbling the whole 100 yards...

You need to start this process completely over again — this time with some respected professional designers — and then LET THE FUCKING PEOPLE DECIDE!

If the 6 finalists that were originally chosen were to be put to a public vote, F29 would have EASILY won. But this committee is too blind and in their own heads that they can’t see this obvious fact.

START OVER!

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LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE!

<p>2023-12-15 05:57:58 PM</p>	<p>As a life long Minnesota resident, I would like to express my disappointment in the variations being proposed by the chair. I am elated to see F1953 chosen as the finalist but in my eyes its original design is much better than the proposed alterations. Here are a few thoughts I hope you will consider, in order of importance to me personally:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. While the asymmetrical "K" shape is certainly unique, in vexillology the original symmetrical K is already one of a kind and needs no further distinction. Making this shape too literal to the shape of Minnesota feels like holding your hand to see it one way and one way only, rather than a more abstract symbol with a deeper hidden meaning (an essential quality to "A+" flags worldwide). It makes the design look like a logo instead of a flag. 2. The tricolor bars are critical to the design. Using only one or two solid colors makes the flag flat and leaves it with a lack of meaning. When I see the sea of blank blue I feel like there is something missing. When I see only the blue and green stripes, it looks like a crude drawing of an open field, which is again far too literal to convey deeper meaning (now the blue can only represent sky and not water). It needs both the blue and green, and the white stripe to pull it all together. 3. The change to the star has it feeling too much like a 'blob' instead of a shape you can make out. From a distance I just see a dot, whereas the original star is much more distinguishable and more representative of an actual star (ie North Star) rather than a pretty looking shape. 4. While I do think the original color palette is better than the new one, I think the changes are understandable. The only exception being the green which looks to be too bright, lacking the warmth of the original. 5. The original color ordering with white on top instead of center does a much better job of standing out as a unique design choice, but still within the bounds of what looks good as a flag. I think the new ordering comes down to the color palette not working together without separating by a green stripe. Make those colors a little less bright and a little warmer and they will work together much better.
<p>2023-12-15 05:58:48 PM</p>	<p>Again, I am proud to be a Minnesotan seeing the finalist they chose. I know this commission has Hi, I'm very glad 1953 was picked, but just wanted to ask that we please stick to a symmetrical flag. I really want to hang the flag as a banner, but asymmetrical flags don't work when hung in a vertical orientation. For what little it's worth, this was the general consensus among my coworkers today. Thank you.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:01:07 PM</p>	<p>START OVER!</p> <p>All the changes made to F1953 today have managed to make a bad flag design even worse!</p> <p>LET THE PEOPLE VOTE!</p> <p>LET MINNESOTA CHOOSE OUR STATE FLAG!</p> <p>LET THE PUBLIC HAVE A VOICE!</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:03:03 PM</p>	<p>F29 is Wonderful and simple in a way that is similar to the New Mexico flag (the best flag in the union). Please use it as the state flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:03:24 PM</p>	<p>F1935 should be left to its original design. With all due respect the revisions greatly detract from the appeal of the original.</p>

2023-12-15 06:04:08 PM	For the love of God, PLEASE START OVER! This time with a new committee that is actually representative of the population of the state...
2023-12-15 06:04:15 PM	1953 is a good design, but the variation with the cat butt star is just bad. Keep it how it was..
2023-12-15 06:05:23 PM	LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC! LET US VOTE! STOP MAKING BAD DECISIONS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS!
2023-12-15 06:06:01 PM	Please keep the original design of 1953. The lime green is gross and the original muted colors give a sense of "cool cozy-ness" that wonderfully represents the north
2023-12-15 06:06:54 PM	Can we please go with F29? It's the obvious choice. If not - stick with the original F1953. The revisions are not helpful
2023-12-15 06:07:30 PM	Please consider keeping the three colors of the original design. I don't mind the 8 pointed star oriented north. I'm am unsure of the appeal having it slightly shifted off. 1953- variation 17 stays closest to the artists intention. It signifies a color and cozy Minnesota that is beautiful and very distinct from other flags. The star also looks much better white.
2023-12-15 06:09:05 PM	The muted colors and symmetric Minnesota shape in the 1953 design are great. They changea to it I saw discussed ruin it. Please stop while you're ahead.
2023-12-15 06:10:26 PM	So if F1953 is the flag, are we gonna add a patch on top for the northwest angle? And are we gonna make the left edge uneven with a notch in the middle to represent the red river valley? In case you're not getting the hint, these are rhetorical questions to illustrate the flaws in this design that this committee is apparently too blind to see....

<p>2023-12-15 06:11:01 PM</p>	<p>As a citizen of Minnesota, this whole process has been painfully frustrating. At first, when I heard the flag was getting redesigned, I was excited. Doubly so when I saw the submission. And then when we got to the final six, I only felt let down. I understand it's too late in the process to change all that, but I think it goes to show the divergence between the opinions of the people of Minnesota and this committee, as I know I'm far from alone.</p> <p>It looks like F1953 is the one you're going with (which of the final three I agree is the best choice). Though I am concerned given where I tuned in to today's meeting. To start off on the positives, I'm glad the idea of the gold star was cut. That is the only positive I have to add. First and foremost: the proposed lopsided inverted triangle to "look more like Minnesota" isn't brilliant, it's awful. The original inverted triangle design is already a unique flag design that screams Minnesota. In the attempt to make the shape look more like Minnesota, it takes away from the artistry of the original design all while visually looking worse. The proposal to cut out two of the three stripes to have most of the flag be one mass of color is just bad design. It would—and I am not joking at all—actually be improved by plopping a laser loon onto that blank space. The original three stripes all meant something. I don't need to explain the blue for our lakes since that's not the one threatened. The green represents the prairie, the forests, and the agriculture; these are all important elements of Minnesota. And the white stripe—on the top, as that's where snow sits and also a beautifully unique piece of flag design—represents more than just snow. Winter is an important part of Minnesotan culture. It's a unifier. Cutting these stripes is denying important parts of the Minnesotan identity.</p> <p>Worst of all, with how far these proposed redesigns of F1953 go, it invalidates the public submission process. Some of these proposed redesigns are unrecognizable to the original—and quite frankly better—F1953. Making a tweak like the particular hues of the color or the exact shape of the star is understandable, but with how drastic these changes are, you're not even discussing F1953 anymore. Why even offer the public the option to design a flag if you aren't going to listen to them? It adds to that frustrating feeling of being ignored.</p> <p>At this point, I'm defeatedly begging you not to go with the last-minute asymmetrical design. If I can ask for anything at this point, it's that. That new out-of-nowhere proposal really is awful.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:11:41 PM</p>	<p>I like the original order of the stripes,, Lake bottom, Wooded shoreline center, Clear sky top.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:11:48 PM</p>	<p>As far as comments go--please please consider keeping the original design of 1953. It's beautiful, represents minnesota, and is a flag anyone would be happy to fly. Please go back to the original 1953 design!</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:15:11 PM</p>	<p>Why are you giving Minnesota a pretend Palestine flag?</p>

<p>2023-12-15 06:15:18 PM</p>	<p>I think the desire to make the F1953 flag design asymmetrical to be more accurate to Minnesota's shape is missing the forest for the trees. The flag isn't supposed to be a map of Minnesota; it's supposed to REPRESENT Minnesota, to BE A PART of the state. To me, the asymmetrical design is almost as bad as having the name of the state on the flag because of how "in your face" it is.</p> <p>The submitter mentioned that the shape chosen is supposed to be an ABSTRACT representation of the state's shape and for the design, as a whole, to be SIMPLE. It feels like this last-minute change is trying to force what could be a very good (inverse) chevron/tricolor flag, with the design being symmetrical, into a map of Minnesota when, again, we aren't making a map; we're making a flag.</p> <p>I'd be very proud to have a flag that uses the symmetrical design, especially if it's the original order of the stripes. There's a certain subtlety to the fact that the navy blue part originally chosen looks like the outline of Minnesota, but if you don't know the exact shape of Minnesota, you could still recognize it as the Minnesota flag and it would still look like it fits on the state/country/world stage. With the asymmetrical design, someone who doesn't know the shape of Minnesota could think there was a printing error on the flag because it's not centered. There's no flag, to my knowledge that has this sort of asymmetry, and, looking at it, I'm understanding why: it just doesn't look very appealing.</p> <p>Personally, I think the original F1953, F1953-17, and F1953-18 look the best, though I'd also be fine with F1953-B, despite me wishing to keep the three colors for the bars.</p> <p>Please, you are SO CLOSE to an amazing flag design, I don't want to see it fumbled at the very end.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:15:45 PM</p>	<p>Is there a way to make the outline of the state on the flag look less like the letter "K?" It's the first thing I noticed and is confusing. Thank you for your hard work.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:17:02 PM</p>	<p>Dear 8 lb. 6 oz. baby Jesus,</p> <p>Please heal these blind committee members so that they'll see how god-awful the flag is that they've chosen and are still continuing to make worse with all their cutesy changes and personal touches...</p> <p>Amen 🙏</p>

<p>2023-12-15 06:17:48 PM</p>	<p>✗no white Brown red- mining Yellow- Ag Hockey Gray or bkue- lakes No indication of cutest or wildlife People come here for lakes hunt fish</p> <p>No one sees North Star We see n lights or just regular mn sky line ups of constellations No Mississippi River- here it starts Committee - ? People fr n mn ?</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:17:49 PM</p>	<p>Please use the original version of F1935. The asymmetrical variations, different stars, and bright colors do not look appealing or feel like Minnesota.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:18:48 PM</p>	<p>Either reconsider F29 or restart the process with a new committee, this whole process was not well handled.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:19:06 PM</p>	<p>Please consider keeping the original 1953 flag design. The variations are not better. The asymmetrical variations ruin the vertical display friendly design that was one of the original's strengths. Also, the state branding colors do not look good on a flag. It seems like you're trying to force something that should be timeless (a flag) to match something that's meant to be ephemeral (current branding colors) instead of vice-versa.</p> <p>You made a great choice! You should keep it.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:19:33 PM</p>	<p>Why does the selection have to be a design that looks like the Texas state flag????????? Why can't we be original with the loons representing white & blue of all of Minnesota? Has anyone thought of how it will look on the pole with the wind blowing & not blowing? How sad that we cannot be original when the best is right in front of us!!!!!!</p>

MEMO,

First, I would like to apologize, as this is more of a plea than a question, and to thank the committee for the work that has gone into the redesign process so far. I've kept a close eye on the meetings and can understand how arduous the process is, let alone the pressure of a decision that could impact our state for years, and hopefully many, to come. All of the committee members have spent many hours considering and deliberating, and it's clear that our state and our unique identity are incredibly important to everyone. Growing up and spending my time here, both are important to me as well, which is why, from the bottom of my heart, I ask:

Please, do not change F1953.

At least, please do not change the structure of the flag. The colors and the order of the stripes are all great ways to tweak the design to make it really feel like our state, but please, don't use the asymmetrical Minnesota shape. One of the strongest points of F1953 is its simplicity, its timeliness. An asymmetric design muddies this. It would make our flag stand out, but in the way that a crooked picture stands out when hung on the wall. Minnesota has a distinctive shape, unlike any other state in the union. The symmetric design abstracts it, but keeps the core that makes you think of MN, without the gritty details.

Also, I would like to strongly advocate for keeping the original white-green-blue stripes on the right. There are many states which can say they get plenty of snow, maybe that they even have culture around it. Even more have rolling fields of green or lush forests, and our neighbors at least have some prominent lakes. But I feel that we are the only ones who can truly claim all three make our state what it is. Where else can it be so often found stretches of blue water with thick linings of deep green trees, dusted with a coating of fresh white snow? Other permutations of these could be considered, but I find the original ordering to be the most evocative.

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<p>2023-12-15 06:21:34 PM</p>	<p>First, I would like to apologize, as this is more of a plea than a question, and to thank the committee for the work that has gone into the redesign process so far. I've kept a close eye on the meetings and can understand how arduous the process is, let alone the pressure of a decision that could impact our state for years, and hopefully many, to come. All of the committee members have spent many hours considering and deliberating, and it's clear that our state and our unique identity are incredibly important to everyone. Growing up and spending my time here, both are important to me as well, which is why, from the bottom of my heart, I ask:</p> <p>Please, do not change F1953.</p> <p>At least, please do not change the structure of the flag. The colors and the order of the stripes are all great ways to tweak the design to make it really feel like our state, but please, don't use the asymmetrical Minnesota shape. One of the strongest points of F1953 is its simplicity, its timeliness. An asymmetric design muddies this. It would make our flag stand out, but in the way that a crooked picture stands out when hung on the wall. Minnesota has a distinctive shape, unlike any other state in the union. The symmetric design abstracts it, but keeps the core that makes you think of MN, without the gritty details.</p> <p>Also, I would like to strongly advocate for keeping the original white-green-blue stripes on the right. There are many states which can say they get plenty of snow, maybe that they even have culture around it. Even more have rolling fields of green or lush forests, and our neighbors at least have some prominent lakes. But I feel that we are the only ones who can truly claim all three make our state what it is. Where else can it be so often found stretches of blue water with thick linings of deep green trees, dusted with a coating of fresh white snow? Other permutations of these could be considered, but I find the original ordering to be the most evocative.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:22:44 PM</p>	<p>Please consider these rather than the Asymetric version discussed today. The colors should be matched to the seal.</p> <p>https://imgur.com/a/kOq8FKl</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:23:47 PM</p>	<p>Regarding the selection of F1953, I'd like to suggest that the committee doesn't focus so strongly on including symbols that it detracts from the flag's aesthetic appearance. Whether it's the star design, color hues, tricolor order, or dark blue pile shape, many of the proposed variations are downgrades from the original design, and I personally think that the star should be oriented north-south and the pile symmetrical, but in general, I ask that overall appearance be the focus of the final selection.</p>

<p>2023-12-15 06:24:09 PM</p>	<p>The flag and seal redesigns have the potential to create a unifying symbol for the entire state, recognizable to all, something we can all proudly display. The committee has had the privilege of leading this process thus far, and must take the proper final steps to truly do this state justice. So I'd like to voice my thoughts on these designs.</p> <p>I'd like to express my preference for the original design for F1953 over any of the revisions. Keep the designers intent intact, or at the very least consult the designer for possible revisions. The color and star changes are clunky at best, and very little thought seems to be put into any of the potential revisions outside of change for change's sake.</p> <p>As for the state seal, I have no notes, except to reverse the decision of using the Dakota language for the motto. It is inherently exclusionary to the other tribes in our state to make this change, and either keeping the original French motto, or changing it to Latin or English, would be more apt. Alternatively, removing the motto entirely would also assuage any language inclusivity concerns.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:25:24 PM</p>	<p>Can you change the star back to the original design for 1953? I followed along and understand the rationale, including the changed order of colors, but think that the original star is much better. Thanks</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:25:31 PM</p>	<p>As a lifelong Minnesotan I cherish and respect our indigenous histories but don't feel that it is appropriate to have the language of a single indigenous nation on our state seal. The state motto should be on the be on the seal and also feel the year of the states founding should be as well</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:26:15 PM</p>	<p>The original 1953 looks amazing, please don't change it. It is a great flag with great colors, a great pattern, and an awesome star. I love the colors where they are it's unique but works really well and seems balanced. It's a great flag that Minnesotans can be proud of.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:26:17 PM</p>	<p>KEEP IT ORIGINAL!! ARE YOU F***ING BLIND?!</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:28:58 PM</p>	<p>1953-17 is lovely! The star is oriented in a way that keeps it looking like a star, unlike in 1953-18 and some of the other options. The orientation of the star in 1953-18 looks more like a quilting patch than a star. I also like the blue-white-green stripes of 1953-17. Having three colors in the stripes keeps the flag visually interesting. I appreciate the symbolism of each color. The two color and one color stripe options look dull. The asymmetrical state shape makes the flag look like a fish or pac man with a giant white eye;with apologies to the creator, it looks awful & too literal.</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to provide public comment, and thank you to all of the committee members & designers for your work!</p>

<p>2023-12-15 06:31:44 PM</p>	<p>Do not alter the design of the selected flag F1953. The wedge is iconic Minnesotan as it is, making it asymmetrical would look awful when it is hung vertically. The star is simple, easy to remember and draw, and looks gorgeous. This state is big enough for both stars, let the star that looks good on a capital floor stay on the capital floor, let the star that looks good on a flag stay on the flag. The stripes and their colors are perfect too. Putting the green anywhere else but the middle makes it look like a landscape, and landscapes look awkward when vertical. Putting blue on the top and white on the bottom turns the blue into generic sky instead of our 10,000 lakes. Double blue just looks like Argentina, and you do not want a flag that just reminds you of somebody else's flag.</p> <p>F1953 was chosen as the winner because it is the best one. Do not fix what is not broken, do not change for the sake of change. If you does not fit the branding, then change the branding to match the flag, not the other way around.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:32:09 PM</p>	<p>Thank you to the committee so far for all of the hard work. After today's Friday the 15th meeting, I feel the need to reach out and say thank you for progressing with F1953. It was the best of the three finalists, and I'm glad it will be the base of what's to come. With that said, I think the ORIGINAL F1953 as submitted has the strongest design elements. I do not mind the fact that it uses four colors. I think the variants F1953-17 and F1953-18 are the strongest variants shown at today's meeting. The symmetrical navy blue K is my favorite element of the design, and is in my opinion, a must have going forward.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:32:27 PM</p>	<p>Please don't do any "variations" of the flag design. The proposed ones are not as good as it is without changes.</p> <p>The seal should also go back to the state motto, how is having the Dakota there not representing one specific demographic?</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:32:57 PM</p>	<p>I love the tri-color flag design, but I really don't like the new star design in the revisions. I would prefer the original star design from the 1953 submission, or the revised star-flake design from f29-c. I do like the shuffling of the three stripes, however. The light blue, then white, then green from top to bottom look great. Thanks, very excited to have a new state flag that we can fly with pride</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:33:29 PM</p>	<p>Comment: while it wasn't my first pick, the tricolor flag should remain as it was designed. The muted colors are northern, the inverted triangle shape is both unique and instantly classic, the star fits well, and the colors of snow, land, water are great. The white on top is also unique. The flag has grown on me as is and I think it is the winner as is.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:34:13 PM</p>	<p>F29 would've been iconic similar to New Mexico's flag. This commission has absolutely blown this opportunity in favor of a boring, uninspired mess.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:34:37 PM</p>	<p>You folks are really bad at modifying the designs and should stop. Use the original design. Horrible changes from the commission.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:35:39 PM</p>	<p>Please don't do the Minnesotan thing and fumble this on the goal line. Do not listen to Luis;the flag should not be asymmetrical. Just be rational and go with the original 1953 and be done with this.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:35:56 PM</p>	<p>Please keep F1935 exactly as it was and use that as our flag! It has so much originality. None of the edits that were shared give the same feel.</p>

2023-12-15 06:36:30 PM	Please just go with 1953 as it was originally designed. If you must make a change, I'm fine with a thicker star to match the capitol rotunda, but please ensure it's oriented so that the points of the star point like a compass rose (N, E, S, W) and not the slightly rotated version you have on this page now. Thanks!
2023-12-15 06:37:03 PM	<p>The flag F1935 should remain with the white stripe on top. Every other flag with a white stripe has it in the middle. Leaving it on top gives the flag a uniqueness unseen elsewhere in the flag world without being intrusive. It also symbolizes the snow as it blankets the land, homes, and roads throughout winter. The blue on the bottom as the both 10,000 lakes and the Mississippi is both a foundation of our state and the flag. Green in center shows the forests and agriculture that have grown from that foundation.</p> <p>Using the original colors provides the flag a sense of coziness and calmness that represents Minnesota and her people. We are not brash and hotheaded (usually), neither should our flag. The bars should be of even size, having any being smaller or larger than another provides an unnecessary quirkiness for the its own sake.</p> <p>The star should remain as originally designed. It's smaller footprint on the Minnesota shaped portion allow the blue to express itself more. The single north star in a large field of blue. It also looks more like a star and less like a quilt pattern. A double pointed star creates an overrepresentation of white in the blue field. Less is more in this case.</p> <p>As my father said, and I myself have found throughout my life, don't over think it and don't over do it. The original F1935 flag, as presented, represents the state's history and identity well: unique and humble, sturdy and unobtrusive. It's not the flag that'll be life of the party but it will be one to help you out of the ditch at 2am mid January.</p>
2023-12-15 06:37:22 PM	Please just use 1953 with the white stripe moved to the center and that's it. The new proposed star with equal lengths will look bad from a distance and some of the versions don't even have the star pointing North.
2023-12-15 06:39:17 PM	The original design of F1935 was fantastic - that's my two cents. Please be careful with too much tampering!
2023-12-15 06:39:35 PM	F1953 is great if we can't get F29, but all of the revisions are worse than the original. Both colors, and the shape of the star. Now the star looks more like a sun or a generic star, and doesn't evoke the feeling of the north star. It doesn't seem any easier to draw either, unless you are using a ruler. Why does the base version of F1953 need these redesigns?
2023-12-15 06:39:51 PM	<p>I'm thrilled that F1953 was chosen as the basis for the next flag! I think it should be kept as close to the original as possible. Variations 17 and 18 were the best.</p> <p>Please do not make the "V" asymmetrical or move the star up. That change was hideous and would look terrible if the flag was hung vertically.</p> <p>The flag is not a map of Minnesota. The symbolism is simple enough on the original.</p>
2023-12-15 06:40:11 PM	Please go with the symmetrical inverted triangle version of 1953. Also, please reconsider the original 1953. It's a perfect design.

<p>2023-12-15 06:41:16 PM</p>	<p>I'm glad you guys are going with F1953! It's a great choice. Please do not modify the original design if you don't have to.</p> <p>The "branding" colors don't quite work on this flag. The asymmetrical versions discussed today (Friday the 15th) don't work. The original F1953 is a great design! Do not modify it just for the sake of modifying it.</p> <p>Elements which are ok to change: the star, the order of the three colored bands, the colors (to a limited extent). Elements which are not ok to change: the shape of the "Minnesota swallowtail", adding any kind of text, etc.</p> <p>One Minnesotan's opinion, but I think you'll find they're widely shared! Thanks for the time you've put into this.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:41:22 PM</p>	<p>I think the asymmetric design looks silly. Especially if the flag is hung vertically. Keep the original 1953 design.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:41:27 PM</p>	<p>Stop messing with F1935s design, the design was good, just swap out the official Minnesota colors. Whoever is doing the redesigns has no idea what "implied lines" or "less is more" means, the new stars clash with the existing implied lines and the attempted symbolism is far too literal.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:43:19 PM</p>	<p>I am writing to encourage the adoption of an unaltered version of the F1953 entry. It I a great flag for Minnesota. The proposed altercations are all inferior to the original design. The worst are the changes to the star. I believe that changes made by the committee go against the spirit of the community designed flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:47:57 PM</p>	<p>I have the following to say as far as the revisions to the chosen design: there seems to be consensus as far as reordering the colors, but further changes fundamentally weaken the design! It should be green like trees, not green like grass! That's what's on the seal. The modifications to the star undermine the significance of the North Star symbolism, which was the objective of having an eight-pointed star at all.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:47:57 PM</p>	<p>You selected a great design, well done! Now for the love of god don't go with any of those revisions, they are all worse than the original design</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:50:50 PM</p>	<p>Shame on this committee for not listening to the public opinion.</p> <p>You should all save yourself the embarrassment of making the complete wrong decision for OUR state flag and resign.</p> <p>We need professionals working on this, not toddlers with zero sense of good design...</p> <p>F29</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:52:52 PM</p>	<p>LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC!</p> <p>LET THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA HAVE A SAY!</p> <p>This is a democracy for God's sake... LET US VOTE!</p>

<p>2023-12-15 06:53:20 PM</p>	<p>Re the final flag variants - my comment is that I'd strongly prefer something chewing close to the original design. The asymmetrical variants presented today really do NOT look good. Three symmetric stripes of the original color order and configuration, and a symmetric inverse triangle should be the constant components of the design. I'd also suggest using the star from the seal as the star for the flag to provide an element of commonality among the two symbols. Thank you for reading my input.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 06:56:52 PM</p>	<p>to whom it may concern,</p> <p>I and many Minnesotans agree that the original 1953 design is by far the most favored, out of all of the alternatives proposed, and should become our official state flag. There are many different discussions happening online and in person where this is shown. Below, I'll try to demonstrate why we think this is the case.</p> <p>The symmetrical "K" representing the shape of our state is easily recognizable and sets the flag apart from any others currently in major circulation. Additionally, it is able to be hung vertically and retains the same pleasing imagery and distinct design while keeping the North Star at the top middle. Making the "K" asymmetrical would look off - it may represent our state's shape a tad better, but the rest of the flag design suffers as a result. There's beauty in the symmetrical design.</p> <p>Next, the Polaris or North Star is easily recognizable and distinguishes us as the North Star state. It also points to the cardinal directions, which again is significant of our Northern status and exploratory nature. Thickening the star makes and making the points all the same length makes it look less like star-like, especially from further away where it tends to fade into a less defined, more circular shape.</p> <p>Finally, the tricolor stripes of white, green, and blue to symbolize our snow, nature/agriculture, and our water. These colors all have deep meaning to our state and identify us as being proud of our many beautiful features, such as a fresh sheet of snow, a rolling field or forest, a calm lake or flowing river. If one of these colors was removed, we'd lose out on an opportunity to show all of these characteristics that make our state exceptional.</p> <p>In conclusion, it is my (and many others') firm belief that the original 1953 design should be adopted as our flag. It's traditional, timeless, and represents Minnesota all while staying unique - both in design and our state.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:02:01 PM</p>	<p>Why did you even have the public submit designs? You guys betrayed the whole soul of this project.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:03:48 PM</p>	<p>Don't revise 1953. Perfect the way it was. Great choice otherwise!</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:07:30 PM</p>	<p>Why was a Dakota phrase, which privileges one indigenous group, included rather than the state motto? The state motto is unique in that it's not in English, and refers to an identifier for the whole state ("the North Star State"), rather than a phrase attributed to one group of Minnesotans.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:08:03 PM</p>	<p>If i can, i would like to comment on the final design for the new minnesota flag. I think the yellow star that is used on the state seal should be the same star used on the new flag. And the swallowtail should be equally sized, with two stripes, not three. Bottom stripe being green to represent agriculture, the top stripe light blue. Thank you</p>

<p>2023-12-15 07:11:00 PM</p>	<p>Are you guys f*cking dumb? Were your eyes removed from your skulls? How did you guys butcher this so badly? First getting rid of the star flake and now you've butchered the original tricolor? Please don't make decisions like this when you guys clearly have never even seen a crayon.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:12:19 PM</p>	<p>Why is the committee so hard set on excluding other cultures for the Dakota. The exclusion of other tribes is a disgusting act by the committee. For what reason does the committee see fit to elevate the Dakota above other people in the State? Do you understand how this is exclusive to other peoples in the state? We can honor the Native American influence on our state without obvious pandering to a large political group. This Committee needs to be better. We expect so much from you, please make the changes to the Seal that make it inclusive of all the peoples in this state. Perhaps consider a more inclusive way of incorporating the impact of, and to the Native community. The state seal in it's current proposed form is not an acceptable mark.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:12:31 PM</p>	<p>After watching the committee meeting today, I strongly believe that every single one of the proposed revisions is worse than the original, unaltered version they were based on. As a lover of flags, I strongly encourage the committee to adopt the tricolor as it was originally designed, with no changes.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:14:52 AM</p>	<p>For F1953, can you revise it to have light blue on top to represent the sky, green on the bottom to represent the land, and white in the middle to represent snow, which falls from the sky to the earth, acting as a natural bridge between the two?</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:16:41 PM</p>	<p>Please use the Star and colors of the original design for 1953 as they superior to all the variants created. Support the artists integrity and keep a great flag design great. 1953 is a universally unique flag keep it to the original and many people will be happy for the New flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:17:32 PM</p>	<p>Are we designing a flag for North Texas or Minnesota?</p> <p>Are we modeling the star off of the compass rose with the four cardinal directions literally spelled out in the Capitol rotunda, or are we modeling the star off of "Dr." Beane's Dakota heritage?</p> <p>Just wondering...</p>

<p>2023-12-15 07:17:46 PM</p>	<p>Also, I wanted to make a quick comment about the final base design that the commission has decided on. I think that the tweaks that were made to F1953 have been for the worse. The white stripe looks much more distinct on the top of the flag, in my opinion it also looks better there. Also, brightening the colors takes out some of the muted coziness that I get out of the original design. I think it is quite hard to imply both a coldness but also a bit of warmth and the original colors used in F1953 succeed in doing so. Finally, I really don't like the look of the asymmetrical K shape. I understand that it represents the state better, but I don't think we need everything to be so literal. The original, symmetrical K shape is much better in my opinion not only looks wise, but it allows for more subtlety which is quite Minnesotan if you ask me. I'm really starting to fear that this commission is going to try and over-tune a fundamentally fantastic design. As an extremely proud resident of this great state I beg you to keep the magic from the fundamental design. I really do believe that everything about it works better than any other versions so far.</p> <p>Some additional notes about the state seal. I originally thought that putting the dakota word for Minnesota on the seal was a fine idea. However, after reading that some members of the Chippewa and Ojibwe communities feel more excluded by this change, it doesn't sit right with me. I would prefer either the state motto or nothing at all. I feel like the commission has failed at its goal to make sure the seal does not have symbolism from a single demographic with this addition. I hope the commission reconsiders their decision on this front. Additionally, I don't quite understand why we took 1858 off the seal. I understand that to some it represents the day they lost their land, but it equally means a lot to others. Minnesota, like any state, has had some moments of darkness and shame, but I think acknowledging them and moving forward is an ethos that has not only been a part of MN, but part of the reason why it is such a wonderful state.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time reading this, I really do appreciate it. The chance to change our flag and seal really is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I know the commission truly wants to get this right. However, it has been a bit frustrating watching from a distance and feeling like</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:17:58 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the tri color symmetrical and a tri color. It fits the flag theme and motif well, and looks much better than a bi color, or the alternates with a realistic minnesota shape, keep the flag super simple. Also white on top looks unique while still being similar to other tri colors like France, Russia, Italy, etc</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:18:16 PM</p>	<p>The artists original renditions are far better than the final design-by-committee (which is always a disaster). Having graphic design or art degrees should be a requirement for the members.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:18:47 PM</p>	<p>Why does this committee seem to be doing a complete, last minute design of a flag that looks nothing like the final design? It appears that the chair of the committee is trying to completely hijack the process and design his own flag, throwing out all of the design elements that made 1953 a nice looking choice. Stop trying to completely tear apart a nice, symmetrical design. And for the love of all that is holy, don't be using lime green. What do you think you're designing? A uniform for a early 2000's minor league soccer team?</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:20:11 PM</p>	<p>The new flag design for the great Dakota state of Dr. Beane looks great! I love all the changes you've made to specifically and exclusively call out her Dakota cultural heritage! I never did like the Ojibwe or the Chippewa or those darn white settlers anyways....</p>

2023-12-15 07:20:39 PM	For the live of God, do not adopt the asymmetrical K to mimic the shape of the state. It looks atrocious. Of the proposed designs from the end of the meeting, F1953-17 and F1953-18 are the best to represent our great state. The colors and the overall design are already unique to not only the flags of the Union, but even when compared to the world stage. I would happily fly either one of those from my home beside the stars and stripes.
2023-12-15 07:20:43 PM	I love the selection one of my favorites. In terms of design choices I think the state uniform'd shape shouldn't change. The reason I'd like it to state uniform in size from top to bottom is when it is rotated to hang vertically. Regardless of the strip colors or arrangment, making the shape of the state uniform I believe will make it impossible to love when hung vertical. doesn't sit right with the stripes.
2023-12-15 07:21:01 PM	The original F1953 is much beater than any of the revisions and variants and it will be for the best to just keep the original version
2023-12-15 07:21:10 PM	Hello Commission Members, Thank you all for your tireless work thus far in selecting a new flag. I believe that you can make a final decision by the end of your meeting on Tues 12/19. Here's some thoughts that I hope you'll find helpful as you consider different variations of F1953: 📷 Look at this post on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/share/v6vaTvJBvqMMCsE/?mibextid=WC7FNe Thanks again for all your hard work!
2023-12-15 07:21:16 PM	Tricolor is a great choice. Changing the star is great. Love it. But the rest of the original is better than any of the changes. White/green/blue (top to bottom) is best. It feels like sitting at a lake, seeing the trees on the far shore, covered by a big open bright sky. The original sort of muted forest green looks like trees, rather than grass in the new brighter shade. So keep the original colors and order. The symmetrical swallow tail is better than the more state shaped one. Bright blue top and bottom looks like the flag of Argentina (a great flag). The seal is awesome.
2023-12-15 07:21:49 PM	A plain white flag with the word "Minnesota" written in Comic Sans font would look better than design that this clown-show of a committee has come up with...
2023-12-15 07:23:23 PM	Now that we know UFOs are real, I hope aliens come down and abduct all these committee members so that we can start this process over again and maybe actually get it right next time...
2023-12-15 07:23:27 PM	Do not select the asymmetric version of 1953, it's hideous and way too on the nose. Have some subtly please.
2023-12-15 07:24:01 PM	I find f944 absolutely completely offensive and if that is chosen as Minnesota state flag I will not be more embarrassed by the state I grew up in
2023-12-15 07:27:16 PM	Would like the flag design to use the original Polaris star. Also the same green as the seal for consistency.
2023-12-15 07:27:33 PM	Truly believe that F29 is the most aesthetically pleasing and most merchandisable flag. As it allows for the different colors ways for Minnesota teams (loons,Linx,timberwolves,Vikings). Could F29 be reconsidered into the vote?
2023-12-15 07:27:43 PM	original 1953 don't modify it. Your other variants are horrible. Use the state moto on seal, or put in English, or no words at all.

2023-12-15 07:29:21 PM	Is anyone even reading these comments??? I really doubt it, based on the cluelessness of this committee...
2023-12-15 07:31:07 PM	I think the 1953's original design is great, most especially the star. The hues of the colors and the ordering of them are unique as well and charming. Also, the equal state outline works better for horizontal and vertical use better than the more accurate state outline.
2023-12-15 07:32:07 PM	This joke of a committee is becoming more of an embarrassment than our original flag was... START OVER! Or just go back to F29...
2023-12-15 07:33:22 PM	Hello, I would like to comment that it appears the wrong decision is being made regarding the flags design. Multiple times F29 or the "starflake" has been voted the highest by the people of Minnesota. I believe it would be wise to listen to the people of Minnesota since this will be our flag for the foreseeable future. I know multiple people who've already decided to order F29 flags to fly instead of the current finalist. As a born and raised Minnesotan I can say with the utmost certainty that F1935 does not accurately visually represent the state of Minnesota and it's saddening that something so non-representative of our state has been essentially chosen as our flag. If a person needs to have a flag explained to them it has lost its use as a symbol. Overall I respectfully disagree with the commission over their choice in flag.
2023-12-15 07:33:23 PM	Please keep the original design of 1953. The stripes are perfect and so is the star. Please leave it alone.
2023-12-15 07:34:15 PM	Hello, thank you to everyone who worked so hard on this. I wanted to reach out to voice my objection to the asymmetric Minnesota design. I believe that the fact that it evokes the state shape is better as a coincidence than as a goal, and the ultimate goal of the redesign is to make it timeless, and while the asymmetry is unique so are most trends that eventually fall out of favor. Some looks just last forever and those features are present in the design as submitted. Thanks for hearing me out!
2023-12-15 07:35:24 PM	I liked the original 1953 design! The colors were really nice and representative of our state. I do not like the proposed star. It is clearly the Dakota star, which I thought I was very very clear that we would not be selecting a flag representing one group of people. Just approve the original design! It has really grown on a lot of people and is beautiful. Also a popular YouTube channel released a short animated video on the three finalist I would encourage the committee to watch: https://youtu.be/IFww0W5Ugg?feature=shared Just copy and paste the above link into a browser. Thank you for taking the time to consider my comment and I hope you can see the great reasons to choose the original 1953 design as the artist intended.
2023-12-15 07:35:45 PM	Please consider keeping the original design for F1953 as the final flag design, the proposed/discussed alterations detract from the original design.

<p>2023-12-15 07:37:30 PM</p>	<p>By the way there's a typo at the top of the page that lists F1953 as F1935, so to fix the flag number in what I originally wrote:</p> <p>Hello, I would like to comment that it appears the wrong decision is being made regarding the flags design. Multiple times F29 or the "starflake" has been voted the highest by the people of Minnesota. I believe it would be wise to listen to the people of Minnesota since this will be our flag for the foreseeable future. I know multiple people who've already decided to order F29 flags to fly instead of the current finalists. As a born and raised Minnesotan I can say with the utmost certainty that F1953 does not accurately visually represent the state of Minnesota and it's saddening that something so non-representative of our state has been chosen as our flag. If a person needs to have a flag explained to them it has lost its use as a symbol. Overall I respectfully disagree with the commission over their choice in flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:37:41 PM</p>	<p>The asymmetrical version of the reverse chevron proposed for Minnesota's State flag is a negative development on its design. While I understand the "neat" aspect of having the shape better represent the shape of the state, it overly complicates a design that already has a significant number of features. A flag is not a map, and doesn't need to represent the shape of the state. Hanging the flag vertically looks worse with the asymmetrical design, and arguably is less pleasing in the horizontal alignment as well.</p> <p>I have preferences on color choice, color order, and star design, but I don't feel strongly enough to articulate them. Most options I'm amenable to. However, I feel strongly enough about the asymmetrical component to send this comment.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:37:51 PM</p>	<p>I pledge allegiance to the flag, Of the united state of Dakota people and Dr. Beane. And to the redesign committee for which it stands, One state, under God, completely divided, with a horrible flag design and injustice for all.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:38:37 PM</p>	<p>please do not make the flag asymmetrical and please use the colors from the seal. pea green rly??</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:39:10 PM</p>	<p>The original F1953 did NOT need this much modification! Use the original design! The public does not need 1) a flag to align with the state's tourism branding, 2) to have their hand held regarding symbolism (see: the terrible asymmetrical variations), or 3) a white center stripe. The original design's colors are comfortable and muted, reflecting a cozy northern feeling. The shape of the inverse chevron EVOKES the idea and shape of Minnesota, not TELLS you that it's Minnesota-- the public, be it Minnesotans or not, do not need to have our hand held in communicating the symbolism. The order of the colors in the tricolor are unique and reflect lakes, evergreen, and snow-- putting blue at the top does nothing to evoke anything about the LAND OF 10,000 LAKES.</p> <p>Please, PLEASE take considerations like this one (and undoubtedly those similar) seriously! The meetings and proceedings have already been such a sham to watch due to rushing the meetings and clear favoritism of design by the chair that the public must be heard.</p> <p>KEEP F1953!!!</p>

2023-12-15 07:39:47 PM	I saw a picture of the final candidates. The ones labeled 17 and 18 look great. The ones that are more state shaped look bad. Especially if hung vertically. Please choose 17 or 18. Can't wait to get new merchandise based on those flags and have the local sports teams incorporate those elements into future Jersey designs.
2023-12-15 07:40:15 PM	Hey y'all, please just stick with the original 1953 proposed flag. Thanks.
2023-12-15 07:41:45 PM	<p>Hello, my name is Jon Vogel and I am a professional graphic designer at Media Bridge Advertising in Minneapolis.</p> <p>I, like many, am very relieved that the commission has moved forward with F1953. It has been my preferred finalist since they were revealed because it meets many basic design and flag principles while also representing our state effectively.</p> <p>Although, I am worried about the late attempt to make the "Minnesota shape" asymmetrical to make it match the geographical border more accurately. Firstly, symbolism doesn't need to be so literal, and I don't think the aesthetic integrity of the design should be sacrificed to be more literal.</p> <p>Secondly, a symmetrical Minnesota shape will ensure the flag will display effectively from every orientation - on a pole during a calm or windy day and especially when hung sideways as a banner.</p> <p>And lastly, I would argue that an asymmetrical Minnesota flag is a brand new concept entirely, and it would be disingenuous to push that concept forward. Regardless of how much the head of the commission happens to like it.</p> <p>And P.S. I would say the shade of green should more accurately represent to greenery of our state. The current lime green evokes a more tropical aesthetic.</p>

<p>2023-12-15 07:44:14 PM</p>	<p>First, thank you for taking on the task of choosing the new flag. To whittle down all the submissions to one design is not an easy task and I appreciate the passion and hard work displayed to come to a final design. Of all the submissions, I also came to the appreciation of the chosen final design. It was in my top 5 as well.</p> <p>Regarding the final design and variants chosen, I strongly disagree with the asymmetrical versions, and the versions with only two colors. The asymmetrical version, if glanced at (like flags are mostly acknowledged), feels, as well as, looks unbalanced and unsettled. A heavy top triangle with a narrow skinny triangle looks like something that will succumb to gravity and fall over. It teeters. The image of those triangles look unstable and troubled. Equal, symmetrical, and balanced triangles are a stronger position. No ideology is weighted or looks heavier, just like we are trying to achieve in Minnesota. The flag should convey stability, not unease; balance not a lean in a direction.</p> <p>Only two colors paired with the Minnesota triangle (and either the asymmetrical or symmetrical version) looks like some sort of animal with it's mouth open trying to eat something, especially with the star in the upper part of Minnesota and really especially on the single blue field version. The single blue field version looks like a northern pike that is on the prowl. I support the Minnesota Triangle design, but with three colors on the field. With the three colors, it appears the symmetrical Minnesota is at the foreground of the flag and the three colored field is behind, possibly extending out to the horizon infinitely. This version boosts the quick recognition of the state outline if glancing at a billowing flag. Seeing the colors confirms the recognition.</p> <p>Finally, regarding the colors, I liked the muted ones of the original version better. They align closer to the colors I see throughout the year in Minnesota, whether I am in Ely, Worthington, Ortonville, or Lanesboro. Especially when looking at the original green, that is quickly recognizable as a pine tone, which is a color that is present throughout the year, especially in the deepest of winter. In fact, the original order of blue at the bottom, green in the middle, and</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:46:23 PM</p>	<p>Why would the state motto get replaced by a singular demographic's native language? The state motto is a part of representing the government of the state, not something that identifies with one cultural group; you know the whole point of what a state seal is for. To add the phrasing from the Dakota language is redundant and a backhanded slight towards what the purpose of the committee is even charged with; designing a seal that represents the government of Minnesota.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:46:47 PM</p>	<p>STOP redesigning the finalist. It was VASTLY better in its original form and all your redesigns of it are downgrades. Leave it be.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:46:50 PM</p>	<p>The lime green color that's been added is far too bright and obnoxious. Keep it the original shade of green, please. Or maybe the green from the trees of the seal!</p> <p>Additionally, the 8 pointed star with 8 identical points is far better than the version with the "paired" points. Having distinct North, South, East, and West points is better, the overall design looks better, and it's more reminiscent of the one in the capitol.</p> <p>PLEASE don't do anything crazy with the shapes and colors. 1953 is fantastic as submitted and doesn't need any tinkering.</p>

<p>2023-12-15 07:46:57 PM</p>	<p>F1953 is the right choice! But the revised versions lack what makes the flag so good. The star on the original F1953 is the shape of a compass rose, a nod to the north. Being as our star is the north star this is the right choice and should be kept. Additionally, and in my opinion more importantly, the left side should be kept symmetrical, as it is in the original F1953. This serves two purposes;it both represents the state abstractly, as well as uses the negative space to point directly at the star. This is ideal for hanging the flag vertically. In my opinion, the asymmetrical versions of the left side that more closely resemble our states' shape do not work aesthetically on a flag. The bars on the right are the one part of the flag that could use adjusting, although not completely necessary. I would recommend the committee watch a recently released video on the YouTube channel CGP Grey. He has a passion for flags, and called the previous Minnesota flag among the worst in the Union, but applauded the original F1953. This is what we should want from the rest of the country. A flag that is iconic and recognizable, even by those outside of our great state. In summary a believe the new flag should be the original F1953, with as few changes as possible. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:51:22 PM</p>	<p>Why did you ask the public to submit designs if you then go in and change them before accepting them. The proposed modifications to F1953 are a step in the wrong direction.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:54:30 AM</p>	<p>1953 is a classic flag design, even with the unique swallowtail Minnesota shape at the hoist. Please don't rearrange the the tricolor order. The white on top is attractive and unique it has the added advantage of symbolizing a view across a Minnesota lake;cloudy sky, tree lined shore and sky blue water. Vexillologists will appreciate.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:54:30 PM</p>	<p>Please use the original green on the tricolor flag. The neon green looks awful and isn't representative of what our land or forests look like.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:55:34 PM</p>	<p>If we're doing flag 1953 then PLEASE FOR THE LOVE OF GOD go with the original version! ALL the alterations presented today made the design WORSE. NO to ASYMMETRY, KEEP the POLARIS STAR. DO NOT change the colors!!!!</p>

	<p>Hello, I am writing this to strongly urge the SERC to leave the 1953 design as it is.</p> <p>most people would agree with this statement, as it already is a solid design that has gained a wide audience even outside of Minnesota thanks to YouTuber CGP Grey with a video discussing the finalists in this video with nearly a Million views https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFww0W5Ugg</p> <p>1953 is a fantastic design and it deserves to be Minnesota's flag. the last thing we need is more variants to decide on. so why not go with the original?</p> <p>But don't take my word for it. most people in the comments of these Reddit posts agree:</p> <p>https://www.reddit.com/r/minnesota/comments/18jfid2/like_the_original_1953_flag_design_let_the/</p> <p>https://www.reddit.com/r/minnesota/comments/18jbyuz/f1953_has_been_chosen_to_move_forward_in_the_flag/</p> <p>https://www.reddit.com/r/minnesota/comments/18jd6vi/can_anyone_get_behind_flag_design_f195326/</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:56:04 PM</p>	<p>Thanks for taking the time to read this and I hope you will consider this on Tuesday. This is Minnesota's flag and it deserves to be a great one.</p>
	<p>It's not just me that dislikes all the proposed changes to 1953, here's today's Reddit thread:</p> <p>https://www.reddit.com/r/minnesota/s/uUcx0m94c5</p>
<p>2023-12-15 07:59:40 PM</p>	<p>Please actually read it and you'll see that absolutely nobody has faith in you anymore. Just use original 1953 and be done. Get out of your own way.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:00:43 PM</p>	<p>The original F1935 is better than the ones with the tricolor rearranged because the flags with the white in the middle look a lot like Luxembourg or hungry's flag and the original F1935 tricolor arrangement looks good and is unique.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:01:48 PM</p>	<p>Please let F1953 as the original design - it has the best color scheme and star!! The redesigns are far inferior and it would be a shame to adopt these changes</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:02:10 PM</p>	<p>Do NOT allow an asymmetrical interpretation of the Minnesota F1935 flag. That is a representation of visually literal groupthink in design practices. It is a fact that there is an innate human desire towards symmetry and in this instance, the stylized and symmetrical "State outline of Minnesota" still shows as recognizable while allowing harmony in all other aspects of the overall flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:03:49 PM</p>	<p>Please us the version of the star from the version F1953 presented at the Dec 12 meeting. I would also suggest coordinating the blues and greens to match those found in the new state seal.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:03:53 PM</p>	<p>Please keep submission f1953 as it is. The modifications are all much worse. Is there a reason none of the modifications kept the white on top, green middle, blue bottom? It's a perfect vexillological representation of Minnesotas landscape. Reminds me of the Estonian flag, which is quite good</p>

2023-12-15 08:05:01 PM	I like 1953! Please don't change the star though. You one you picked today looks like an anus.
2023-12-15 08:05:25 PM	F29 was by far the best option but if we have to be stuck with 1953, it HAS to be the original submission. The revisions are FAR worse than the original. Please stop trying to add your own touch and let Minnesota decide.
2023-12-15 08:06:29 PM	I really like the symmetry. Please don't make MN asymmetrical. I also prefer the compass rose/twinkle star. The other 8-pointed star doesn't look like a star from a distance. Watching the meeting it looked like a circle or sun. I like Ms with the 8-pointed star but with the shape of the state of Minnesota, I think having Ms for Minnesota is redundant. I would really like to see a star that looks like a star. As some people in the meeting said the star is the most important part. It needs to be identifiable from a distance as a star. I think having 4 colors is fine. I like the three stripes of color I think representing our water, our winters, and our land (forests and agriculture) are all really important. The order of the stripes doesn't matter to me. Thank you for your consideration. I appreciate the hard work you are doing.
2023-12-15 08:06:33 PM	Please do not alter the artists original design. They really made a beautiful flag, and all the alternative options I've seen were a huge step down. This is our chance to have a world class flag. Trust the original artists intent.
2023-12-15 08:08:52 PM	All I have is a comment about the selected flag, f-1953. The original design is miles better than every single proposed tweak I've seen so far, and the vast majority of online opinions seem to echo this sentiment. The order of the tricolor is wonderful, the shape and color of the inverted triangle representing the states shape is great, and I love the shape of the star with 4 larger points and 4 smaller. Please do not change anything about the original f1953 design :(it's incredible as-is
2023-12-15 08:11:09 PM	Please do not offset the corner of the "K" shape. It doesn't need to be so obvious that Wisconsinites realize their state is partially outlined on our flag.
2023-12-15 08:11:36 PM	Can you please go with the original, unaltered version of the proposed redesign?
2023-12-15 08:12:40 PM	The alternative options of the tri color that aren't even tri colors are especially ugly and have been universally panned by almost all online discussion I've read concerning them. They look juvenile and cheap. The tri color with a yellow star looks like a rip off of Argentina. The original tri color design is better than any of the alternatives you have proposed. Please select the original 1935 design.
2023-12-15 08:15:31 PM	Why would you destroy the star on 1953?! It's not even clear it's a star anymore and that's the whole point. It just looks like a white dot at a distance now and it a huge downgrade. I and most everyone I've interacted with about this much prefer the original. I would literally make my own version of the original 1953 and sell it online with the actual star than this dot flag.
2023-12-15 08:18:42 PM	F1935 is a fabulous base design for Minnesota's next flag. I hope that the committee chooses a variant with a symmetrical inverted triangle, as the asymmetric versions (that look "more like Minnesota") cheapen the visual harmony and simplicity of F1935. The symmetrical inverted triangle with three stripes is a design that will age well. Thank you.
2023-12-15 08:19:21 PM	I've lived in Fridley, MN my whole life and I don't like the changes made to F1953. Leave the flag with the original artist design for F1953 PLEASE
2023-12-15 08:19:39 PM	The original design F1935 is better than any of the additional options. At most the star could be changed, but the shape and colors are better than brighter colors.

2023-12-15 08:19:43 PM	Please vary the design of F1935 as little as possible from the original submission. Every suggested edit to it has made it worse, and making the wedge shaped asymmetric looks utterly terrible. Please keep the original colors and the original symmetry.
2023-12-15 08:22:33 PM	I like the f1953. It feels Minnesotan & like a good design. The only thing I would suggest as a change is putting the white stripe in the middle so that white backgrounds don't mess with the flag, but keep the colors that shade. The green needs to be the color in f1953 because time fades colors on flags, so a darker color lasts longer. The star being thin makes it easier to identify it as a star from a distance. Those round stars will just look like a circle on top of the pole, losing its identity as a star. Additionally, the angle of the dark blue being symmetrical is easier on the eye. It'll look "off" when hung vertically if the angles are lower & will only make sense upon explanation, which is not how good design works. A design shouldn't need explanation. We can see mn without needing the asymmetry. We also need that green for color, otherwise blue on blue is just too much. It makes it feel like all mn has to offer is ice & snow.
2023-12-15 08:23:03 PM	<p>I am reaching out to ask if the original F1953 design as submitted by its artist is still a candidate for Minnesota's flag, or if the only remaining options are the ones we saw at today's committee meeting. In case it is up for consideration, I would like to express why I feel that the changes made to the color order, star, and shape may in fact go against the commission's objectives of creating an original and inclusive flag that Minnesota can truly call its own.</p> <p>As someone who lived in Minnesota and has very deep family ties to the state, and as someone who is deeply passionate about vexillology and the potential for a great flag to represent and unite the many peoples it flies over, I want to state that I feel very strongly that the original F1953 design makes for an exceptional flag and that the variations we saw today severely detract from what made it work.</p> <p>On the colors:</p> <p>The original white-green-blue tricolor is a unique and gorgeous color combination that emphasizes the wintry landscape of the state, but moving the white stripe to the center or removing it altogether turns it into a very common and generic color combination. I recall a member of the commission expressed concern that some of the variants of the flag reminded her of the flag of Somalia; while I do not see the resemblance to Somalia, I share the concern that the proposed variants would make the flag too similar to existing flags: blue-white-green or green-white-blue flag would make Minnesota's new flag contain the flags of Sierra Leone or Uzbekistan respectively. And to the credit of the member who commented on the resemblance to Somalia in the variants that scrap green for a second blue stripe, blue-white-blue is a distinctively Latin American color palette. El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, and Argentina all use that color order. The original F1953 design did not have that issue. There is no national flag that consists of a horizontal tricolor of white, green, and blue in that order, meaning that Minnesota has a real opportunity to establish a distinctive and original symbol for</p>
2023-12-15 08:23:29 PM	What happened to the star on the flag? The redesigned one looks way worse than the original. The original design and colors were perfect, just leave it as it was.

<p>2023-12-15 08:25:32 PM</p>	<p>Why is the star being changed from the original?</p> <p>I understand it is that there is some sort of symbolism with the proposed thicker eight-pointed star, but the original "compass rose" looks far better. The original star still has eight points.</p> <p>We need to walk a line between symbolism and aesthetics. Even if a symbol carries a good and appropriate meaning, if it's at the expense of a more visually pleasing flag, it's simply not worth it. There's nothing offensive or wrong with the star in the original design. Therefore, we should absolutely stick with that star.</p> <p>Additionally, why are we looking at the possibility of complicating the Minnesota geometric outline?</p> <p>Everybody knows that the proposed original outline isn't the true shape. The proposed change isn't the true shape either. However, the original outline is still quite recognizable as the shape of our state. It was created that way due to symmetry, which is more pleasing to the eye. As with the star, we should leave it symmetrical because changing it doesn't meaningfully add anything and it's at the expense of aesthetics.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:26:24 AM</p>	<p>I am voicing my opinion that flag 1953 be chosen with no alterations to the submitted color scheme.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:28:17 PM</p>	<p>I don't think the Polaris Tricolore needs any modification at all from the original. The white stripe on top keeps it more unique from other global designs.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:28:36 PM</p>	<p>Please do not proceed with any of the proposed revisions to design 1953. The change of the star (from 4 tall points and 4 short points to 8 equal points) is an obvious downgrade. The "asymmetrical" designs proposed, which change the shape of the triangular side bar, are all also severe downgrades compared to the symmetrical version, and will look especially bad when the flag hangs vertically. The oversaturated colors on the revised proposal are also a clear downgrade. The original 1953 design was excellent on its own. None of the "revisions" are an improvement.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:30:00 PM</p>	<p>Why are we replacing the Minnesota OFFICIAL motto 'L'Etoile Du Nord' with a phrase (Mni Sota Makoce) that represents only a small group of individuals in the state? I am neither French nor Dakotan, but our motto is our motto and I have grown to love the uniqueness of our french motto. It feels like a few individuals on the committee are just having a power trip based on their individual feelings.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:30:37 PM</p>	<p>I am thrilled the committee selected F1953. However, I would go with the originally submitted design. The committee's changes are going off track, especially regarding the Minnesota shape. Keep the design as it was! The white color on top is unique in flag design, making it distinct!</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:33:31 PM</p>	<p>Please DO NOT alter the original 1953 design. It is the superior design and very much liked by Minnesotans, who should ultimately have the final say in this decision.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:33:41 PM</p>	<p>Love the final design, but implore you to keep the arrow/mn border teal vertically symmetrical. The more K shaped alternate designs spoil it IMO!</p>

<p>2023-12-15 08:34:11 PM</p>	<p>Could you use the original tri color flag? If not then why? CGP grey makes great points about the state flag in his video.https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFww0W5Ugg&t=355s</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:34:59 PM</p>	<p>Please leave the 1953 flag how it originally was. The asymmetrical k is horrendous along with the new star designs.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:37:25 PM</p>	<p>Can the lime green decision be reversed to the original green featured in F1953? The lime green will not age well and if anything the state brand standards need to be updated to reflect better looking green in F1953. Additionally the new seal does not feature lime green and as such the flag shouldn't.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:37:57 AM</p>	<p>what I do not understand is whether the Tribes are or are not sovereign nations, and if they are, don't they have their own flags and seals? Why would they want to make it more confusing by adding dakota to MN seal/flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:38:14 PM</p>	<p>Shouldn't the white star point north, to represent a compass rose and therefore the north star?</p> <p>I prefer a simpler star to the rotunda star, but it doesn't evoke a north star to me at all when rotated with none of the points going toward north, east, south, or west.</p> <p>Also, could we stick with a darker forest green? Not only does that look nicer and more represent nature to me, it would allow the colors to match the blue, white, and green in current mockups of the new state seal.</p> <p>Secondarily, I'm not sure that replacing French with Dakota on the seal is an improvement. Less text seems better to me, if we're going to remove the French motto, and the Dakota phrase is already uniquely honored by being the name of the state in the first place.</p> <p>The asymmetric state shape on the left side is interesting, but I'm not sure it's needed to get the point across. Furthermore, when combined with only two stripes on the right side, I can't stop seeing a toucan.</p> <p>Also, will the original designer be involved at all in helping to incorporate the desired changes into the official design? I'm very hopeful about the opportunity to be excited about my flag as much as I'm excited to live in this state.</p> <p>Cheers,</p> <p>Mark</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:39:10 PM</p>	<p>I have posed questions several times and have yet to receive a response. What is the attendance of each member? Does every committee member reside full-time in the state of Minnesota? Who will retire the flag? What is the commission's budget? What is the cost of implementation? What is the implementation timeline? Will the State help fund the implementation?</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:41:09 PM</p>	<p>I am deeply disappointed with the flag redesign commission. Well I am not opposed to changing the Minnesota State Flag, I do not like the proposed replacements.</p>

2023-12-15 08:41:21 PM	I believe that if a decision is made to crowd source of flag design, it is disrespectful to the original design to change every piece of it that truly matters, changing the actual color of the flag to something less representative of Minnesota, changing the design of the star to something far subpar, and moving the order of the stripe colors as if it was not in a specific order on purpose to represent water land and sky. Please listen to the residents of Minnesota when we say we are happy with the original flag design and tweaks were unnecessary and disrespectful to the meaning of the original design that everyone loved so much
2023-12-15 08:41:41 PM	Why are the really poor flags designs selected by the committee reflective of a Communist Flag?
2023-12-15 08:42:16 PM	Why modify the 1953 design? I really love the original star design and colors! I'm very happy to hear that this is the basis for the new design, but really prefer the original star format and colors! I live in St. Paul. Felt the need to mention that since I'm sure you're worried about out-of-state opinions.
2023-12-15 08:43:11 PM	I like the original f1953 flag better than all of the proposed variants. It also honors the creativity of the original designer better than modifying it.
2023-12-15 08:43:24 PM	Please add F29 back into contention;this is clearly the most popular choice as voted on by the interested public. F29 is a far cleaner, clearer design than any of these, and is instantly recognizable both as a flag and a symbol on its own merit. F29 would make MN's flag as recognizable and beloved as that of New Mexico, and is an elegant representation of our beautiful state. Please reconsider F29, as voted on by the people of Minnesota.
2023-12-15 08:43:44 PM	I'm glad 1953 was chosen. Please don't change it. The compass rose star evokes the North Star better than any of the alternatives and it's more proportionally appropriate. The abstract Minnesota shape should remain symmetrical. Asymmetry destroys the subtlety of the design and will not age well. I much prefer the original colors in the original order. In tricolor designs white on top is wholly unique. White in the middle is extremely common. Please don't base the colors on current state branding. Branding can change on a whim. This flag will be around for a century or more. Keep it simple and classic. Don't try to say too much and don't hit us over the head with it.
2023-12-15 08:45:06 PM	Why does Dakota get such preference over the other languages and cultures of our state? Our state motto is officially in French, seems a bit heavy handed to make such a change in just a few minutes.
2023-12-15 08:46:05 PM	The original is much better than any of the variants and most people on social media seem to agree. Please leave F1935 as it is. Thanks
2023-12-15 08:46:25 PM	I like the original design and colors for F1953 - particularly the star. The new start looks too childish. The seal would be better with the state motto "L'Etoile Du Nord" replacing the MNI SOTA MAKOCE.
2023-12-15 08:46:45 PM	Please do not change the original design of F1953. The design of the north star, symmetrical placement of the star, symmetrical inverted triangle design, and layout of the colors are all perfect! Would be proud to hang that flag at my home! (For reference: https://images.foxtv.com/static.fox9.com/www.fox9.com/content/uploads/2023/12/932/524/F1953.jpg?ve=1&tl=1) Thanks for listening!

2023-12-15 08:47:08 PM	Please keep the original 1953 design, you are not design professionals. Design professionals love the original 1953 design with near unanimity.
2023-12-15 08:49:09 PM	Please consider the colors on the flag;the commission is not beholden to using the colors of current marketing materials. Current green and blue are not appealing. A richer green and a stronger sky blue will improve the flag. The 8 point star should be sharpened somewhat;not sure how but the large star currently looks blobby from a distance.
2023-12-15 08:49:46 PM	I know its late, but I am concerned my timely submission was not received. Are all 22 pages all the submissions for Flag? So disheartened by the selection and looking forward to the option to reject the new flag. Odd because the state seal selection was right on!
2023-12-15 08:49:51 PM	Why cant we just leave stuff alone? I found all of this to be a waste of time, money, and resources.
2023-12-15 08:50:47 PM	The star that is being placed on alterations of the selected flag looks horrendous. Truly. I can't disagree with people who say it looks like an anus. Please either go back to the original star (which looks like a star twinkling in the night) or add the starflake from F29. Also, I don't think the shape of MN needs to be exact...it looks better to be symmetrical.
2023-12-15 08:50:55 PM	Polaris tri-color is a nice choice. I'm worried that from a distance the new octogram star looks more like a big dot. The other 8 pointed star from the other finalist looks more star-like and twinkly. Consider using that. The star in the rotunda has things in the middle of it, this would not so it looks too "fat". Again from a distance it likely looks like a circle
2023-12-15 08:53:04 PM	Kindly stick with the initial star design. You've substituted the original star with the commonly known "Ohio Star."
2023-12-15 08:53:18 PM	Why are these so ugly omg no please
2023-12-15 08:53:45 PM	The colors in F1935 are perfect in pantone and placement on the original submission. Modifying those aspects will not improving.
2023-12-15 08:54:52 PM	Please keep the original 1953 design. All the altered versions of this version are much worse than the original.
2023-12-15 08:54:55 PM	About the final design selected by the Commission: I prefer the designer's original proposal to the modified versions I have seen in the press. The flag definitely needs an additional color to contrast with blue and white which, without the green, seems milquetoast, dull... And the original star with variable points adds needed sparkle to an otherwise very plain design.
2023-12-15 08:56:48 PM	Why are we considering the modified versions? The original is clearly the best.
2023-12-15 08:57:22 PM	Please keep the original design of F1953! The revisions are terrible

<p>2023-12-15 08:58:14 AM</p>	<p>you mean this isn't a joke? we are wasting time and money on something that shouldn't be changed when this state is already having huge issues already. The flag is fine and for us to wipe out the history of the state is ridiculous. We can learn from the history and if a flag is a symbol of that and we can having teaching moments so we don't repeat these thing but to wipe out our history , trial and tribulations because some small group thinks we should is offensive. AND if this waste of time isn't a joke and F1953 gets voted in Im moving . This flag looks like a 3rd world country and is an embarrassment to what Minnesota used to symbolize. As for the seal , we don't have mountains We should have the year of statehood. enough of special intrests dictating how I should feel .</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:58:25 PM</p>	<p>I am pleased to see the finalization of F1953 as the base design from today's Dec 15 meeting, but I would still urge the Commission to leave the colors and positioning in their original layout. All the alternatives fielded just do not feel like they have the same visual strength. I much prefer the white stripe on top to represent more northern snow, and I believe it provides a much more visually pleasing gradient effect running down the flag. Reducing the number of stripes potentially removes important symbolism of our water and abundant green forests. The original concept is simple as-is, 4 colors is not too many, and it does not need further pairing down. I think the muted colors look fantastic, not everything in this world has to be super saturated.</p> <p>And for the leftward Minnesota shape, keep it symmetrical: while making it asymmetric would be closer to the true shape of the state, it feels like it is creeping into over-designing. It suggests the shape without being too literal;less is more.</p> <p>Tweak the star shape as needed, but please leave the rest well enough alone. This is a beautiful flag. There will be naysayers as you well know, but this flag absolutely has the potential to be an identifying symbol in its own right as more people get used to it and accept it over time. Just don't ruin it in the 11th hour like a Vikings playoff game, and I'm not even a sports fan...</p>
<p>2023-12-15 08:59:03 PM</p>	<p>Of the 6 finalists, my personal favorite was F29. However, since it has been limited down to F1953 with a different star, I would prefer the star from F29 on F1953. I believe that would be the most visually appealing by adding just a small amount brightness to a relatively muted flag. As for the tricolor, I prefer equal sized bands and the MN shape to remain symmetrical and abstract. All together, it would be a very timeless flag that all Minnesotans could be proud of.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:00:34 PM</p>	<p>I'm glad the Commission chose F1953 as its base design for the new flag, but am disappointed that the commission seeks to make significant changes to the design. I feel that the flag as originally submitted - the symmetrical K-shape "reverse pile" on the hoist (left) side, with the original tricolors in their original order - is preferable to any alternatives I've seen. I am open to changes to the star design, but the original star is also perfectly acceptable. I think the original F1953 design is a powerful symbol of Minnesota and does not need additional symbolism crammed into it - it can stand entirely on its own as a great design to be proud of.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:00:41 PM</p>	<p>The original F1953, without alterations, is phenomenal! Although I do also like the alternative star that looks like an 'M' facing in four directions. But the color scheme of the original is perfect. The muted tones. White on top.</p>

2023-12-15 09:00:49 PM	Please keep the original! These variants just look silly...
2023-12-15 09:00:55 PM	I love that you selected F1953. It is a great design. However, please do not make the shape of the state asymmetrical. That is a terrible idea that would ruin the perfect design. Also, please keep the color green.
2023-12-15 09:00:58 PM	I'm very excited to see F1953 was chosen! Please don't alter the design by committee - leave it as it was originally submitted.
2023-12-15 09:01:38 PM	I would like to state that the proposed changes to F1953 are not as iconic as the original, and would be a step down. The original submission looks like a flag because it follows established successful rules in building meaning. The suggestions appear too modern, and will become dated quickly. The more muted colors evoke a Northern feel that will be unique to our state.
2023-12-15 09:02:57 PM	The original F1953 should NOT be changed. Any change to the design ruins what makes the flag so unique and appealing in the first place (the original cleaner north star, the muted colors, the tri-color wedge). The proposed revisions will be outdated in 10 years, while the original will feel like a classic. Thank you
2023-12-15 09:03:54 AM	Regarding the state seal please continue to use the 1858 date. It is highly important that the date of Minnesota's statehood should be retained. It signifies our place in the Union. It is an important date like 1776. I read and understand that the Dakota people in Minnesota take offense at the date but that same sentiment must also then see the word "state" as offensive. The fact of the matter is that Minnesota is a state in the United States signifying all of the benefits and responsibilities therein. The date announces our place in this magnificent union. The state seal is important and should include the statehood date. If not there is hypocrisy in even leaving the word "state" on the seal.
2023-12-15 09:04:03 PM	My comments are in regards to the finalist for the state flag. Firstly I would like to say that I am in full support of 1953 being the finalist, an excellent flag that represents our state well. I believe the suggested revisions, however, are a step in the wrong direction. I think the original color pallet was better suited for both flag design and as Minnesota colors. The dark green invokes thoughts of trees, forests, and the flora MN is known for. The lime green shown for the revisions does not look like a color that belongs on a flag, and will fade to be too yellow with sun exposure. The more 'accurate' Minnesota shape shown in the examples completely ruins the subtle symbolism shown in the original. I would like to state that my ideal suggestion for the final flag would be Star #11 with the original tricolor palette.
2023-12-15 09:05:38 PM	Hello! Born & raised Minnesotan here- Thank you for your work on making the new MN state flag something all Minnesotans can be proud of. I'm writing to express my support of the original F1953 design. Thanks again!
2023-12-15 09:06:03 PM	I really don't think the flag finalist needs any changes. I like it the way it is and I like the way it sits in vexillological tradition while still having some new fresh elements that other flags lack. Changing the colors too much or moving the star will ruin the effect entirely. Keep it very similar to the initial design!!!!
2023-12-15 09:08:12 PM	Hello, I feel the original F1953 flag is perfect. I think people that study flags would agree. Thank you.

<p>2023-12-15 09:08:27 PM</p>	<p>While I am excited to find that F1935, the proposed changes to the original design are a bit lacking in a few areas. For starters, I find the representation behind the white stripe in the middle pleasing as it contains historical significance as well as the joyful simplicity of representing snow on our wide green fields. It broke my heart to see that none of the proposed revisions contained this white stripe. Secondly, I can see that there was an attempt made at making the blue K-shaped portion of the flag to look more proportional to Minnesota. However, I find that warping the K-shape from the original makes the flag look a bit jagged and awkward, especially when it could potentially be hung vertically. In a similar fashion, the star itself was perfectly fine within the heart of the blue K-shaped area as it provides good symmetry within the rest of the flag when hung vertically as well as horizontally. Overall, I vastly preferred the original design of F1953 compared to all of the proposed revisions and I would not be heartbroken at all if none of the revisions were accepted. This flag doesn't need to stand out as a piece of art, it just needs to look like a nice flag. The original design does that perfectly.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:10:42 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the original F1935. It has symmetry, is a unique design, and looks distinct from different angles. If you have to change the look, please please don't add words, or any text. It looks terrible on every single flag where they added it, and no one is going to see it when it's way up on a flagpole.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:11:44 AM</p>	<p>When will the new flag be available for purchase? I'm a middle school Social Studies teacher and I had a student submit a design. I have the current flag hanging in my room and I'd like to replace it as soon as possible.</p> <p>Thanks!</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:12:26 PM</p>	<p>The asymmetric design you are tried with the MN shape canton does not work well. It catches peoples eyes because it looks wrong. The original design should be the basis you go forward with since it is what you have made your designs in. There is good discussion about the star and I think the more narrow Star design looks best for the 8 point Star. The current quilt doesn't feel deisnged for a flag. Please listen to feedback on these designs. Thanks</p>

	<p>First let me say I'm very happy with the final selections of the flag and seal. You chose my favorites of both!</p> <p>My comment is related to the flag variants.</p> <p>For the flag I prefer the original variant of F1953 to all the other variants created so far. My reasons are below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The centered star, symmetrical Minnesota shape on the left, and 3 equal sized bars on the right look great when the flag is at rest or hung vertically. The asymmetric versions whether it be star, Minnesota shape, or bars would not work as well hung this way. 2. The muted colors are better. Our federal flag for the United States has very muted red and blue colors. A brighter red or blue would make the flag look less mature. While I understand the brighter colors are meant to bring the flag in line with existing Minnesota government website branding.. Those website colors were likely chosen because bright colors work well in digital. But a flag will be in the real world. 3. The original color order of the bars on the right is best. The blue, green, then white evokes that iconic Minnesota lake shore we all love.
2023-12-15	As a variant suggestion I think an version of star 11 might look just as great as the original
09:13:09 PM	variants star. But I would love either!
2023-12-15	F29
09:13:12 PM	F29
2023-12-15	F29
09:13:38 PM	F29
2023-12-15	F29
09:14:00 PM	F29
2023-12-15	<p>Why are we considering changing the colors of the proposals to match the current state branding? Minnesota will undoubtedly rebrand in the future, while this flag should be approached as if it will be our symbol for the next hundred years. The original colors, layout, symbolism, and stripe ordering of 1953 are why it made it this far, and why it is the best choice as is - no strange asymmetric redesigns.</p>
09:14:19 PM	F29
2023-12-15	<p>Original symmetrical 1953 is best! I like the white on top, and the original star. The suggested modifications simply aren't as nice. And the "lower case k" shaped non-symmetrical variants are awful...!</p>
09:16:01 PM	F29
2023-12-15	<p>I will keep spamming this comment box and proving that I'm a human with these annoying Captchas until this committee gets the point that THE PEOPLE NEED TO HAVE A VOICE in this process!</p> <p>LET THE PEOPLE VOTE!</p>
09:16:08 PM	F29

<p>2023-12-15 09:16:26 PM</p>	<p>I would like to share my thoughts on the proposed revisions to F1953.</p> <p>Please go with the original submission.</p> <p>The asymmetrical design which was proposed to look even more like the state is especially ghastly. It doesn't look good; I would never buy or represent a flag that looks like that. It is too on the nose, it goes from 'it's clever and still looks like a flag,' to 'do you get it? It's Minnesota! ... Don't you get it?'</p> <p>I prefer the original star design as well. I feel like it, in an instant, relayed the North Star aesthetic that it was aiming for. As the most northern contiguous US state, this has a strong tie to us personally. I don't mind if it is white.</p> <p>The one that has all 8 points in equal shape and size is less of a problem, but it looks like a compass as much as a star. From a design aspect is just less legible. It's not bad, just less good.</p> <p>And the third option looks too much like the snowflake from the defeated F29 design. It was, in my opinion, the weaker part of F29. I feel that it just says 'we get snow,' and so do a great many states. I don't like it, but it's not game ending for the design.</p> <p>Lastly, the stripes should be tricolor. I just think every other option is less impressive. I personally prefer the original design that has the white stripe at the top, but I do not feel particularly strong about the order of the blue and white stripe.</p> <p>I hope you took the time to read this, and to reiterate, don't go with any of the asymmetric designs. The star belongs in the middle, and the triangle should be balanced. I will not buy or support any design that goes against those two points.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:16:30 PM</p>	<p>Please, please, please do not use that 8-pointed star that is in the revised flag pictured. It will not read well from a distance and removes the representation of the North Star from the flag. The star in F2100 with the long, thinner starburst look is a better representation of the North Star, which I believe is an important symbol for our state.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:16:34 PM</p>	<p>Guys. These ARE NOT "variants" of the polaris tricolor (1953). These are ENTIRELY new flags. For the love of hotdish PLEASE just go with the original 1953 design. It's timeless. You are not flag designers. It's your job to pick the best DESIGN.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:17:09 PM</p>	<p>LET THE PEOPLE VOTE!</p> <p>LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC OPINION!</p> <p>F29</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:17:10 PM</p>	<p>Please leave 1935 to the original colors and star.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:17:43 PM</p>	<p>F29</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:18:05 PM</p>	<p>F29</p>

2023-12-15 09:18:41 PM	F29
2023-12-15 09:18:53 PM	<p>What is the reason for not considering the original colors and design for 1953? The white on top made the flag distinct from other tri-color flags. And the star design was visible even in poor visibility. Finally, the muted colors made the flag easily match most color schemes without being overbearing.</p> <p>I know it's tempting to change something based on first impressions. But it reminds me of how, in the 1980s, a soda company changed their formula based on taste tests. The result was overwhelmingly hated, because the company didn't realize that a taste that was preferred in taste tests of small samples was too sweet for everyday use.</p>
2023-12-15 09:19:13 PM	F29
2023-12-15 09:19:41 PM	<p>The star on all the "updated versions" of the flag look awful. Absolutely horrendous. Please leave the design as-is. It's not my first choice, but I absolutely believe the designer's original intention is far, far better than any of these revisions. The star looks like something I won't speak of in polite company. The 'north' star, as is on the original design of the chosen flag, is very minnesotan looking. The star on the 'updated' version looks like ass. The north star is minnesotan, pointed NSEW, partial points at the inbetween points. That's us!</p>
2023-12-15 09:19:43 PM	F29
2023-12-15 09:20:10 PM	F29
2023-12-15 09:20:17 PM	<p>Don't redesign F1953</p> <p>It prefer it as is, and think that the stripe color choices are best as they are. I also don't like an asymmetrical look for the state outline</p>
2023-12-15 09:20:17 PM	<p>I hate the redesign. The original star is so much better! Everything about the original is better! Please recommend it as it was submitted!!</p>
2023-12-15 09:20:49 PM	Do NOT alter the colors or design of F1935!
2023-12-15 09:22:13 PM	<p>Let the PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA have a say and a vote on what will become the flag of the STATE OF MINNESOTA!</p> <p>Listen to those loud negative voices telling you the truth and not the voices in your own head...</p>
2023-12-15 09:22:31 PM	F29

<p>2023-12-15 09:23:26 PM</p>	<p>Please! Do not proceed with the asymmetrical design. It looks terrible and it is too much of a change to a good flag.</p> <p>Also, please rethink the green chosen. This will fly for 100+years and shouldn't be driven by current color trends. Looks like a Seattle Seahawks flag like that.</p> <p>1953 as originally designed is better than all the proposed redesigns.</p> <p>And the original star looks better. If going with the new star, tighten it up to define the points. Otherwise it looks like an asterisk from afar.</p> <p>All in all, should have chosen f29, but since we're stuck with this one, done mess it up too much.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:23:54 PM</p>	<p>These captchas are getting real annoying, but I will keep going...</p> <p>LET US HAVE A SAY!</p> <p>LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE!</p> <p>READ THE COMMENTS ON THE STREAM! (Hint: their not positive...)</p> <p>F29</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:24:17 PM</p>	<p>F29</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:25:32 PM</p>	<p>F29</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:25:40 PM</p>	<p>Please keep 1953 exactly as it was in the finalized pool. The newer variations detract from the excellent original design.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:26:27 PM</p>	<p>F29</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:27:33 PM</p>	<p>Don't do it, the shape of 1953 is good as is. It's clever symbolism, it's not a map. Too on the nose.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:29:48 PM</p>	<p>Just stop embarrassing yourselves and START OVER!</p> <p>If you want a flag that represents EVERYONE then you need to let EVERYONE in Minnesota have a say!</p> <p>If you want to be "inclusive", then INCLUDE THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA in this process!</p> <p>F29</p>

2023-12-15 09:29:49 PM	I'm not sure the added language to the sky in the seal is needed, as it is not inclusive to the Chippewa and Objive people (the state name, though anglicized, is already a note to the source Dakota language). I believe it would be more inclusive to not add Mni Sots Makoce and leave the sky blank (with the bonus of it being less crowded as well). Thank you for all the work you have done on this!
2023-12-15 09:30:27 PM	<p>Two things:</p> <p>1) state seal: can you change it back to the state motto? It makes sense for the state motto to be on the state seal. I don't understand why this is difficult for the committee to comprehend. The seal already nods to Dakota influence because the state is called Minnesota.</p> <p>2) flag: I dislike the 8 pointed star. I understand people say it's a nod to the Dakota. I think the Polaris star looks better, and is honestly easier to draw. We are also the north star state...so, where's the north star? If you are all hell-bent on keeping the 8 pointed star, at least rotate it so a point faces up. Geez, you all clearly have no design skills.</p>
2023-12-15 09:30:47 PM	<p>At today's meeting, after 1953 was selected as the basis for the final design, a large number of changes were proposed. I encourage you to make minimal changes to the original 1953 design that has beat out so many other designs over the course of the selection process. Based on the discussion at the end of today's meeting, it seems like we may be on track to the final design more closely resembling F157 rather than F1953.</p> <p>In particular, I do not think that the shape of the star that was on most of the flags shown at the end of today's meeting is the best choice. This star (particularly in the orientation that "sits" on two points) is not immediately recognizable as a star in the same way that the other star shapes from the three finalist flags are.</p> <p>Regarding shifting the central point of the blue downward to make the leftmost element better resemble the state of Minnesota: I much prefer this idea to having text on the flag itself, though I do think that it is less visually appealing when hung vertically than the original centered point version of 1953.</p> <p>Thank you for all of your work on this redesign process. Regardless of the details of the final designs the new flag and seal will be major improvements on the current versions.</p>
2023-12-15 09:31:11 PM	I'm worried that it's not safe to let these committee members to continue to drive and operate a motor vehicle because clearly they are blind and deaf... F29
2023-12-15 09:31:35 PM	F29
2023-12-15 09:32:03 PM	F29
2023-12-15 09:32:03 PM	Please keep the original 1953 flag submission. The new Star looks like a splotch from afar and the original dark/muted colors better represent the North

2023-12-15 09:32:05 PM	Please keep 1953 as the artist designed it! The muted jewel tones are unique and so versatile for marketing. The order of water, land, sky in that order evokes sitting on one of our lakes, looking back toward the land. Please keep the abstract Minnesota as is too. The symmetry makes the flag better and stands out.
2023-12-15 09:32:41 PM	Please please keep it as is. Thank you for all the hard work!
2023-12-15 09:32:41 PM	F29
2023-12-15 09:33:01 PM	I would just wonder if it is really necessary to make any changes to 1953? Personally speaking I am a high schooler from Saint Louis Park and I attended the 2023 MN boys state where I became very invested in our state government. I think that the original design was pretty much perfect. While the redesigns are all fine I think the first one is still the best.
2023-12-15 09:33:03 PM	F29
2023-12-15 09:33:09 PM	Please reconsider the original 1953 submission. Also the uneven triangle is too much and makes what could be a great flag ugly.
2023-12-15 09:34:30 PM	I do not like the asymmetrical variant(s) of the flag, as it wouldn't look good being displayed vertically.
2023-12-15 09:34:46 PM	We live in a democracy, right? So let's solve this problem democratically. LET US HAVE A SAY! LET US VOTE! I would bet my life on the fact that F29 would win if it were up to the public.
2023-12-15 09:35:39 PM	I propose that we redesign this committee before we decide on a redesign for the flag... F29
2023-12-15 09:36:12 PM	Hello, the original 1953 design is wonderful. Please do not attempt any modifications. Let a good thing be.
2023-12-15 09:36:29 PM	F29
2023-12-15 09:36:30 AM	Why are you marginalizing large portions of Minnesotans? Why are you only focusing on certain people groups and not All those who live here? Why are you erasing MN history?
2023-12-15 09:37:10 PM	F29
2023-12-15 09:37:42 PM	Please keep it close to 1953 as possible with the three stripes. I really like the green and think it adds more pop. Also, I think the flag looks best centered and not asymmetric.
2023-12-15 09:37:54 PM	F**k you. Leave the flag alone fags.
2023-12-15 09:38:06 PM	The redesign of 1953 on December 15th is a crime. Why do that to the star? Why mess with the colors? I don't understand and I'm so disappointed in the way this has gone. I wish the six finalists would have been put on a special election ballot for state residents to vote on. Please, please reconsider putting the designs out for the public to rank vote.

<p>2023-12-15 09:39:28 PM</p>	<p>Bring back f29. Or if you don't, at least stop trying to make f1953 worse.</p> <p>My question is how can we justify putting Mni Sota Makoce on the seal when it only represents one community (and not even all native communities)? It seems like the "purpose of the committee" specifically says not to do that. I'd say from what I've seen of this committee in action it's been commandeered by people with more concern about their own niche special interests and not enough concern about making a good flag that represents all the people of Minnesota. I think if you all can't do that and stick to the original guiding objectives of the committee, then you've already failed and we should just try again next year with a better suited committee.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:39:41 PM</p>	<p>Dr. Beane has inspired me to rename our state too!</p> <p>Let's call it East Dakota! That name fits better with the seal design and the direction that the flag design is going anyways.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:42:24 PM</p>	<p>Please keep 1953 as close to the original design as possible. The proposed changes that remove the three strips are too much and ruin the look. I also think that keeping the design symmetrical is important. It is more aesthetically pleasing that way.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:43:07 PM</p>	<p>PLEASE don't change the colors. Maybe move white to the middle? The new colors look too much like the mn.gov website, just keep the original flag! The new one feels so branded. Also like the wolves colors, I'd rather the wolves make a jersey inspired by the flag rather than a flag inspired by the wolves.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:44:29 PM</p>	<p>Just commenting that I think that the final selection should remain as is. We Minnesotans have been able to view and comment on the designs throughout the fall and have come to accept them as they are. Please reconsider further designs. Thank you.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:44:30 PM</p>	<p>Why are you trying to change the artist's original design? Your proposed variations are awful. Keep the original artistic vision intact and stop trying to insert yourselves into the design process.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:44:32 PM</p>	<p>The original F1953 is PERFECT! None of the modifications make meaningful improvements, the muted color is appropriate for our state and the order of the colors with white at top tells a story. Why try to improve on perfection?</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:45:07 PM</p>	<p>Please use the original star design from submission F1953 instead of the 8-pointed 'Ohio star'.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:45:20 PM</p>	<p>I just wanted to give my input on the revised flag design. I think the original design for flag submission 1953 was perfect with the original star. The 8 pointed star is just too big and clunky. The original star just looked nicer. I even prefer the white stripe on top. It doesn't make sense having it in the middle. It's supposed to represent snow, it would be over the earth, not under it.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 09:47:20 PM</p>	<p>Watching this committee process play out has been like watching a Vikings game:</p> <p>You gave us hope with F29, but you ended up fucking it all up right at the end of the game. You had a chip shot field goal and you missed wide right.</p> <p>Please God, let there be a Minnesota Miracle and make this committee realize they need to call an audible before the game ends...</p>

2023-12-15 09:47:38 PM	The original 1953 flag design is much better than all of the proposed edited designs. Please choose the original version as it represents ALL Minnesotans!
2023-12-15 09:51:29 PM	Please stick with the original design for flag F1953 instead of a redesign. The original design works perfectly as a normal flag and if you choose to hang it like a banner.
2023-12-15 09:51:34 PM	Real uninspiring stuff. A clumsy attempt at geographic symbolism. A washout color scheme. Obvious over tinkering by the committee. Real bottom drawer stuff. And it would loom lousy n a football helmet (my personal shorthand for notable and recognizable design. Mississippi's new flag nails the football helmet test, as does New Mexico). My question? Do you think this is your best effort?
2023-12-15 09:52:41 PM	I quite like the 1935/53 tricolor but the original design looks much better than the proposed one with adjustments. The entire point of the star is to be Polaris, the north star, and changing the design of the star just looks worse. Also think the original's muted colors look better.
2023-12-15 09:54:43 PM	F1953 is a great design! I think the star should be the one originally submitted. The star that's currently on there looks more like a circle from far away and can't be oriented so it points in the cardinal directions. The original Polaris star would be best or the four pointed star from the seal.
2023-12-15 09:56:02 PM	1953 original was best. Please choose it over revisions
2023-12-15 09:56:30 PM	The redesign if the selected flag has undeniably stripped it of its symbolism, subtlety, and timeless style. Changing the star from a traditional "northern star" so an equilateral 8-point star while also changing the color scheme has fundamentally altered the flag and has made it appear forced and brutish. The only real remnant of the original design is the remaining K, all the other alterations have stripped the flag of its charm which so many Minnesotans have come to appreciate and take pride in. It should be returned and alterations made in light with the original meaning of the flag, ideally only with consultation and approval of the original designer.
2023-12-15 09:57:01 PM	Please keep the original design! All these changes are for the worse. Please, I will buy the original in a second!
2023-12-15 09:58:02 PM	Flag Design 1953 is fine how it was. I do not like any of the tweaks that were made. The original design is symbolic, colorful and captures the spirit of Minnesota perfectly.
2023-12-15 09:58:43 PM	1953, no redesign needed. It's a great flag design
2023-12-15 09:59:10 PM	Why did you change the green to such a horrible lime green?? and why use the fat star?? What a disappointment. If you had to pick a striped flag instead of a symbol that we could be known by- you could at least not butcher it.
2023-12-15 09:59:11 PM	F1953 was perfect the way it was before any revisions - please reconsider changing anything with it!

2023-12-15 09:59:29 PM	<p>Hi! I wanted to make a comment as a member of the Minnesota public, and I'm not sure where else to make it but here. I saw some alternates of F1953 presented that introduced asymmetry or replacing the stripes with a plain blue. While some of my favorite designs may be gone (I would have been very proud to see F29 as our flag), I would like to advocate for the original structure of F1953 while I still can, as I'd still be proud to see that represent us.</p> <p>The asymmetry proposed, I feel, would give the feelings our old flag does: almost a sort of jankiness and too much specific detail over good design. And while I'm not a big fan of tricolor stripes, I feel it'd be better than a solid different-but-almost-the-same-blue color. I fear these deviations from F1953 would have us wishing we could redesign it yet again, though anything would be an upgrade;)</p> <p>Thank you to whoever reads these. I hope you have a good rest of your day!</p>
2023-12-15 09:59:48 PM	<p>I've loved F1953 since the beginning, and am very pleased to see it picked as a basis for the final design;but please keep most of it as is! We love the colors and original star design! Too many revisions, and you've lost the entire spirit of the flag. Thank you!</p>
2023-12-15 10:00:59 PM	<p>One more thing to add, I like the original F1953 the best. I know the colors don't match the official branding, but the colors are much more timeless than the branding and the bright green and blue will look dated quickly. Putting the white in the middle is a good move though.</p>
2023-12-15 10:02:15 PM	<p>The original F1953 is perfect there is no reason for a redesign at this stage.</p>
2023-12-15 10:03:54 PM	<p>1953 how it was originally designed is excellent. Love the change of the red eye in the seal as well!</p>
2023-12-15 10:05:42 PM	<p>I much prefer the original F1935 tricolor flag with the original star shape and muted colors. The F29 star/snowflake does not work at all on this flag. Please keep the original. Thank you.</p>
2023-12-15 10:06:22 PM	<p>No question. I just want join the large number of individuals who are expressing that the original 1953 design is fine the way it is, and none of the revisions put forward so far have approached the quality of the original. Please keep the design unchanged, that flag is gorgeous and we would be proud to wave it.</p>
2023-12-15 10:07:03 PM	<p>Not a question but a comment. Please stick with the original color scheme of the f1953 design. It looks far better and actually represents something.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
2023-12-15 10:08:55 PM	<p>Please please please please do not make 1954 asymmetrical. It looks like dog water and completely defeats the original design. Put aside your stupid personal agendas and make a good flag!</p>
2023-12-15 10:09:07 PM	<p>Please bring the original 1953 design back into consideration! The star change and the stripes order/color changes are wildly different than the original. Very much not a fan of this design by committee tinkering *after* the public submissions</p>
2023-12-15 10:09:40 PM	<p>The asymmetrical revisions to F1953 look like shit GO WITH THE ORIGINAL</p>
2023-12-15 10:10:11 PM	<p>Leave F1953 as is. It looks better than any of the variants.</p>
2023-12-15 10:10:34 PM	<p>I just saw the flag that you guys picked for our state. By chance did any of you compare it to the Palestinian flag because it looks rather similar?</p>
2023-12-15 10:12:50 PM	<p>Please please PLEASE stick with the original 1953 design. Particularly the star and the colors should not be changed at all. You have an opportunity to do something great, don't mess it up at the last second.</p>

	<p>F1953 was easily the best choice when considering aesthetics and ease of replicating while still being unique, and the overlapping star design was properly symbolic without being too complicated. It is extremely disappointing it was discarded. That flag would have put us in the top 2 best state flags right next to New Mexico.</p> <p>While F1953 was not the worst of the final choices, all of the revisions presented ruin anything it had going for it. If F1953 has to be the one, please at least choose the original design submitted.</p> <p>I highly recommend reconsidering even going with F1953, however. It looks like a soccer team's flag or a banner meant to be hung with the swallowtail pointed down, like some decoration separating the championship banners at hockey rinks and college sports arenas. The swallowtail design being unique is neat but it isn't visually appealing at all, instead making it look like we cut a regular swallowtail flag in half, swapped the front and the back, and submitted it as a last minute plagiarized assignment. It looking vaguely like the shape of Minnesota feels tacky, too, as if we are reminding the rest of the US what we kind of look like so they can pin us down on a map easier without having to imagine us as a weird hat on a chef made up of states they actually know. The two or three horizontal colored bars feel unnecessary and empty when the only reason the colors were chosen is because they are the generic colors of nature that you can find in most of the world. Bars are not common in US state flags, which you'd think might make this a good choice, but in reality it's just going to make people ask what foreign country this flag belongs to.</p> <p>F1953 is an ugly Great Value "we've got flags at home!" disappointment that I'm already ashamed of and it isn't even the state flag yet. At least it's better than the 90's Dixie Cup art on F944.</p>
2023-12-15 10:15:27 PM	I'm sure this and similar feedback won't matter and we will end up with the ugliest flag in the nation yet again, but this time in an outdated corporate branding style. On the positive side,
2023-12-15 10:15:37 PM	I think the flag should stay mostly as it is, just take out the offensive part and leave the rest. It's already a beautiful and unique flag that shouldn't be changed much.
2023-12-15 10:16:03 PM	1953 is a good choice but wow the revisions are hideous. Keep the original design with the white stripe on top. The star revision now looks terrible. Keep the original star design.
2023-12-15 10:18:05 PM	I've lived in the Twin Cities all my life, and want to express my disapproval of the committee's choice in Minnesota's new flag design. I am disappointed that several of the very exciting designs were overlooked and didn't even make it into the finalists. Please just go back to the old 1957 design.

<p>2023-12-15 10:20:54 PM</p>	<p>I watched the meeting today and want to thank all of the committee members who have been working on this. Today you made great strides towards our new flag.</p> <p>I have a few comments I'd like to share:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) I agree that the Minnesota Star is the way to go. No other state flags have an 8 point star and matches the capitol. 2) I think the star orientation should be turned so that it has a north point... otherwise it isn't a North Star but an 8 point star. 3) the star on the seal should also be the Minnesota Star so they match 4) with the feedback from today of wanting some 'waves', could the stripes be made 'wavy'? 5) you should try a 3 stripe: bottom- light blue water, middle- green for land, top- light blue sky 6) you should keep the state part symmetrical because when it's hung from the side, it forms an 'M' <p>Looking forward to seeing the final design.</p> <p>lifelong resident of Minnesota (currently living in Montrose)</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:21:35 PM</p>	<p>Hello, Please do not change the colors of F1953. The new lime green color looks terrible and seems only changed to meet the current MN "brand language". Which works fine for digital screens, but means nothing for a flag that exists in the real world and must stand the test of time. the MN brand language will be changed within 5-10 years and the flag would look out of place.</p> <p>Also, putting white as the middle stripe seems very boring. Every tricolor flag in the world has the white stripe in the middle, we have a chance to be different and the white just looks better on top.</p> <p>You picked a great flag as the finalist, just don't mess it up by "designing by committee" and ruining the reasons everyone liked it in the first place.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:22:16 PM</p>	<p>I definitely prefer the original 1935 flag design. I prefer the star shape, the colors, and the stripe order.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:23:14 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the original design of the selected flag!</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:23:23 PM</p>	<p>Please leave the flag design as-is. The symmetry in the Minnesota shape on the left looks best with the three stripes on the right.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:24:26 PM</p>	<p>The Seal should have the date that Minnesota became a state. That is something to be proud of. It should have " étoile du nord" on it because that has been our motto. Why are you getting rid of history? Don't make our flag look like a kindergartener drew it, please.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:25:25 PM</p>	<p>F1953's inverted chevron is an incredible design, moving it down to sell the 'it looks like Minnesota' part entirely ruins the look, as does doing away with the three bars. Blue over White over Green does make a bit more sense than the original design though.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:25:38 PM</p>	<p>Lowering the angle in the hoist so it matches the state outline is a wonderful revision. The outline of the state is something very recognizable that I see on shirts all the time already.</p>

<p>2023-12-15 10:25:56 PM</p>	<p>Thank you for your hard work. As a lifelong public servant I know working in committees is often hard and thankless.</p> <p>I would like to throw my support behind keeping the original design of F1953 as unchanged as possible. I would much prefer something that keeps to simple lines and a muted color palette. Flags are not meant to be “on the nose” and trying to make the ‘K’ look more like Minnesota feels cheesy and undignified. We don’t need to hammer it home that the ‘K’ is Minnesota. Everyone gets that. Plus, I would be concerned that something so asymmetrical could look strange when flying on a flagpole.</p> <p>Again, thank you for your time and service to the State of Minnesota.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:26:47 PM</p>	<p>Hey y'all the original redesign with the white stripe on top and the muted colors is the move . That's the best one. Much love from St. Paul</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:26:59 AM</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:28:49 PM</p>	<p>Lifelong Minnesotan. I cannot find a single relatable element in any of these designs. The blue is not the same color as lakes or rivers. The green is not reminiscent of our fields or forests - too light in color. The blocky elements are boring and not reflective of our culture, landscapes, or history. No motto. No human elements. Groupthink gone bad. Start over with a clean reboot.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:29:13 AM</p>	<p>One of the three final designs looks very similar to the City of Duluth's flag. See https://duluthmn.gov/media/13184/final-flag-vector-file.pdf</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:30:11 PM</p>	<p>The final star should not be the M themed Ohio star, which although has native ties, is also called the Ohio Star. Don't be a state that takes another state's start and puts it on their flag.</p> <p>Keep the original star, or at least orient the star so one point is straight up, which always looks more like how a star is depicted.</p> <p>Lastly, the asymetric K shape doesn't work, and looks like a drunk Pac Man vomiting (especially with the new lime green color that is terrible).</p> <p>Just keep the original and go home.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:30:49 PM</p>	<p>Why did people go through the trouble of submitting thousands upon thousands of designs only for the committee to drastically remake the end result? Please use a submitted design from the public - as it stands you’re basically disregarding the work of thousands of Minnesotans to get your personal touch on the flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:31:30 AM</p>	<p>poooooopy head</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:32:08 AM</p>	<p>69 lol</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:32:40 PM</p>	<p>Leave the original design alone. The muted colors work. The Dakota Star looks stupid. Don't fumble this on the goal line.</p>
<p>2023-12-15 10:33:38 AM</p>	<p>69420</p>

2023-12-15 10:34:10 AM	ur mom
2023-12-15 10:35:48 AM	F1953 is clearly the superior flag out of the 3 finalists. PLEASE don't change the tone of the colors or put white in the middle! It ruins the look and symbolism of the flag to have white snow in the middle between green land and blue water. The white on top makes the flag look more distinctive as well. The proposed changes with brighter colors to match state branding look cartoonish, especially the brighter blue on the inverted triangle. The muted colors on the original design evoke a cozy winter feeling and again make the flag stand out.
2023-12-15 10:40:01 PM	I don't exactly follow why you're altering a flag after asking for feedback on which one citizens wanted. Citizens picked one and now you're changing the one they picked so it's no longer the one they chose.. All of the alterations are bad, go back to the original design.
2023-12-15 10:40:37 PM	Leave the design 1953 alone. No stupid offcenter k or star, and use the three colors like alot of other flags
2023-12-15 10:40:38 PM	Please reconsider F29 as an option. Thank you!
2023-12-15 10:41:48 PM	This is the best base design of the three finalists. The 8-point star is too busy and will look like a circle from a distance. A 4-point star is a better design. The symmetrical state shape is the correct option. The tri-color is nice with sky blue, white, green. The green needs to be darker. Lime green will be dated fast.
2023-12-15 10:41:54 PM	Use the original F1935 design the redesigns are are bad. PLEASE DO NOT DO ASYMMETRICAL
2023-12-15 10:42:13 PM	I really like the original version of Flag 1953 with its original colors, I feel the change in colors and pattern wash the flag out and it doesn't pop as well. The original twinkling star on the design also pops as the "North Star State" vs the star in the capital while unique doesn't pop as nice from a distance that a flag needs to. I'd be proud to have the original version of 1953 and all the redesigns I saw today felt half baked and not well thought out, taking the symbolism designed into 1953 away and trying to shoehorn those symbolisms into not well thought through designs. As a Minnesotan I'm happy with the flag the committee has chosen but I implore the committee to not mess with a wholly complete and well thought out design, with a quickly shoehorned in redesign.
2023-12-15 10:45:40 AM	I object to all three "finalist" designs for the flag. They are devoid of any meaningful reference to the great state of Minnesota. They are simplistic abstractions, created in order to appease minorities.
2023-12-15 10:47:29 PM	I think you should go with the original design for F1953. It looked great as it was!
2023-12-15 10:50:55 PM	F1953 In the flag discussion in its original form further reflects the goals of the redesign reasoning, new modifications are too harsh and harder to look at
2023-12-15 10:51:13 PM	Just wanted to say I very happy that you went with F1935 and am very excited to see it as a symbol of our state. I am excited to started buying merch of it. I am just inquiring as to why it needs to be tweaked any further? I am of the opinion that the current iteration that made the final 6 is perfect as is and feel that the presented changes, while not bad, are not as good. If I could vote, I would vote on it staying as is. Regardless, I am very excited to see the new flag next year.

2023-12-15 10:51:15 PM	I agree with the many voices I've seen online saying that all of the variations of F1935 that the committee has offered do not look or feel like a real state flag, or at the very least, look like a Minnesotan flag. I am personally a fan of F29, but out of the three finalist that the committee had chosen, F2100 with the star on the left hand side was the only variation that truly felt like a proper state flag. Our state deserves a flag that is majestic and dignified, and I sincerely hope that you are able to find and agree on an option that truly represents our state. Thank you.
2023-12-15 10:51:42 PM	I think the colors and change to the star for the proposed state flag are tacky and too bright.
2023-12-15 10:51:51 PM	The original F1953 flag with the "twinkle" star should be chosen. The "fat" star that's been selected not only looks bad, people are saying it looks like a bright white butt hole.
2023-12-15 10:52:13 PM	Please preserve design number 1953 (Andrew Prekker's Polaris Tricolor) as is (top image here https://minnesotareformer.com/briefs/final-concept-selected-for-new-state-flag/) Other variations visible on the Minnesota subreddit have terrible coloring and the bizarre quilt star currently visible on this very page is bloated in visual weight in comparison to the balance of the smaller staggered rays of the original etoile
2023-12-15 10:53:17 PM	Stay with original Polaris Tricolor
2023-12-15 10:56:32 PM	Please please if you're going with F1953 stick to the original design and colors, that's what made it to the finals not some random redesign after it made it there. And if you do decide to fumble worse than our sports teams at least keep it a tri-color or we will forever be the ones who copied Texas.
2023-12-15 10:57:10 PM	Please please if you're going with F1953 stick to the original design and colors, that's what made it to the finals not some random redesign after it made it there. And if you do decide to fumble worse than our sports teams at least keep it a tri-color or we will forever be the ones who copied Texas.
2023-12-15 10:57:25 AM	Why all 3 the same? There is no difference between the 3. There was many better and different designs submitted. Why pick 3 the same?
2023-12-15 10:58:36 PM	Why on earth did you remove the State Motto, and the State founding date from the STATE SEAL? The seal is supposed to represent the state. Removing the state motto and the state founding date removes the entire idea of it being a state seal. The working on the outside ring should just say "The Great State of Minnesota" It saying "the great seal of the state of minnesota" sounds redundant. Having the word MNI SOTA MAKOCE on there is clearly favoring the Dakota Indians over all other tribes and heritages that live in the state. Put the state motto back on the seal.
2023-12-15 10:59:04 PM	F1953 is by far the best among these finalists. Additionally, it is perfect as-is and should NOT be modified!

	<p>I would like to comment on the final flag design.</p> <p>I think the proposed change at the end of the latest session towards the "realistic" abstract shape of Minnesota (aka it being shaped EXACTLY like the state) loses the point of why the shape was like that in the original design. The reason for the abstractedness of the original design is the reason why people loved it so much, it still retains the shape of the state AND keeps it symmetrical with 2 or 3 stripes (3 stripes being my preference). Also, with the asymmetry you lose how good the flag would look when it is hanged vertically which was another large part of why I (and many people) were a fan of that design.</p> <p>Some minor thoughts on other design proposals. I would say that 3 stripes is a FAR better design than the suggested two stripe designs or no stripes. Two stripes doesn't feel like it gives a good divide which having three stripes can do, especially with white in the middle. No stripes and just a singular color to the right of the shape makes the design feel more dull and not stand out as much as the original design does.</p> <p>On the star suggestions, i prefer the points going in the compass directions (top point being north etc.) keeps the same favored star design but makes it appear more star-like. I would like to see some slightly thinner star options (as shown in F2100-A) just to see how it fills that same space.</p>
2023-12-15 10:59:07 PM	To sum up, from the designer proposed changes I think F1953-A is by far the best design but maybe with the star rotated to the compass points.
2023-12-15 11:00:52 PM	All revisions for the selected flag are horrible. Leave it as is, the new star looks awful, and it also breaks the rules by singling out a group of people.
2023-12-15 11:00:59 PM	Please stick with the original colors of F1935. They look great and make us unique amongst flags in the world.
2023-12-15 11:01:27 PM	The star on the flag design adopted on Dec 15 is terrible. Either rotate it slightly so that there are no perfectly horizontal or vertical edges, use one of the stars from any of the final 3 designs, or just fully commit to the star of F29. Please do the right thing. We don't want to look like jerks in front of the other states.
2023-12-15 11:02:50 PM	Flag F29 was a by far the best design of the top 6. Your choice of F1935 is disappointing. However, if you use this flag, take the star flake from F29 and place it on this flag. Keep it a symmetrical flag. The green should be slightly darker. The White line should stay in the middle, but make it slightly thinner than the outside lines.
2023-12-15 11:03:52 PM	<p>First of all, I'm very happy with the final flag selection. I love the colors that are being used in the variations as well! I'm very excited to have a state flag that I actually want to display and one that will look good on signs, products, clothes, etc. I'd like to comment on what I want the final to look like.</p> <p>First, please keep the green stripe on the flag. It speaks to MN's natural beauty and is a unique element that will make it stand out from other flags. Second, please do not make the shape on the left side asymmetrical. It looks best in the style of the original design. Third, I really love the 8-pointed star symbol, but the Polaris-style star with equal points looks better at a distance because there's more negative space between the points.</p> <p>Thank you! I look forward to having this flag as a symbol to represent MN.</p>

2023-12-15 11:06:44 PM	The original 1953 design as submitted is leagues above the proposed variants. Please do not water down a clear, beautiful design that will be iconic for years to come in the name of consensus building.
2023-12-15 11:08:26 PM	Do not change it from the original tricolor, with all due respect your edited versions are horrid.
2023-12-15 11:08:50 PM	What happened to f29? All my homies prefer f29.
2023-12-15 11:12:44 AM	I am extremely disappointed that 2 of the 3 finalists feature a "North Star" that is essentially the Spire Credit Union logo. Spire is a fine Credit Union and a Minnesota based business, but their logo should not be enshrined on our state flag.
2023-12-15 11:13:25 PM	I would like to know the reasoning behind changing the colors and star on F1953. Brighter colors will simply make the flag look sun faded. Any sun faded flags will simply look white when flying. Additionally I don't understand the reasoning behind the change to the star. The new design makes it feel very unbalanced. 8 points across 4 faces feels very awkward. I would urge the committee to change the colors and star back the the original presented in F1953.
2023-12-15 11:14:56 PM	All of these revisions are terrible and ruin the original design. It wasn't my first choice, but the original is a million times better than any of the changes the committee has made. Stick with the original the designer made or stick with the old flag. You're making a camel (a horse designed by committee).
2023-12-15 11:15:23 AM	Is the new state seal even legal? The racist preference given to the natives is insulting to the rest of the state's population.
2023-12-15 11:16:53 PM	As a Bloomingtonian with a love for good flag designs from across the country, and around the world, I much prefer the use of a more "compass" styled 8-point star for the new state flag. I believe it will age much better aesthetically as a symbol for our northern state in the coming decades/centuries.
2023-12-15 11:18:10 PM	I'm real happy you all decided to select 1953 as the new flag, but I equally dislike the variations of the design presented to us. I hope we can come closer to the design as submitted, as the colors and design of the star just look so much better than what's being proposed right now.
2023-12-15 11:22:08 AM	Viewing some of the potential modified versions of the final 3 flags I would just like to comment that if the order of the colors on f1953 were arranged to be green, white, blue that it would too closely resemble the flag of the country of Sierra Leone. I would suggest keeping the original colors and orders proposed in f1953 as it could become an unique symbol of our state.
2023-12-15 11:22:13 PM	Please consider using the original design for F1935 instead of the new proposed redesigns. Great flag design as it is and it is confusing what the current minnesota color scheme/brand needs to be applied to this flag. If anything, why couldn't the color scheme om Minnesota slowly be phased into the colors that match this flag? I know you have no say in Minnesotas color scheme as the flag commission, but it feels like the color scheme as a requirement for the flag could have been shared with the public at the beginning of this whole process. Please consider having the f1935 flag design remain as submitted.

2023-12-15 11:24:30 PM	Choose original F1953 and remove Dakota text from seal.
2023-12-15 11:25:46 PM	F1953 is perfect as it is, and I don't think there needs to be any changes to it. It's going to be the only flag with an inverted triangle (shape of Minnesota) and it will absolutely be instantly iconic because of that. If the 8 pointed star needs to be changed, I highly recommend using the Dakota heritage influenced white portion of the star-flake from F29 as the replacement, including the negative space. The blue spacing between the white integers will make it look great. There is a very popular Youtube creator that sits on multiple flag committees that has analyzed the MN state flag before. He's not a Minnesotan, but I am, and I encourage you to take his advice. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFwwo0W5Ugg
2023-12-15 11:28:42 PM	If F1953 is chosen (and for the record, I think that's a great choice), it should be much closer to its original design. These new colors are unappealing together (the green is atrocious) and that star makes it look like a stock image. Also, do NOT, under any circumstances, make the design asymmetrical, you would be a laughing stock if you did that. Sincerely, a graphic designer
2023-12-15 11:28:55 PM	The original 1953 design is perfect as is and should not be modified. It would make the Minnesota flag unique and unprecedented. Please leave it as is.
2023-12-15 11:30:45 PM	I love F1935, but please don't make it asymmetrical. It would look weird if hung vertically. It's a flag, not a map. The original symmetrical shape was perfect in its subtly. F1935 Booya!! Thank you for your time. -Andrew
2023-12-15 11:31:27 PM	The unmodified 1953 looks better than any of the proposed modifications.
2023-12-15 11:32:28 PM	I'm writing to share my opinion regarding the Commission's proposed revisions to the state seal and flag finalists. In both cases, the original proposed design was far better than anything else put forward at the meeting, and by excessively tampering with them, the Commission risks losing the intent and thought put in by the original designers. Please consider adopting F1953 as the state flag and S224 as the state seal, without modifications. Spending time meddling with a well-liked design will result in a hodgepodge of changes that try and fail to appease everyone. Thank you for your time and consideration.
2023-12-15 11:36:41 PM	Please keep the original tricolored Polaris design and stop making changes to it
2023-12-15 11:39:30 PM	Will you please reconsider the edits you made to 1953? The new star, while I understand why you are privy to it, looks like a circle or an anus from far away. It's fine for a design on a blanket or the floor of the Capitol, but on a flag it doesn't work. The other kind of star is much more elegant and symbolic enough. The asymmetrical MN shape is just visually awful on a flag. I also do need t like the new shades of green on the flag you introduced. It doesn't need to match the branding for the state. It doesn't work on a flag like it works on a computer screen. Please consider making minimal changes to what the artist of 1953 has provided. I think you guys are overthinking a lot of this and 1953 as is looks great.
2023-12-15 11:43:54 PM	PLEASE PLEASE PLEASEEEE keep the original colors for the tri-color flag. No change is necessary, and don't change just for the sake of change! Thanks
2023-12-15 11:47:50 AM	Why are only a handful of people deciding on the flag? Why isn't everyone in MN voting on it? Obviously an agenda is being pushed here. There was nothing wrong with the old flag. Why are you erasing history?
2023-12-15 11:49:55 PM	Revisions of 1953: Star looks like Ohio star. It needs to be redone. But I like the two tone color scheme.

2023-12-15 11:49:58 PM	Please please please do not go with F1953 it is so brining and unrecognizable. Please reconsider F29 and F944
2023-12-15 11:50:32 PM	Please reconsider F29 as the basis for our new state flag. It is elegant in its simplicity, while also incorporating two cultural touchstones which are familiar to citizens of every region and demographic of our state (the snowflake, and the North Star). It also lends itself well to adaptation for all sorts of Minnesota branded swag (hats, mugs, bumper stickers, laptop stickers, etc.), making it easier to share our love for our great state, and raise Minnesota's profile at the same time.
2023-12-15 11:52:06 AM	The choices the committee has made are very disappointing. They've chosen very poorly and are not representing the vast majority of Minnesotans. Re-start this process with a new committee. The flags chosen for the final round are all bad. F29 was the best of the poor choices made but this process should be restarted by folks that actually represent Minnesotans.
2023-12-15 11:53:46 PM	I was very pleased when I saw the SERC pick my favorite of the three finalists. As a resident of Minnesota I was thrilled to finally have a flag that i could add to my collection and proudly display. After the changes to F1953 however I feel the identity of the flag was completely abandoned and I would no longer support the flag in its current layout. Primarily because it lost all aesthetic appeal to be hung vertically, and it lost all beauty from it's simplicity.
2023-12-15 11:53:59 PM	Can you not change anything with F1953? It's perfect as is.
2023-12-15 11:55:41 PM	I like the original 1953. Please don't revise the design.
2023-12-15 11:57:29 AM	The best flag is John Muller's design, with the North Star on a sky blue waters background, a wavy white line of snow in the center, and green fields and forests below. Only changes you need to make to the design are a few slight modifications: instead of centering the North Star, move the star to the left, centered over the dip in a thicker wavy white stripe. Reasons for these modifications: moving the North Star to the left closer to the flagpole and making the white stripe thicker will make them appear more prominently on a flying flag. Please make these modifications to this flag design and select this flag to be the best flag to represent our state of Minnesota. Thank you. ~ Christopher Lucas, Graphic Artist and Vexillologist, Red Wing, Minnesota.
2023-12-15 11:57:48 PM	I just don't understand how including only one of our three native tribe's languages on our seal is inclusive. In fact, it's exclusive. Aside from our diverse Native American culture, which I hold great respect for. We have many thriving cultural communities. I just think this committee has taken the wrong approach here. These changes in place to satisfy the needs of a niche committee serve no one but a select few's interest. I am just urging you to listen to the community of our state because I am not the only one feeling this way. It feels like compromising until deciding on something that no one likes. I'm extremely disappointed

<p>2023-12-15 12:46:05 PM</p>	<p>I don't know who or how this "Committee" was chosen. I think the flag revisions you have chosen as finalists are disgusting. As I told the Governor, I can do that too... Here's a Star ☆ ... Here's some green ... and, here's some blue . How, on God's green earth, does this say "MINNESOTA"?? It could represent lots of places. I am fed up with all of your artistry(?). I will be ashamed to live in Minnesota, if that's all that our State Flag and Seal are going to claim. It's infuriating to me. The State should direct all of the time and money that you people are wasting to the homeless, food shelves, and other IMMEDIATE needs of the people of Minnesota instead of redesigning a flag and seal that many people don't care so much about. Take care of our Veterans, elderly, homeless, mentally and physically ill people FIRST! Do you people think these needy people give a damn about our State Flag or Seal ?? They're digging through dumpsters for a morsel of food !! You need to re-think your priorities!!!</p>
<p>2023-12-15 12:54:42 PM</p>	<p>I didn't see a way to add suggestions regarding the flag finalist? Please select "Mirror of the Sky" - I think the designer's comments are right on and true. I heard a segment yesterday on MPR with MN school kids talking about the designs - they liked that one the best for good reasons. A couple suggestions: I would take the star from F2100 - shrink it a bit - and use that white star to replace the gold star on F944. Also please consider using the dark navy of F2100 to replace the background black of the existing F944. Finally, please simply try adding big bold letters: "STATE of MINNESOTA" - centered near the bottom of the design. And then consider. (I understand that the flag design specialists believe that's not needed and detracts from the design. But, adding that text elevates the importance of this object for the citizens of this state and others. I made a couple images/versions with the above changes - but I do not see how to send it to your commission for the final design.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:04:44 PM</p>	<p>where can we submit comments about the final flag(s) suggestions? I have seen tweaks to the final(?) one, but understand there will be additional tweaks and hope to solicit feedback before finalizing. The MN state-form 'profile's blue could be a midnight bluer. The green could have more blue, less yellow in it. The State-form blue and the stripe green could be similar to that in F2100. The light blue stripe could be like the blue in F944. The current colors in this final selection don't seem like they are in a "friendly" family hue. So please try those recommendations above. Thank you</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:05:26 AM</p>	<p>Please do not change the selected flag! The original design of 1953 is popular for a reason!</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:07:43 PM</p>	<p>Oh....which star shape are you using in this final choice? Please don't use the quilted star - we see that everywhere and are tired of it.....that is not how we visualize our nite sky. F2100's star is my choice.</p>

	<p>Thank you for choosing F1953!</p> <p>When considering modifications to the design, please keep the state outline symmetrical. The asymmetrical version that has been proposed is too literal and wouldn't look as good when hung vertically.</p> <p>I strongly support the decision to move the white stripe to the middle so it's more visible. This also makes the flag appear more balanced with the colored stripes on both outside edges.</p> <p>Please choose the light blue, white, light blue three-stripe layout. To me, it would represent sky (light blue), snow (white), and water/lakes (light blue). The symbolism is strong and the color scheme/layout is balanced and visually appealing.</p> <p>Please don't incorporate a spring green/lime green stripe. It clashes with the light blue. If you want to include a fourth color (green), please choose a shade that's more subtle, similar to the green used on the stripe in the original F1953 design.</p> <p>Please also consider revising the star again. I appreciate the cultural significance of the 8-pointed star, but the recently proposed version looks a bit like a sphincter, and now I can't unsee it. The short, broad, equally sized points of the star would also be difficult to discern at a distance -- the star would look like a slightly spiky blob. The "blob" star doesn't say "north star" to me. Would it be possible to lengthen 4 of the points to make it more "star-like" (somewhat similar to the "starflake" design everyone loved from F29, but all white)? This would be a more recognizable and attractive 8-pointed star.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:08:15 AM</p>	<p>Thank you for working hard to settle on the best possible flag. I appreciate you taking the time to consider my feedback, and I'm excited to see the final design.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:11:17 AM</p>	<p>Please keep the original design and color of the Polaris Tri-Color flag that works the best.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:14:42 PM</p>	<p>The seal design you all picked is inspired. One of the best in the nation now! Using the Dakota language name of the state however is not following the commission's own guidelines about no single-ethnicity symbols. The Dakota are not the only indigenous group in Minnesota. The official French motto would be best to represent the state government, and since French is not a common ancestry here it isn't favoring anyone. It's similar to Latin mottos on other government seals.</p> <p>The flag selected as the finalist is amazing! But please don't make it lime green just because the current government branding uses it. It will be dated so quickly. A darker green or just the original design as it was submitted is the best version of 1953.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:15:15 PM</p>	<p>Dont put dakota language on the state seal. Put Ojibwe</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:16:22 AM</p>	<p>Why are you taking the best design and ruining it? Talk about unforced errors. At least put the star back!! It's not supposed to represent any specific culture, and the Dakota one is ugly. Please don't screw this up. The state website colors will change someday. Are we going to change the colors of the flag then too??? Come on!!!</p>

<p>2023-12-16 01:18:23 PM</p>	<p>Why must the commission cfeep the need to change the chosen submission F1953? It's perfect as submitted. The changes shown, which are described as "customizing the flag for Minnesota", all detract from what is really a perfect flag as is. The newly proposed "star" takes a wonderful North Star and wrecks it to something that looks more like a nondescript asterisk. Changing the symmetric dark blue abstract Minnesota portion to a skewed figure also wrecks the initial intent. Pulling one or more of the three color stripes (white, sky blue, green), makes no sense. Please keep the original F1935 flag submit, unchanged.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:25:21 AM</p>	<p>The original Polaris Tricolor design is leagues better than any of the proposed variants.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:27:32 AM</p>	<p>Please please please do NOT go with the asymmetrical shape. The original F1953 was amazing. It's getting butchered now. Dark blue on solid light blue also looks terrible. The old flag would be better than that monstrosity.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:27:34 AM</p>	<p>This committee might be one of the most useless collection of individuals ever gathered in the state of Minnesota. At no point has this committee ever actually evaluated the best designs, rather they have chosen badly designed images so they could throw their own garbage ideas at them during a redesign. And since they managed to botch this whole process, I'd suggest a complete restart with people who aren't complete morons. But since that wouldn't be economically feasible, and this committee has decided upon the "F1953" design, the least they could do it use the original design as intended because it's infinitely better than any of the proposed changes. The changes made to "F1953" were done by someone who shouldn't be trusted to design a stick figure, let alone a flag that should represent an entire state and it's wonderful people. If "F1953" is to be the choice then let "F1953" be the choice. There is no need to allow aesthetically challenged individuals make decisions on things they aren't remotely qualified for. Then, once you're all finished, do the state a favor and never contribute to anything of import again. We'll all be better off.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:32:05 AM</p>	<p>Please DON'T pick an asymmetrical variant (With the lopsided left side). I still like the original F1953 the best, but the variants F1953A (Maybe called F1953-18?) and F1953B look good too.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:32:15 PM</p>	<p>I highly recommend that the original tricolor and star of the 1953. The star of the new redesign is significantly out-of-place -- it is too large, square, and doesn't fit the standard design of a north star. The original captures it perfectly. Variations that change the symmetry go beyond the intended design of the flag and should not be brought forward as variations. Furthermore, the colors of the original 1953 are subtle and best fit a flying flag, rather than a graphic design used on a webpage. Please respect the artist's vision and hard work -- keep the original 1953 design without variations. This design was selected as the finalist for a reason, it is unnecessary to change it for the purposes of making change. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:34:10 PM</p>	<p>F1953 is a fine choice for the flag, but keep it in it's original form. The creator is clearly a skilled designer and all changes submitted thus far make the design significantly worse.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:36:56 AM</p>	<p>Please don't modify flag 1953. It looks perfect the way it was. The original color scheme is good. The white bar on top is good, the original star is good. Your modifications to the tricolor flag just don't look good and I don't understand the point to modifying the 1953 flag. Please keep it in its original form.</p>

<p>2023-12-16 01:37:37 PM</p>	<p>Why are you adjusting the original 1953 design? I understand considering adjusting the tricolors maybe, but the adjusted star shapes the committee is sharing are clearly off balance and out of place compared to the original, and the asymmetrical adjustments are actively awful. If those asymmetrical adjustments are chosen, we will be back to having one of the worst flags in the Union, this is painfully obvious to any normal onlooker.</p> <p>I feel that committee members are more focused on leaving their mark and feeling involved in the process than actually producing a good flag. Let the designers design, the committee should stick to selection.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:41:54 PM</p>	<p>Original 1953!!!</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:43:24 AM</p>	<p>Please keep the original design for F1953. There redesigns from the Dec 15th meeting have totally ruined the design. White on top is unique and represents snowfall. The original blues and green look much better than trying to match the current branding of the state logo. A flag needs to stand the test of time — something our current branding colors do not. Please keep the design as-is.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:43:42 PM</p>	<p>I don't like the 8 pointed star and the way it is oriented on the current proposed design. The star that was there on the original design had four prominent points (like a compass) with one point oriented North, which I think does a much better job of evoking the idea of the "North Star".</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:43:47 PM</p>	<p>We should bring back the f29! It was the best option. We should get what the people of MN want.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:48:38 PM</p>	<p>Hello, I think you've chosen a good design. I would like to comment though.</p> <p>I think its very important that you stay with three stripes rather than two or none. I think it's important you keep the symmetrical minnesota shape. Please don't choose the asymmetrical one. I also think the stripes should remain symmetrical rather than asymmetrical.</p> <p>Thank you for all your work so far!</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:50:29 AM</p>	<p>I've had an interest in flags for a while now, and have always believed our flag was boring, it wasn't unique, it didn't represent our state.</p> <p>F1953 does, so I have to ask why the committee sees it necessary to revise its design, as the original is perfect. Its design is unique from the tricolor's order, to the border of the state, the colors as aesthetically pleasing, and it represents our state. So why do we want to revise it?</p>
<p>2023-12-16 01:51:21 AM</p>	<p>Please do not change the design of either the left side, in my opinion it evokes the shape of Minnesota enough as is, and looks substantially better when shown vertically. Furthermore, please do not change the flag from its three stripe design.</p>

2023-12-16 01:52:26 AM	<p>And another thing... Looking closer at the proposed redesigns of "F1953" (of course how can "F1953" be a winning design if idiots are just going to redesign it anyway but I digress). Whoever submitted the asymmetrical redesign needs to be shipped to Wisconsin in a box with no holes. They're not welcome here anymore. That is easily the ugliest version of all the redesigns, which is saying a lot because they're all ugly as fuck. Then there is the change to the color of green. Who chose to change the pleasant darker green to a baby vomit green? Put them in the box too because that nonsense is unforgivable. And finally that thing that is supposed to be a star. And I know it's supposed to be a star because I saw the original design. You wouldn't be able to tell it's a star now because it's been changed into a monstrosity that more closely resembles a sun that a 5 year old draws in the top corner of their drawings. How did this committee fail so badly? If there are any people on this committee who have any kind of degree in design, give them back and you should be ashamed of yourself.</p>
2023-12-16 01:58:06 PM	<p>Why is the official state motto, "L'etoile du Nord" omitted from the seal?</p> <p>Having the Dakota script for Minnesota feels both redundant and implies an implicit favoritism towards one of Minnesota's many people's and communities.</p>
2023-12-16 01:58:26 PM	<p>Why would you go with the asymmetrical design? It looks terrible. And why would you change the star? The original looks better</p>
2023-12-16 01:58:27 AM	<p>Why change the original design of f1953? The original already stands out in terms of other tricolor flags (literally every other tricolor flags has white in the middle) and the start on the original f1953 look fine, whereas the other stars in the changed versions look off. Please keep the original f1953.</p>
2023-12-16 02:00:10 PM	<p>The original f1935 is the best design. Please do not change it. Thanks</p>
2023-12-16 02:05:26 PM	<p>Why won't the committee just use the submitted design of 1953? It is vastly superior to any of the "revised" versions submitted in the most recent meeting. Switching to an asymmetrical version of the Minnesota shape looks terrible, and all alterations to the color or number of stripes have made the flag look much worse! 1953 made it this far in the process for a reason, accept the designer's vision rather than trying to redesign it by committee.</p>
2023-12-16 02:08:38 PM	<p>Please do not change the shape of the selected design. The symmetry of the K and star in the middle is very appealing.</p>
2023-12-16 02:10:17 PM	<p>I think the original F1953 flag remains the best contender. The symmetrical K is the best and the polaris star is much clearer from a distance than the quilt star</p>
2023-12-16 02:17:48 AM	<p>Why are we not allowed to vote on the new flag? This one is ugly as sin.</p>
2023-12-16 02:24:13 AM	<p>For the state flag deliberations, I wanted to say that the original design for the 1953 flag, before any modifications, is truly amazing. I really appreciate it being chosen, but wanted to express my interest in the flag being left as is in it's original design, it's just that good and iconic, without being too complicated or off-putting at all.</p>
2023-12-16 02:26:08 AM	<p>Please keep F1953 as the original designer intended. The star is more distinct than the commission's suggestion and is more recognizable as a star at a great distance. The original color choices for the stripes are much more evocative of the state and don't clash with the navy used on the hoist side nearly as much the commission's proposals. The green stripe as the central stripe also provides good contrast between the off-white and light blue while still ensuring the stripes don't clash with the navy portion.</p>

<p>2023-12-16 02:33:24 PM</p>	<p>Why is the commission committed to using exclusively the colors found on the MN website for the flag? Those colors are nice for the websites current look, but don't feel like those exact tones have the staying power for a flag intended to represent our state for the next several decades.</p> <p>Similarly, it's unclear why the commission chose a star design that feels less stylistically symbolic of the North Star, which in other versions has been easily identifiable.</p> <p>Lastly, why does our seal "great" instead of the state itself?</p> <p>"The seal of the great state of Minnesota" versus the current "the great seal of the state of Minnesota"</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
<p>2023-12-16 02:33:32 AM</p>	<p>Out of all the revisions present, I definitely enjoy F1953-18 the most. I think that the "square" star design is unique and I like the tricolor design. I am not so keen on the versions of the design which have the asymmetrical Minnesota shape or lack the tricolor element. I feel like the versions with only the blue and white look too similar to Argentina's flag, and the solid blue versions are a bit plain. I know that you're probably getting a lot of negative feedback, but I just wanted to say that I appreciate your work and that I am very happy that we're going forward with a variant of F1953. Thank you!</p>
<p>2023-12-16 02:37:22 PM</p>	<p>I have loved seeing the process of the state flag and seal selection. So many of the concepts were great and I'm a fan of the chosen flag and seal for a variety of reasons. As a graphic designer, I can't help but wonder if the star from the seal should be used as the star on the flag so there is a common element between the two. They should also share the same color palette. This would make for stronger branding. Also, I see the colors are quite close to the colors used for Minnesota.gov website. Tie it all together so Minnesota owns a cohesive blue, green, and white palette. Thank you for taking the time to read and the devotion to this much needed update.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 02:40:49 PM</p>	<p>Please use F1953 as it was originally submitted and presented. I would actually buy merch for that flag but not for the modifications that have been seen. On the modifications I've seen they're either a new flag entirely or the colors are too bright and garish. The original star shape is also the best one that I've seen for this flag</p>
<p>2023-12-16 02:43:21 AM</p>	<p>The new star design is absolutely awful, stick with the original design you chose. For the love of god please don't mess with the design.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 02:46:57 AM</p>	<p>1953 please stick to the original design. And please don't make it asymmetrical. I really want to make it clear the committee that the new star design and any modifications to the original design are unpopular amongst the community who care about this issue</p>
<p>2023-12-16 02:51:55 AM</p>	<p>Please stop messing with the design so much. 1953 was a solid choice as it started, many of the proposed changes by the committee make the flag look worse in all contexts.</p> <p>If you are going to use the star from the state rotunda I think that's a fine change, but please orient it exactly the same as it is in the rotunda with a point facing north rather than a valley.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 02:52:52 PM</p>	<p>Please just go with the unmodified 1953 flag from the original artist. None of the revisions add anything of particular value, and detract from the vision of the original artist, whose opinion you should respect in some manner as they created the flag.</p>

2023-12-16 02:56:48 AM	Don't over think this. F1935 Is perfect and doesn't need "tweaks" or revisions. Every one of the revisions to this design has detracted from it. Leave F1935 as is and just pass it.
2023-12-16 02:57:26 PM	<p>This entire flag process has been super disappointing. This committee clearly has no commitment to Minnesota's rich history, the opinion of the populace, or good principles of flag design. All of the finalists are grim designs that would fail a junior high design project. There is NOTHING representative of Minnesota in any of the finalist submissions. It could easily be the state flag of anywhere, and they're all hideous to boot. The group of people in charge of the redesign should never, ever be allowed to make aesthetic decisions again. Ever. I wouldn't let them dress my child for church. Horribly disappointing, I can't believe this process is giving us an ostensibly worse flag than what we're replacing, which at LEAST clearly communicates that it represents Minnesota. You should can this entire process and begin again. Refusing to indulge "any one group" has resulted in a bland, shit design that represents ANY of us. When you all meet your maker your god will hold up this flag and ask you why.</p>
2023-12-16 02:59:42 PM	<p>First, I would like to say how please I am of the choice of F1935 as the final basis of design for the new Minnesota state flag. With that I would like to share a few comments and concerns based of what was viewed towards the end of the meeting.</p> <p>Abstract shape of the state of Minnesota – symmetrical v. asymmetrical: I think that the symmetrical shape is the better option. As an abstract simplification of the shape of the state, it easily gets the idea across, while still being easy for a child to draw. Changing to an asymmetrical shape makes it too literal of a representation of the state boundaries. It also, I feel, makes the flag look off and unbalanced especially when hung in a vertical orientation. It also forces the star to be pushed up on towards the top of the shape. And with the asymmetrical shape and the star in the upper portion, it looks more like a fish head, or Pac-Man. Changing to an asymmetrical design also makes the flag very similar to ones already rejected. For example, submission F1766.</p> <p>The North Star: I agree that the north star should be an eight-point star. However, I feel like the best option would be to have in the more traditional orientation of one point in the north direction, not two. This makes it similar to a compass rose, which helps one navigate a map. Just like how the North Star helps one navigate this world. Having two points in the north south east west directions makes it look the same as the star on the Udmurtian flag (Russian). So, the idea of having it be the "Minnesota Star" is already lost. I also think that points of the star need to be a little thinner, or maybe longer than what was mostly shown in the last meeting. It seemed like the center of the star had too much mass to it, and because of this, would very quickly start to appear as just a white circle as you get farther away from the flag.</p> <p>Stripes on the fly side: I personally think that having three stripes, of three different colors is the best option. Having just one solid color field to the right of the state shape just fails to represent all of Minnesota.</p> <p>There is more to this state than just water, so the flag should take the opportunity to represent</p>

2023-12-16 03:00:42 PM	Hi:) If going with flag design, 1953, could you perhaps also use part of the design from F 2100~with the wavy pattern~coming out from MN state?...& changing around the colors so that the ground is green, the water is light blue, & the sky is white? (that would be a very sensible use of the colors, rather than the way they look now) Thank You for your work & consideration:)
2023-12-16 03:04:45 PM	Everyone is hoping it won't be the Ohio Star quilting pattern for the flag. That would be awful to have the Ohio star on the Minnesota flag. thanks.
2023-12-16 03:06:37 PM	<p>For the State Flag please go with the original design or one of the revisions that were designed by the professional graphic designers you worked with (revisions A, B, and C).</p> <p>Having the assymetrical stylized MN will look weird if the flag is hung vertically. Similarly, placing the Northstar closer to the corner, rather than centered horizontally will also look weird when the flag is hung vertically.</p> <p>Also, please do not make any of the colors "brighter" or "warmer" as the current hues/tones really represent our state climate well.</p> <p>Thank you for taking your time to read my comment! Very excited for the new flag!</p>
2023-12-16 03:13:18 PM	Please do not make the left blue side asymmetrical. The submitted and current design are sufficient in representation. And a more literal translation would cheapen the flags significance.
2023-12-16 03:18:24 PM	Please leave 1953 as is! Don't over think it. Don't over design it. Leave 1953 as designed!
2023-12-16 03:21:33 AM	Please, keep the symmetrical design for the anti-chevron it will look so much better when hung vertically, also please rotate the star 45° in any direction so the points are along a Cardinal direction the flag looks too busy with the off-kilter and makes it hard to tell it's actually supposed to be a star. Thank you for all the hard work and consideration you are putting into the new flag!
2023-12-16 03:25:02 PM	The only change that should be made to the flag, if any at all, is to move the white bar to the middle. Changing the colors makes the flag uglier, and removing the tricolor for two colored three bands diminishes the meaning.
2023-12-16 03:30:17 PM	<p>Hi. I am a student at the University of Minnesota, and I wanted to write to express my support for 1953C, the flag with solid light blue on the right. My reasoning is as follows: 1) When hung vertically, it represents the original meaning of Mni Sota Makoce: Land Where the Waters Reflect the Clouds. The lighter blue looks like a river approaching the horizon, and the darker blue the sky, with a star/white for a cloud. How better to honor Minnesota's origins and meaning? 2) It will be recognizable in B&W, or any color combination (teams, university colors, etc), even from a distance. 3) Eliminating the stripes will make it more unique. The inverted triangle is already unique enough- it does not need more colors. They will only detract from the design and make it look too similar to, say, the Texas flag. 4) The rotated eight-pointed star calls to mind the north star and a snowflake, which it does not when the "M" is at the top.</p>

<p>2023-12-16 03:31:24 AM</p>	<p>Please select F1953 A from the SERC Proposed Flag Revisions by Tyler & Jennie Michalek with Ted Kaye and Brian Cham!</p> <p>As a Minnesotan who has followed this redesign very closely, and looked through all 2,100+ flag submissions twice, I absolutely love this design. After much thought and reflection, if I could make all the design changes I wanted to F1953, this is exactly what I'd end up with. Here's why:</p> <p>The abstract shape of Minnesota on the hoist side makes it immediately identifiable to even non-Minnesotans. It's a shape that we already use all over the place, on our license plates, "Welcome to Minnesota" road signs, and it's even a very popular tattoo! One of my best friends has an outline of Minnesota tattooed on her arm, which shows that Minnesotans strongly identify with the shape, and it's meaningful enough for them to get it permanently inked on their body. It's a clever and unique design element that looks like a standard flag shape that will easily stand the test of time. It's symmetrical (this is a flag, not a map!) and it will still look great hanging vertically. The navy blue color gives a solid anchor for the entire flag and is a good dark contrasting background for the white star.</p> <p>The North Star is most often depicted as 8-pointed. This particular shape is the exact same as the massive 8-pointed star on the floor of the state Capitol building's rotunda. All of its sides and angles are symmetrical. This orientation with two points at the top evokes the letter "M" for Minnesota, and this would be true when hung vertically as well. If it had 1 point at the top it might look more traditionally "star-like" but it'd be harder to see the hidden "M" and while the angle between the star points on the right does not match the angle of the chevron exactly, it is close, and it also provides more space around the star than if they were arranged point to point. This star and orientation also have traditional usage in Scandinavian knitting, called a selburose, and in Dakota star blankets. These are two historically important ethnic groups in MN, and given the extremely racist seal and flag we've had up until now, the fact that both European and Native peoples use it in their weaving makes it a unifying symbol rather than a divisive one. It can also be used as a kind of logo for the state, like New Mexico's sun.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 03:35:33 PM</p>	<p>i would like to give flag feedback. I like 1953 as it was submitted. i liked the start on that I liked the colors i liked the symetrical 'K' outline of the state. Thank you for all that you're doing.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 03:35:50 AM</p>	<p>I think that the original star design on the flag proposal should be maintained. The variations all look far too simplistic.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 03:38:14 PM</p>	<p>Concerned about the use of Dakota in the seal: it doesn't seem to be supported by other Indigenous groups in the state, and goes flagrantly against the rules laid out by the committee. Just keep it L'etoile du nord.</p> <p>Please don't modify this flag to be asymmetrical. Also, all these modifications are making it dangerously close to Texas. Wasn't anything wrong with the original, and you guys are going further away from it at light speed.</p>

<p>2023-12-16 03:48:44 PM</p>	<p>I like the F1953A design (the design displayed on this website), however I'd prefer if the octagram star was orientated so that 1 point is facing up instead of two. I also think the tricolor should have a slightly darker green, with the slightly darker green on top, light blue in the center and white on the bottom. This is to represent our forests, then rivers & lakes, then snow, and it's also to avoid our flag from being misconstrued with Uzbekistan's flag. The light blue in the center can also represent the Mississippi River flowing from the north when the flag is orientated vertically.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 03:50:15 AM</p>	<p>Why are you changing submission 1953 so much? You are ruining a great design that people like. The public does NOT like the modified star - it's awful. Also, making the part on the left asymmetrical would be a horrendous mistake. I understand you want to make your mark on this design but please resist that urge and let it be. Putting the white in the middle makes sense, but the other changes are AWFUL. You're so close to knocking it out of the park - why would you insist on bungling it at the finish line? We are begging you to exercise self restraint and give the people what they want - not what you feel you need to do to selfishly take ownership over this for yourselves.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 03:56:53 PM</p>	<p>Can we please pick anything other than these options? These are all terrible and they do a disservice to every citizen of this state. Put some thought into what actually represents Minnesota, these all look like someone finished a bottle of Jameson and threw these all together in 10 minutes.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 03:57:40 PM</p>	<p>Even if you go with the design listed above, please rotate the star so it "points" North! We are the North Star State! The star should at least point North. It looks weird as it is.</p>

<p>2023-12-16 04:02:44 PM</p>	<p>My name is Mario Carvo, and I have grown up in Minnesota my whole life and am currently attending college at a university in Minnesota. I believe it is incredibly important that Minnesota change its flag so that it can be both better designed and, most importantly, not project racist imagery. Because of the vitality of the job the State Emblems Redesign Commission is conducting, I would like to provide my input on the commission's choice for the new flag of Minnesota.</p> <p>Concerning the star that should be chosen for the new flag, I believe the original star on the 1953f flag works best because it better portrays a star and invokes a feeling of cold that is central to Minnesota. However, I think the commission's choice of the "Minnesota Star" is adequate, so I will not focus on the star. I would instead like to focus on the Minnesota shape on the flag, the colors on the flag, and the order of the stripes on the flag.</p> <p>In regards to the indent in the dark blue that is supposed to represent the shape of Minnesota, I believe it should remain in the symmetrical form where the peak of the indent is in the middle of the flag. This is partly because the indent is already unique among flags, as it can't be found in any significant flag design and cleverly inverts the triangle seen on flags like that of the Czechia. Furthermore, utilizing the asymmetrical design to make it clearer that it is Minnesota's flag is unnecessary because, over time, the flag will become distinct enough that everyone knows it is Minnesota's flag in the same way that the flag of Texas, although not displaying the shape of Texas on it, immediately makes one think of Texas. Even if this is not of consequence to the commission, I believe the symmetrical indent has another, even more important benefit, which is that it literally points to the North Star, emphasizing it and making the focus of the flag something every Minnesotan can identify with. This emphasis on the star by the symmetrical indent would be even more pronounced when the flag is hung on its side, as it often is in stadiums such as Target Center. When hung in this manner, the flag would be pointing north to the North Star, a very fitting design. However, with the asymmetrical design, the flag does not point to the star, losing the emphasis, symbolism, and beauty of the symmetrical design.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 04:03:36 PM</p>	<p>While I do realize that our sun is a star; if the design of the new state flag supposedly includes the North Star, why would you choose a design that looks like a child's rendering of the sun? The artist's original star design is MUCH better and far more visually appealing.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 04:09:29 AM</p>	<p>While I understand that a "design by committee" approach is being applied for the final design, I feel that each re-design proposed by the committee made the original 1953 design worse - especially the ones with the asymmetrical design on the left-hand side (this will look terrible when hung vertically).</p> <p>I strongly feel that the original 1953 design is better than any of the revisions displayed in the images I have seen. I hope the original 1953 design is the chosen state flag for Minnesota.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 04:16:09 AM</p>	<p>Please don't change the shapes of the original design!! A slightly lighter colored green might be nice, but the setup of the colors, sizes of the stripes and stars and symmetry of the inverted point are best left as they are.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 04:25:03 PM</p>	<p>Can someone tell me why the original 1953 version is not being considered? All of the updated designs are flat out worse, especially the updated star. Also keep the original green! Visit r/minnesota on reddit to get a sense of how us fellow Minnesotans feel about it. Thank you! Original 1953!</p>

<p>2023-12-16 04:36:02 PM</p>	<p>The original F1953 is much more appealing to the eyes than the redesigns, The muted colors fit very well with the Minnesota winters and the compass star is fine the way it is, The subtle K shape of Minnesota should not be changed to be more obvious. The original F1953 fits in every way and even when on a flag poll or hanging sideways its still recognizable and pleasing to the eyes. There is a reason the original won in the final 3. If it's going to be our flag for the next 100+ years we shouldn't put the Minnesota logo colors on it, because what if they change? Then it will look out of place. I can say as a Minnesotan born and raised please, don't mess this up.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
<p>2023-12-16 04:39:03 AM</p>	<p>Please revert the color choice for green to the original forest green, the lime green is the current state logo but will not be en Vogue in the future. Which is fine for a logo but much harder to fix on a flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 04:46:17 PM</p>	<p>At Yesterday's meeting while asking commission members about the hash mark around the main text of the seal, Chair Fitch got no answer as to what the commissioners would prefer. There can be implied meaning added to the visual. Really there needs to be a hash mark for each county in the state. AFAIK - That number being currently 87 counties. You will have to check if any changes are likely, but it's often the case it stays the same for almost ever. The "coins" or dots just inside of the text could be 58 in number to stand for 1858. Without any text calling for year of statehood - if such is really requires the the pitch for the dots could be raised to 62 imets and the digits of the date be placed mixed / hidden with coins - such as - dot 1 dot 8 dot 5 dot 8 dot. If the seal is printed to a flag then the seal is should be placed to the rear of such a flag. On the front the central loon image should be turned to face the flag pole. (animals and such should face into the wind on a flag. Or else it shows for cowadice. (ref - Good Flag Bad Flag - Ted Kaye - foot of page 14) Best Regards. PS Just there as well is a quote about not having a committee design a flag - better to use the winning design as the designer intended. F1953 original is a little quirky but that often makes it better. A simple poll of the public between designs - original and best amended will allow the public to invest in the design and reduce blow-back.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 04:47:07 AM</p>	<p>Keep the current flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 04:54:28 AM</p>	<p>Please revert to the original F1953 design. The currently proposed changes are bad. And the ones being considered that will break symmetry are worse.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 04:56:24 AM</p>	<p>Why aren't we seeing the star from f29 being used as the star on 1953 or 2100. Unofficial polls of people I know prefer this to all the others. (They actually just like f29 but apparently thats no longer an option) the loon seal is a crowd please though</p>

<p>2023-12-16 04:57:14 AM</p>	<p>Hi!</p> <p>I've been passively observing the process of the commission deciding on a flag and noticed that all the alternatives left are using two shades of blue, something that generally doesn't work. This is primarily due to the contrast between the blues, but also due to how fields like heraldry, the predecessor to modern vexillology, handle shades. In heraldry there traditionally is only the tincture Azure, and it covers all shades of blue, and while there have been attempts to circumvent this they generally lack contrast and are extremely far and few inbetween. White and Yellow have much better contrast against colours like blue or green in general which helps them "pop" more when in use. Getting rid of the lighter blue also helps reduce the amount of colours in the flag, lending to a better and more simply understandable symbol at the end of the day. Here are just two examples of working with the colour scheme of green, white and blue, with an added gold star for variety. The symbolism conveyed by the sky blue is still present as the other shade of blue perfectly well can convey that meaning. Another easier change is making the colours slightly more intense to make them more in line with traditional vexillology as to ensure that the flags stay vibrant and visible even after a bit of wear and tear. This might especially be evident with the selected green that looks like it would quickly feel washed out and not as striking.</p> <p>Hopefully this reaches you, and thank you for your understanding</p> <p>// Kat https://imgur.com/a/HRsBDYE</p>
<p>2023-12-16 04:57:30 AM</p>	<p>Please don't alter 1953 so drastically, it's a really great flag on its own! The green stripe should remain part of the design as well. I think 1953-17 is the best variation up there, with 1953-18 being the runner-up. Stays true to the original design while making slight improvement that doesn't seriously detract from a fantastic flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:01:17 PM</p>	<p>The colors of the flag do not need to match the colors used on the MN government branding. The green should be darker, like the color of green found on Minnesota's state tree, the Red Pine.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:15:55 PM</p>	<p>Please revert back to the original flag design without modifications.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:25:44 AM</p>	<p>F29 is a better design overall. If F1953 is to be the final choice use the artists original version. The committee's revised version is bad.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:28:07 PM</p>	<p>I like how this flag process is coming so far! 1953 was my favorite from the beginning.</p> <p>I was wondering if we could try going back to the green from the original 1953, or the forest green from the current mockup of the chosen state seal. I think it looks really nice with the darker green next to the light blue and white.</p> <p>I also personally prefer the original 1953 star, as it looks much more like a north star to me; the rotunda star is also nice, but from a distance starts to look a bit like a circle.</p> <p>Thanks for the work you've been doing!</p> <p>Martin</p>

	<p>Hello! Thanks for all your work selecting a new state flag and seal. I've been enthralled by the process. A few things to please consider when selecting the final version of F1953:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore matching the navy, light blue, and green between the final flag and seal versions. 2. Please consider selecting Mr. Bruggink's 4 pointed star within the 8 pointed star. The inner 4 point star (Polaris) can be navy or gold with the 8 point star remaining white to look more like a snowflake than Polaris. The shape of the 4 point star can also match the star on the great seal. Mr. Bruggink shows on his Instagram how easy it would be draw this star. I do not know or am affiliated with Mr. Bruggink. Just recognizing his great work. 3. If three colors are used on the right side avoid the same order as Sierra Leone meaning light blue on the bottom. If you go with two colors please consider light blue on bottom and green on top. This will signify a lake with a wooded shoreline. 4. Avoid making the shape of MN asymmetrical. The current K shape creates an arrow that points to the North Star when hung vertically.
<p>2023-12-16 05:32:02 PM</p>	<p>Thank you for your time and consideration. There were others I did prefer, but F1953 with some alterations can truly represent our state well. Lots of symbolism within this flag!</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:33:34 AM</p>	<p>The original design of F1953 was best. Please don't change it. The current changes the commission has proposed are awful.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:34:32 AM</p>	<p>Please stop screwing up.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:35:42 AM</p>	<p>The original 1953 is so much better than any of the variants. Don't mess up a good thing</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:35:49 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the original design, or something very close to it. The redesigns that move farther away from the original are much worse.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:36:06 PM</p>	<p>I love the artist of 1953's original design of the flag! If you are going to go with a redesign, choose one of the ones made by a professional, such as 1953 A or B! 1953 A sticks with the artist's original designs and color scheme! Stop inserting your own agendas into the flag and emblem redesign, and listen to your many fellow Minnesotans with what they might want and would be proud of!</p> <p>By having such drastic redesigns of the flag, this is completely unfair to the original artist and the vision they had and the effort they put into it. The design is perfectly fine as is so why go and change it so much?! That's incredibly unprofessional.</p> <p>The original flag design before was incredibly insulting and the design change was obviously very much needed, but why alter the new design in such a way that it destroys the whole purpose of a redesign?! Let it be!</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:37:53 PM</p>	<p>I prefer the original 1953 design with the muted colors to the newer renditions with the brighter more vibrant colors. I also think the original star looked better... The new star kind of looks like a anal sphincter... Is there any other way to submit feedback?</p>

<p>2023-12-16 05:40:25 AM</p>	<p>Regarding the seal - I realize the loon ins in the state seal that will be passed onto the state for approval. During this process, every e ffort was made to not offend the communities of MN, I wish to speak for the LOON our state bird. The picture of the Loon on the seal is a Loom in distress it is fearing for it's babies or it's own life. Look up "penguin dance"</p> <p>A picture of a loon calmly floating , but not one fearing for it's life! Learning loon behavior can help you distinguish if a bird is in distress or behaving in a normal manner. Adult loons will vigorously "penguin dance" on the water or call loudly to distract people or predators away from chicks or a nest. If you see this behavior, you are stressing them out and should leave the area. (All about birds)</p> <p>Based on my many contacts regarding the State Seal, I suggest 1. A calm image of the Loon 2. Only the North Star in the sky and a larger Star - The same style and color as the one on the flag.</p> <p>Regarding the flag - I have included some of my work on the flag, based on your discussion on 12/12/23. Of the individuals I have shared this info say, why change the flag's colors, It is my feeling, the colors staying the same (Royal Blue and Gold) somewhere within the flag, would make for an easier transition.</p> <p>Thank you for your work</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:42:50 AM</p>	<p>Regarding the seal - I realize the loon ins in the state seal that will be passed onto the state for approval. During this process, every e ffort was made to not offend the communities of MN, I wish to speak for the LOON our state bird. The picture of the Loon on the seal is a Loom in distress it is fearing for it's babies or it's own life. Look up "penguin dance"</p> <p>A picture of a loon calmly floating , but not one fearing for it's life! Learning loon behavior can help you distinguish if a bird is in distress or behaving in a normal manner. Adult loons will vigorously "penguin dance" on the water or call loudly to distract people or predators away from chicks or a nest. If you see this behavior, you are stressing them out and should leave the area. (All about birds)</p> <p>Based on my many contacts regarding the State Seal, I suggest 1. A calm image of the Loon 2. Only the North Star in the sky and a larger Star - The same style and color as the one on the flag.</p> <p>Regarding the flag - I have included some of my work on the flag, based on your discussion on 12/12/23. Of the individuals I have shared this info say, why change the flag's colors, It is my feeling, the colors staying the same (Royal Blue and Gold) somewhere within the flag, would make for an easier transition.</p> <p>Thank you for your work, Sue Lee Winans Rogers</p>

<p>2023-12-16 05:42:58 AM</p>	<p>Why would you change the star to the design that you did? It's not as good of a star design and it should be changed back to the original star. If you must keep this "Dakota" star, then at least make sure that there is a single point that is pointing up to actually represent the north star. Also, please do not make the "K" asymmetrical. and keep everything lined up accordingly with the tricolors. Making the K asymmetrical throughs everything off on the flag--one of the reasons why people like this flag is that it can proudly be displayed on a wall vertically--making it asymmetrical will no longer make that an attractive option and a lot of people who liked this design will no longer be in favor of the design. Also, please make sure to keep the tricolor aspect with 3 different colors. Going to 2 stripes of blue will just make it look more like Colorado's flag. Are you seeking to copy their flag, or make something uniquely Minnesotan?</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:44:02 PM</p>	<p>Can you please change the star back to 6 point?That 8 point quilt design is not good. As a graphic designer, you guys need to stop messing around with the original design. You're not helping.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:52:45 AM</p>	<p>Please stop messing with 1953... you're making it worse. Stick to the original designs ratios and the white Stripe at top was unique compared to all other flags in the union so you should keep it. Also the starflake star would do better than the Ohio star you've selected. Why use another states star?</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:53:31 AM</p>	<p>Please consider replacing the star with F29's starflake! The pop of yellow with white - plus the shape and design - looks amazing on the finalist!</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:54:11 AM</p>	<p>Please keep the Polaris Tricolor as it was submitted. This is the best version for the new Minnesota flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 05:55:16 PM</p>	<p>These logos look like ... logos. They are so far from inspiring or representative. They look like the generic version of a track state flag. Please get some readings from Native artists, at least. These are shameful.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 06:02:38 AM</p>	<p>Please do not alter Flag 1953 and keep the original design, the only thing I'd change is the star, make it a simple 4 point. The 8 point star on the redesigns look like someone put a discount sticker on the flag, don't use it.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 06:03:28 PM</p>	<p>I love the original F1935 design. The white stripe not being in the middle is unique the tricolor flags. The inverse triangle should be symmetrical, it is much more pleasing to the eye. The original colors are perfect and represent the feeling of our state so well. Please do not go with any of the variations for this flag. Please just keep the original F1935 design.</p> <p>(I am okay with changing the star shape actually. Just not the order of the colors or the symmetry of the inverse triangle)</p>
<p>2023-12-16 06:07:55 AM</p>	<p>Why are you changing the great original flag proposal to make it worse? Make these simple changes (link below) and do nothing else! The first thing you think of Texas is the flag, the first thing you think of the USA is the flag, France, Brazil, UK, Canada, Sweden, Mexico... Thanks to the latest design, no one will think about discovering, traveling and living in Minnesota. You're choosing a symbol to show it to the world. It's not the nation makes the flag, it's the flag makes the nation. Don't make a big mistake and choose as wisely as Utah and Mississippi recently did.</p> <p>https://preview.redd.it/uv5mw2t5gm6c1.png?width=1400&format=png&auto=webp&s=d60a0ab122b88382c6871aedb7a92c978be3b031</p>
<p>2023-12-16 06:08:34 PM</p>	<p>Please use the original colors and star of F1953. The original is much better and more timeless than the alternative options.The seal didn't need to use state branding colors, and the flag shouldn't have to either. Also the state branding colors are awful to begin with.</p>

2023-12-16 06:13:06 AM	Please do not get rid of the north star, I already had to live through Norm Green doing the same. The relocation of the white stripe certainly improves the design. The lighter green is less invocatory of forests, but I suppose it does better match the green buttons on the DNR fishing license self-service portal.
2023-12-16 06:13:48 PM	I like the original F1953 MUCH better than any of the public revisions.
2023-12-16 06:16:40 PM	Please use the original design F1953 as submitted by the artist, rather than any of the revisions.
2023-12-16 06:21:44 PM	I swear if the current Star is used I'm moving to WI
2023-12-16 06:21:45 PM	I came across a Reddit post about the recent flag changes and just wanted to give some feedback. I was very glad when the original 1953 flag was selected. Now I'm in disbelief after seeing the proposed changes. The commission should consult with design experts or the people of Minnesota because the revisions are objectively hideous compared to the original one. And that was pretty much everyone's conclusion on the forum. Please stop butchering it, and if you are set on making some changes, at least keep them to a minimum.
2023-12-16 06:23:55 AM	<p>First thank you to the committee for the wonderful work you have done.</p> <p>Am happy with the seal and the choice of the flag base design. However as I watched the meeting I feel the design prospects where going away from the original design.</p> <p>I personally recommend sticking with ether the original design or option A from the professional graphics team. I love the 3 Tri colors and the capital start design.</p> <p>I know a committee member was concerned that the shape of Minnesota in the original design looked like Manitoba but as a proud Minnesota residence I don't see the resemblance(I did look it up) I feel people visiting the state would feel similarly.</p> <p>Thank you for your wonderful work.</p>
2023-12-16 06:25:41 AM	Whycnt you just use the original f1935. I don't understand the necessity of these changes. F1935 was good as is andll these alterations feel like a step down
2023-12-16 06:27:01 PM	<p>Could you please select the original version of the new flag?</p> <p>F1953 The white on top and muted colors are great!</p> <p>Thank you for reading my question. Dave in Minneapolis</p>
2023-12-16 06:32:45 AM	Please do not alter the new flag design. The original is far better than any alterations you have come up with. The K shape should remain symmetrical and the star in your alteration is blocky and ugly in comparison. I thought the commissions job was to choose a submitted flag? Instead you're essentially stealing a design and making your own worse design based off the submission.

	The color scheme of the current flag selected by the committee is horrible and must be changed. The pastel colors have to be darkened. I recommend following this: https://www.reddit.com/r/vexillology/comments/18jne41/i_slightly_modified_f1953_minnesot_a_flag_proposal/
2023-12-16 06:32:52 PM	Alternatively, the commission should just leave the colors originally proposed. Please, the current flag colors are almost worse than our current flag.
2023-12-16 06:40:39 PM	What prompted the modifications for the final design on the new state flag. I as a resident preferred the original design submitted.
2023-12-16 06:40:47 AM	Please go back to the original 1935 design. The new star is comically worse then the original
2023-12-16 06:41:32 PM	The original design was much better. The green was a better color and the star looked much better. What happened?
2023-12-16 06:43:30 AM	Please listen to the people of Minnesota and revert the flag to the initial Polaris tri color. The uniqueness of white on top and the original Polaris Star design would be the best and most distinctive representation of the North Star State.
2023-12-16 06:46:04 PM	While I preferred F29, the current iteration of F1935 shown on this page (light blue top stripe, white middle stripe and green lower stripe) looks great and is something Minnesotans can be proud of. It would look even better, however, if the star from Andrew Prekker's original design is used.
2023-12-16 06:46:24 PM	Watch the CDP GREY video on why the original design is better
2023-12-16 06:48:07 PM	I think that Submission 1953 is a good result from the process but some of the "variants" seem to be cramming in pieces from other designs that are make it feel less cohesive. Specifically, the dark blue section on the left should remain symmetrical. While the asymmetry is intended to look more like Minnesota it makes the flag unbalanced and we have to consider the flag will be viewed from many directions and it doesn't look good in other orientations other than horizontal with star to left if this change is made. Additionally, the 8 pointed star originally from 1154 continues to look too block and overbearing to be on a flag. Due to the straight horizontal/vertical edges it doesn't even really look like a star, rather a cross. The 8 point variant using the start with 4 long points and 4 shorter points (from F2100) looks better.
2023-12-16 06:53:10 AM	Hey! I just wanted to say that a lot of the redesigns of 1953 I'm seeing have very bright, oversaturated colors;that's not going to look very good on a flag. No good flag has super saturated colors like that, and I want to make sure we're mindful that this design is going to be on a flag. Also, we should avoid making our new flag Sierra Leone with Minnesota on the left. I like the original design the best, but if changes should happen, they should be minimal. Thanks! Eleanor
2023-12-16 06:55:50 AM	Please use the original F1935. I do not like the square-ish star with 45 and 90 degree angles. I also prefer the original color order and more muted colors.

2023-12-16 06:56:07 AM	If you rotate the flag with the star on top, it looks too much like a church steeple with a cross at the top. Or the mormom 8 pointed star. Keep religion out of government unless they wanna pay taxes
2023-12-16 06:56:11 PM	Shouldn't the seal read, "THE SEAL OF THE GREAT STATE OF MINNESOTA" instead of "THE GREAT SEAL..."?
2023-12-16 06:56:12 PM	<p>Please pick 1953-A! Or anything without that asymmetric K shape!</p> <p>I understand that some feel that the abstract K needs to be more literal, but I strongly disagree. It will not look like Minnesota to most people (most people don't even know what the outline of the state looks like) but will instead look like a mistake.</p> <p>And flags aren't maps or pictures. They're an entirely different way to symbolize the state.</p> <p>The flag with the symmetric K may not resonate with Minnesotans today, but it will given time. The asymmetric K is unnecessary, too clever, and won't assist most people in understanding that it is the flag of Minnesota!</p>
2023-12-16 06:58:42 AM	<p>Many of the proposed changes to 1953 are terrible and I would prefer the artist's original vision. The "fat" 8 pointed star looks more like a circle from a distance and seems to break the commission's own rule against including imagery specific to one culture (Dakota star). I also hate the brighter shade of green used. Just because it is used in the current state branding does not mean it is better on a flag. Please also do not make the Minnesota shape on the left side asymmetrical. I have grown to like the white stripe on top. It is unique amongst tricolor flags and the symbolism of water-land-snow is great. Shifting it so it is green-white-blue is fine if we want white not on the edge, as it makes the blue into the sky AND the water, reflecting the namesake. I also like the idea of getting rid of the green entirely and having it be the blue-white-blue stripes. Simplifies the color scheme and definitely evokes sky reflecting on the water. It has the added benefit of looking like the star's reflection if the flag is hung vertically.</p>
2023-12-16 06:59:05 AM	<p>As a lifelong Minnesotan, I find it appalling that the commission has replaced the state motto with the Dakota spelling of Minnesota on the state seal. This is supposed to be the great seal of the State of Minnesota, and so it should go without saying that it should represent all Minnesotans, and the state motto does that just fine. Replacing it with Dakota language very obviously puts one group above all others. Additionally, if it really is that contentious to add the year of our statehood to our state seal than so be it, but I will die on this hill.</p> <p>This also applies to the flag, in which I saw that the commission was pondering replacing the original star with the 8 point Dakota star, which again, does not represent all Minnesotans. Are we redesigning the flag for the State of Minnesota, or the Dakota? The flag redesign chosen by the commission is completely fine how it is, please do not change it.</p>
2023-12-16 07:00:48 PM	I strongly dislike the chunky star! Please revert to a North Star (similar or same as original) to keep with the North Star state, it's bad enough that the original French motto was removed from the seal...
2023-12-16 07:05:29 PM	The original flag design on 1953 is so much better than all the revisions proposed. The compass rose like star feels very unique and evokes a very "north star" feel. Also, the colors added more to set us apart from other groups. I hope this is the one selected. What are the reasons for wanting revisions to it?

2023-12-16 07:05:57 PM	What was the reason for changing a flag that most people liked to something most people do not like??
2023-12-16 07:06:55 AM	The revisions to 1953 look worse than the original submission. Stop messing with it.
2023-12-16 07:08:39 AM	The original looks better than the revisions!
2023-12-16 07:09:18 PM	Hello! I'm an iron ranger and very excited for the new flag. You've selected my favorite design, and I can't wait to see what y'all will do with it. I would also like to add my voice to the support for the original design of the flag, particularly as it pertains to hues and order of the tricolor part of the flag. Additionally, I feel the star looks best with a point at the top, but I really like the more robust star the committee has suggested.
2023-12-16 07:13:39 PM	I want to express support for the original F1935 design. I do not think it needs any modifications.
2023-12-16 07:15:29 AM	Why are we wasting money on this? Leave it alone and stop wasting tax dollars that could go to much more worthy causes.
2023-12-16 07:18:04 PM	The old star design is so much better. Please change that back.
2023-12-16 07:28:43 PM	As a lifelong Minnesotan, please do not go forward with this redesign. Even the original creator was shocked, and proposed F1935B as a great alteration, that I agree with. From, a friend.
2023-12-16 07:31:24 AM	Stoked to see F1953 moving on! Thank you all for your work so far on the selection progress! My only remaining hope is that the original design of F1953 be used without modification. The original star is unique and beautiful, the colors are exquisitely tasteful, and the ordering of the tricolor with the white on top sets the flag apart from other tricolors. Overall, I love it!
2023-12-16 07:44:18 AM	If you are still reading these — regarding the recently selected final design which will be altered to get our new flag: please leave it as close to how it was submitted as possible :) The symmetrical hoist looks leagues better than trying to make it closer to the shape of the state, the order of the tricolor stripes just somehow *works*, and the colors themselves look timeless. Some minor color revisions and/or a change to the star would be fine in my opinion, but straying too far from the original submission will most likely not do right by this design.
2023-12-16 07:44:55 PM	We cannot continue to alter everything in our lives, that we or someone may find offensive. The act of doing so is offensive to many. As part Native American I myself find any old white man telling me what's offensive, offensive. The fact you entitle white people continue to trample over this land is offensive. So tell me after slaughtering my ancestors, stealing their land, do you care what native Americans think. You arrogant entitled assholes
2023-12-16 07:45:13 PM	Please, please revert all committee changes to F1953 and simply adopt the original version of the design as the new flag. Perhaps keep the new star, but the old muted colors and tricolor are far better and more pleasing to the eye, and are far more unique among flags throughout the world.
2023-12-16 07:45:40 AM	I think 1953 was absolutely the correct choice in Minnesota's new flag and I applaud the committee for approving the original design. That said, I would caution excessive edits. The original design was made with a great deal of thought and care, and I think much of that can be lost when the design is tweaked even slightly. I think the original design is the strongest, most distinctive, and most Minnesotan of the designs.

2023-12-16 07:48:43 AM	Not a question, just a comment: thank you to the commission for truly trying to find a great flag for our state. It's not easy going through hundreds of pages of comments and thousands of designs. Your pick won't be perfect, but it will be better than what we have in large part because of the listening you've done, especially to groups in our state that have historically been without representation.
2023-12-16 07:50:01 PM	I would like to say that I find all of the proposed alterations of F1953 to be worse than the original. The more muted colors of the flag as-is portray an elegance and confidence that the brighter, more saturated colors lack, and feel closer to the spirit of our state. I do not want a bright flag, or a flag that feels desperate to be looked at. I can understand not wanting the white to be on the edge, but truthfully I think even rearranging the colors puts the flag in a worse position, though not as bad as changing the colors outright. I believe also changing the star to be a poor decision, though I think using the "starflake" of F29 could perhaps be for the better, certainly the proposed star changes do not make for a good flag in my opinion. I would also like the star to stay in its current position.
2023-12-16 07:50:57 AM	Thank you for your work towards our state flag, and I wish you luck in making the right decisions.
2023-12-16 07:50:57 AM	Please don't tinker with the original design of the tricolor. The color scheme and original 4 point star are perfect as is.
2023-12-16 07:52:56 AM	Out of the thousands of flags submitted, F1953 has survived to be the final choice based on its overall great design. Please let this design stand on its own without changes, it's earned it. The committee should consider that if the flag had started with any tweaks they make, that it wouldn't have gotten this far in the process. This committee has a chance to deliver a great flag to the people of MN. Please don't fumble it now.
2023-12-16 07:53:59 AM	<p>Why not incorporate the star from F29 (North Star/Snowflake) into the design? The revised proposed star reflects the snowflake concept of F29, but is not readily recognizable as North Star (much less a star or snowflake).</p> <p>Why not use the new State Seal design in place of the star of the proposed flag? The logo of the proposed State Seal should be removed as it is contrary to the design criteria "Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design." The old French logo expresses the spirit of the Star of the North and preserves historical element of the original flag.</p> <p>The flag should include the date 1858, for historical interest.</p>
2023-12-16 07:55:16 PM	Please consider using the Artist's original version of the selected state flag. The modified is way less appealing than the original, colors are ok but the new star is terrible. The artists original star feels very Minnesotan (North Star) vs what it was changed to.
2023-12-16 07:55:47 PM	I prefer the flag without redesign. I really detest all of the redesign options.
2023-12-16 08:04:48 AM	I would prefer if the seal motto was in English as we have more than one tribe in MN.
2023-12-16 08:08:30 AM	Where do we find member contact info to provide feedback directly?
2023-12-16 08:08:30 AM	The original submission for the flag was perfect with simple design. What was the reason for revisions?

2023-12-16 08:12:47 AM	While I preferred some of the other designs, the original of the design chose was well made. The edit you made to the star looks really bad. Please do not go with the weird plus sign star on all the revisions. It seems like you are making changes to a good design for the sake of making changes and it shows.
2023-12-16 08:13:47 AM	please depict our state in a respectful manner the submissions you are reviewing are emotional not factual. shame on you
2023-12-16 08:14:08 PM	I want the original evergreen back! Get this light green outta here! 1935 should have been left as is!
2023-12-16 08:14:43 PM	Please please please do not make the green the green on the web branding. Make the green match the green on the seal so they meld. The web branding is going to go away.
2023-12-16 08:15:22 AM	Please stick with the original version of 1953. The colors work aesthetically much better than they do in any of the variations.
2023-12-16 08:16:09 AM	I love the final flag you chose! Don't mess with it! The revisions created are not nearly as nice as the artist-created version!
2023-12-16 08:17:49 PM	I don't like the changing the star, or making the chevron off center. The colors of green white and blue I prefer, but would like them to not be so pastel.
2023-12-16 08:21:01 AM	why in then name of common sense would anyone design a flag for Minnesota that is so similar to the flags of Jordan or Palestine????
	Please just keep the original flag design, I think it's the best.
2023-12-16 08:21:19 AM	It's designer says he'd be chill with variations A and B so I'd be cool with that too I guess. Making it assymetrical looks so dumb though.
2023-12-16 08:23:50 AM	<p>You picked the right design, but I find the changes have all diluted how good and unique it was. The revised colors are too washed out and boring and no longer invokes forests and lakes. I understand it is the current color scheme for websites and such, but that probably won't be the case forever. The flag should stand on its own. The white on top made it distinctive amongst tricolors. The revised star is fine, but not as good as the original, and is also totally different than the one on the seal (which is great, by the way).</p> <p>Of the revised flags, 17 is easily the best. Blue white blue looks like Argentina's. C isn't too bad, but you've thrown away any symbolism.</p> <p>The off center ones look like a face in profile, and not in a good way (Pac man), and would look worse hanging vertically. Please do not ruin a great design with it.</p> <p>You have the chance to give Minnesota the top tier flag it deserves, something we're proud to hang from our poles and sew onto our hats and shirts. Please do not committee it into something mediocre.</p>
2023-12-16 08:24:16 AM	F1953 in its original color layout stands out from other tricolor flags in a great way that the selected version does not. I belive the original color scheme would set Minnesota apart and leave our flag atop the flagpole when compared to all other state flags. Best in the union in my opinion
2023-12-16 08:24:54 PM	Do not alter the shape of 1953. Let it stay symmetrical. The asymmetrical shape absolutely ruins it and it not nearly as smart as you think it is. Let its stay symmetrical. It's still symbolic and looks better.
2023-12-16 08:26:16 AM	For the love of God do not change the design of F1953! Every single variant proposed is worse than the original F1953 design.

2023-12-16 08:30:52 PM	The "swoopy" water and sky flag design is so much better than this - it looks like the Philippines flag. At least keep the compass star
2023-12-16 08:32:40 PM	Dr. Beane rubbed me the wrong way in her discussion with Dr. Good last month about including the Dakota version of the name in the seal. I can't believe she doesn't understand why they can't add a second spelling of the state name just because it happens to align with her ethnic background. Just because she wants to include the Dakota language "to be more inclusive" doesn't mean her group should be favored over others, INCLUDING OTHER NATIVE GROUPS. That goes against your rules. I hope you stand your ground on removing the Dakota language from the seal
2023-12-16 08:33:59 AM	I do not like the look of the new asymmetrical versions of flag 1953. The original, symmetrical version is best, in my opinion. I do like the 8-pointed star, though! And my favorite version of that style was the one with the "open" star (with negative space in the center of the star). I saw a draft of that in the running earlier in the week, and am curious why it is no longer being considered!
2023-12-16 08:36:26 AM	Please stick the original star and colors on F1935. The right pointed star is too bulky and the modified colors are too muted and not bold like should be used on a flag.
2023-12-16 08:36:33 AM	I highly dislike the asymmetrical shape design that was thrown in last minute. Stick with the symmetrical MN shape, and do not get rid of the color green from the final flag choice. Leaving just blue avoids our lush forests, and only focuses on our lakes.
2023-12-16 08:37:30 PM	The redesign of F1935 is a tragic misstep and ultimately makes the new flag much less powerful, I strongly urge the committee to rethink the changes to the initial design.
2023-12-16 08:39:35 AM	Can we make the seal the new state flag. These look terrible.
2023-12-16 08:40:18 AM	The asymmetrical design is an interesting thought, but it looks hideous. The light green is also absolutely inferior to the dark green. The forest green is much more representative of Minnesota.
2023-12-16 08:41:15 PM	Please revert back to the flag as it was submitted. The proposed changes all make the flag worse. Especially the changes to the star (although the color order is terrible, too)! Please go back to the original submitted version!
2023-12-16 08:52:12 AM	Please don't modify the chosen flag! The original design was the best and the modifications don't improve on the original design. Thank you!
2023-12-16 08:53:29 AM	<p>While 1953 wasn't my top choice, the design micromanagement is making it really terrible. The new star looks bulky, the asymmetrical Minnesota is overly literal, and in general we're losing something that's designed by a designer instead of by a committee.</p> <p>Is there a good reason to micromanage the design to this extent? Couldn't the committee go back to the designer and ask them to respond to feedback and what would make visual sense to change vs what would render the design so far from the original intent that you should select something different?</p> <p>The same goes for the seal. This all seems like arguing personal preferences when people with skill submitted well-designed options and the committee of non-designers just need to decide.</p> <p>Design by committee never works. Can't you bring the designer in instead of inventing new designs that muddy the aesthetics of what was submitted?</p>

2023-12-16 08:54:19 AM	Love that you picked tge strongest of the final 3, but please don't mess with the original 1935 - the original star is much better than the equal point star, and actually has a point on the top instead of the gap. And please don't fall for the asymmetrical angles to match the state, it's symbolic and unique enough.
2023-12-16 08:54:27 AM	I'm not a fan of the asymmetric K, but could be convinced. I can't seem to convince myself that any 2-stripe version looks good. Symmetric stripes look too much like Texas and asymmetric stripes look like it's trying too hard to force perspective.
2023-12-16 08:55:26 AM	<p>I don't know if this is the right place but I need to express how much I love the symmetric chevron versions of F1935 and hate the asymmetric chevron variations. The symmetric chevron is an elegant design that creates a unique and timeless style. I believe this design truly represents our great state.</p> <p>Conversly the asymmetric chevron would be an embarrassment for the state. Frankly the asymmetric chevron is hideous. It also should not be included for consideration. There were several proposed flags with the asymmetric chevron. Those designs did not make the short list.</p>
2023-12-16 08:57:49 AM	<p>Hello, as a proud resident of Minnesota and huge flag enthusiast I have to say I am glad the committee has chosen 1953. I think it is the strongest and most timeless choice of the bunch. I also think it's design should largely be left alone.</p> <p>Primarily on the subject of the simplified symbolic shape of Minnesota on the left of the field, it's simply an inspired choice by the creator. It looks like a flag feature that could have existed at any point but perfectly represents Minnesota. Please, if you must change anything look at the tricolor colors or the star, but really if 1953 passed in its current state I would be ecstatic to fly that flag.</p>
2023-12-16 08:58:08 AM	Please do not change the star on F1953 as it is great how it is. The eight pointed proposed star does not look good on a flag. Additionally, keep the Minnesota shape as is. Trying to make it asymmetrical is a bit too on the nose. The shape is great already and is abstract enough.
2023-12-16 08:59:15 AM	Please keep the original 1953 design. Bear minimum, keep the symmetrical triangles. You have an opportunity to approve a great flag—no need to change it. It must be tempting to make your mark, but please don't. All the other designs are worse and I think the committee is trying to do too much symbolism. Just leave it alone please.
2023-12-16 09:00:15 PM	Please don't tweak the final flag. It was chosen out of literal hundreds because of the design it already had. Please. Please just leave it as it is, it's already beautiful as it is.
2023-12-16 09:04:46 PM	Leave the Minnesota flag alone. Your turning the state. Wolk. Even more.
2023-12-16 09:06:45 AM	<p>Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback!</p> <p>In my opinion, the star should have a point facing north. It is a nod to the North Star state and it looks better. Keep the star in the center of the Flag.</p> <p>The navy part of the flag could stay semetrical so the flag can be viewed from any angle without ruining the design.</p> <p>The green should be darker to match the seal green used for the trees. It is too light a shade.</p>

2023-12-16 09:06:49 AM	Please stick with the original version of F1953. I saw the redesign options, differently colored stripes, and asymmetric shaping and they all look worse to me than the original design. I'm trying to come at this from a design and vexillology perspective and thought the original did the best job
2023-12-16 09:07:18 PM	I respectfully voice my opinion and ask that submission F1953 be left as is without any alterations. The artist original design with the white stripe on top helps distinguish from many many other center white stripe flags. The star he chose actually looks like a star without being too busy or overwhelming.
2023-12-16 09:08:47 AM	The proposed flag designs look like a flag from Africa. They are ridiculous! The star looks like a patch work quilt. I hope you know changing the flag is one of the worst decisions you'll make we in your life. Instead of your name being on the committee to redesign the flag you'll be known for the selfish, egotistical moron for changing the MN flag.
2023-12-16 09:10:17 PM	Please stick with the original F1953 design of the flag as much as possible. I feel the modifications to the star and hues of the colors are detrimental to the original design and actually take away from the aspects of the flag rather than improving upon it. However I do support rearranging the color of the flag to the Blue-White-Green.
2023-12-16 09:11:18 AM	What is the purpose of changing the design of 1953 after it was already voted on? The original 1953 is far superior to the other proposed designs. Why change it?
2023-12-16 09:11:28 AM	The original F1935 design is far superior to any of the proposed redesigns.
2023-12-16 09:14:44 AM	F1953 is a great design, and it becomes very unique yet also aesthetically pleasing when the white horizontal stripe is on top. The original design is my favorite.
2023-12-16 09:15:57 PM	I couldn't find a place to publicly comment so I'll do it here. The star on the original tri-color is a lot better then the one on the tri-color redesign that was picked on December 15. The redesigned star doesn't even look like a star!
2023-12-16 09:16:52 AM	Please keep the original North Star on 1953. Why are we adding an explicitly native symbol when I thought the point of the redesign was to remove explicit community symbols. Doesn't seem like it will age well. Also the Dakota Star does not read well from far away. It will just look like a circle.
2023-12-16 09:16:56 AM	The seal should bear the state motto. Not language of one extremely small subsection of the population

<p>2023-12-16 09:17:49 PM</p>	<p>with regard to the flag and design 1953. For the following.</p> <p>I write to express support for use of that Star which matches the Star displayed in the rotunda of the Capital Building. While other stars may be more aesthetically pleasing, no other Star considered thus far has such connections to Minnesota, nor the ability to be viewed as either a North Star or a Snowflake as desired by the viewer.</p> <p>I also support leaving the “K”, that is the inverted triangle hoist, as the designer intended. The symbol already reflects Minnesota, and is clearly viewable as Minnesota when the flag is displayed both still and particular when suspended from a flag pole in light wind. Making the state outline more visible makes the flag non-symmetrical, particularly if displayed vertically. It is also too “on the nose.” As the committee as said many times, you can say more with less. The meaning of the K is there without putting a literal outline of the state on the flag. Such literal representation of a symbol is among the reasons f944 failed to advance.</p> <p>I finally write to encourage use of the original color scheme for flag 1953f. At minimum, I believe the original flag should be displayed along with the updated color alternatives for review. The muted colors of the original better reflect Minnesota’s Northern coziness and non-flashy reputation. They are also more aesthetically pleasing. And, because they represent the symbology of snow, agriculture/forest, and lakes/waters, just as effectively as the updated color scheme, I believe the designers choice should be preserved as much as possible (except where effective symbolism may warrant changes, such as with the Capital Rotunda Star).</p> <p>Please consider the original, or colors more in line with the original, and it’s muted colors of blue and green.</p> <p>I believe the updated colors are less likely to stand up to time, and their inclusion merely to match state government’s current color scheme is short sighted. The current colors of government are a branding effort from 2013, and are not statutorily required to continue for</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:20:11 PM</p>	<p>There is NOTHING pleasant or appropriate or appealing about ANY of the finalists. They look like discards from a dollar store.</p> <p>Please, please, start this process over so we are not stuck with basement bargain art.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:21:34 PM</p>	<p>The asymmetric Minnesota silhouette and 3 color versions of 1953 lose the spirit of the original design. The asymmetric silhouette is especially distracting and unsubtle. Please stick with the 4 color, symmetric silhouette versions.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:22:03 PM</p>	<p>These flags are an embarrassment. A first grader could have drawn these. Lay out the other 49 state flags then look at your latest choice. It looks pretty lame compared to most of them. Same with the state seal. What a colossal waste of time and money.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:24:32 AM</p>	<p>Please go with the original design for the F1935 flag. The North star shouldn't be blocky, if anything the blocky North star is reminiscent of the HSBC logo, it should look like an actual star. Keep the tri colors descending from white to green then to blue it makes sense with the snow on top of the landscape which is green then to blue for the 10,000 lakes. The flag colors can be enhanced / slightly tweaked.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:24:42 AM</p>	<p>Please consider matching the stars on the seal and the flag. Including different stars muddies meaning and creates confusion. Please consider consistency.</p>

2023-12-16 09:25:00 AM	This committee had the chance to make meaningful change to a state wide symbol in order to unite our state. Instead, you bickered and sniped. Instead, you chose to become a farce. You called each other "morons" and "know-it-all" in public and on record. Minnesota should be better than having interest groups brow beating each other through guilt just to put their language on the seal. Seriously, you have been incredibly disappointing.
2023-12-16 09:26:01 AM	Please keep the original design of 1953. The white stripe on top was unique, the others look too much like generic country flags. Also, the asymmetrical chevron proposals end up looking like a mistake and are not aesthetically pleasing at all.
2023-12-16 09:30:40 PM	F29 was the simplest, strongest design. But since we're working with the one we've got—the original star of the original design suited it best. The star with even points all the way around looks like someone could have assembled it on microsoft word.
2023-12-16 09:31:13 AM	The unmodified version of the selected flag is significantly better than any of the modified versions shown(unless it's just changing the order of the colors). It's simple, symmetric, looks good in any orientation.
2023-12-16 09:31:24 AM	Please do not modify the original flag proposal #1953 . The original design was perfect, and don't ruin it!
2023-12-16 09:31:49 AM	Please do not make the left side of the selected flag asymmetrical. I heard the reasoning in the meeting, but I do not agree with it. Asymmetry looks wrong to our eyes for a reason! We do not need to make the shape more literal. We took the word MINNESOTA off the flag for a reason. Changing the shape to look this obvious is basically putting the words right back on. It ruins the design, and the commission should be ashamed that they are soiling such a good design in this way.
2023-12-16 09:32:10 AM	Please stick to the original design for the three striped flag. It has wonderful balance and meaning. I saw a photo of alterations on Reddit and it looks like the design is being destroyed through over analyzation. Don't destroy it.
2023-12-16 09:32:46 PM	I think the original polaris tricolor as a base is fantastic and should not be strayed from too much. I understand moving the white stripe to the middle so that it does not disappear, but the colors themselves should not be changed. Neither should the polaris star - it looks unique and will be a striking symbol of our state, noticeable from a distance and awesome when the flag is hung vertically.
2023-12-16 09:33:47 AM	The new star is NOT an improvement. None of the revisions are improvements. Perhaps the order of the color stripes could be tweaked but that is it. Finally, keep the personal agendas away from this discussion and don't be bullied those with no integrity who just can't resist putting their own selfish interests ahead of others.
2023-12-16 09:35:46 AM	I believe that the "Starflake" design from F29 would fit well in the place of the star from F1953. Please do not stray far from the original design.
2023-12-16 09:35:53 PM	Additionally, the left side of the flag absolutely must be left symmetrical. Our flag is not a map, and an asymmetrical design looks ridiculous and is out of line with vexillology guidelines. And keep the tricolor, please. Those colors are nice.
2023-12-16 09:36:24 AM	Nice work. No matter if you decide symmetrical or asymmetrical, three colors or four, the committee has settled on a base design that will be hanging out in front of my house the day it becomes available. Don't listen to the haters. It's been a long road. It's going to turn out great. Thank you.

<p>2023-12-16 09:37:59 PM</p>	<p>URGENT!!!!</p> <p>Have you (or anyone) ever happened to look into the meaning of the 8-point star being used for the new MN flag? I just did and I am totally offended by the meaning behind it and I'm sure the majority of people in MN would NOT identify with the true meaning of it!!! Who is pushing this design through? It seems to me that some minority is subtly trying to push this through as "our flag" hoping that the majority of people are unaware and ignorant of the PAGAN significance of this star. It can't possibly represent the average/typical Minnesotan. Have you looked at the meaning of it?</p> <p>There is a detailed explanation at: https://spiritualify.org/8-pointed-star-spiritual-meaning-and-symbolism/</p> <p>Here are the 1st of 5 meanings that are listed for its meaning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The eight-pointed star can represent the 8 fold path of Buddhism. 2. The eight points can also represent the 8 Noble Truths of Buddhism. 3. In Hinduism, the eight points represent the 8 chakras of the body. <p>It goes on to explain this star as:</p> <p>--- "The eight-pointed star is a sacred symbol in paganism."</p> <p>--- "In the occult tradition, it is often seen as"</p> <p>--- "The eight-pointed star is a powerful symbol in Islam."</p> <p>--- "The eight-pointed star is also a symbol of the Muslim community"</p> <p>--- and it states falsely: "the Noble Eightfold Path of Christianity...". False because "Noble Eightfold Path " is not associated with Christianity but rather Buddhism (source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noble_Eightfold_Path)</p> <p>--- and more falsely: "The eight-pointed star is also found in Judaism" which is False because the Judaism star is six-pointed (source: https://www.bing.com/search?q=jewish%20symbol%20for%20tombstones&pc=0CAE&ptag=C999AB5640765ED&form=CONMHP&conlogo=CT3210127)</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:38:55 AM</p>	<p>I had submitted a typo in my previous submission. the original F1953 was perfect and I wish that it was not altered whatsoever. I'm not sure who in the MN public at large is requesting further alterations. The fattened star on each redesign does not stand out at a distance and just appears as a circle when flying overhead. It would be tragic to have such a perfect submission as F1953 be corrupted into something with worse coloration and shaping. at the very least, please keep the original polaris design and color choice. rearrange the stripes if you feel the need to change something for the sake of changing it, but the shape and color of all the details are perfect and changing them will only worsen the end product.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:41:34 AM</p>	<p>I am very pleased with the final design of the new Minnesota State Flag, as it looks very clean, classic, and easy to reproduce in a wide variety of materials and by artists of all skill levels. However, I have heard that it was said in a committee meeting that the committee is considering making the "swallowtail" chevron more asymmetrical in order to look more like the State. I believe this would be an enormous error, and would make the flag significantly less aesthetically pleasing without meaningfully increasing the visual similarity to the state. Similarly, I believe that the "white-green-blue" order of the color bars was preferable, as well as the original de-saturated coloring, but this is much less important than maintaining the symmetry of the chevron. Thank you very much for your time.</p>

<p>2023-12-16 09:42:29 AM</p>	<p>I am very pleased with the final design of the new Minnesota State Flag, as it looks very clean, classic, and easy to reproduce in a wide variety of materials and by artists of all skill levels. However, I have heard that it was said in a committee meeting that the committee is considering making the "swallowtail" chevron more asymmetrical in order to look more like the State. I believe this would be an enormous error, and would make the flag significantly less aesthetically pleasing without meaningfully increasing the visual similarity to the state. Similarly, I believe that the "white-green-blue" order of the color bars was preferable, as well as the original de-saturated coloring, but this is much less important than maintaining the symmetry of the chevron. Thank you very much for your time.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:44:36 AM</p>	<p>F1953-17 is the best of a bad bunch. Please keep the tricolors and bring back the original star, all the new proposals are terrible. I understand wanting to honor the native population but don't use the dang Ohio Star for that!</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:44:36 AM</p>	<p>I agree with the flag that was chosen being the best, but the original is the best option. It doesn't need a redesign at all. The muted colors really work, and the star design is distinct. Take the original design as is.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:44:56 PM</p>	<p>Please stick as close to the original 1953 design as possible (switching the white stripe to the middle makes sense.) The Polaris star is much prettier than the Dakota Star and doesn't represent one group. Also keep the Minnesota shape symmetrical - making it asymmetrical makes it much too obvious.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:51:09 AM</p>	<p>I don't like the "patchwork quilt" star. We are the north star state, and I feel that either the "starflake" from f29 or the "Polaris/compass rose" pattern star on the 1953 flag not only look better, but fit the idea of a north star better. I have also heard that an asymmetrical chevron shape on the LH side of the flag is being considered, to try and be an exact match for the shape of MN, and I feel that would look hideous, and most people already understand the tie-in to the shape in the original design.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:51:38 AM</p>	<p>Commenting in favor of going with F1935A, with no other modifications, as our state flag. Please no asymmetrical "Minnesota"</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:51:56 AM</p>	<p>the original 1953 design was nearly perfect. the changes seem to be making it worse. bring the original designer in to help with changes. so happy that the best design made it to the end. now don't mess it up. you've got this. do minnesota proud</p>

<p>2023-12-16 09:53:23 PM</p>	<p>Above all else, I believe the original design (F1953) should be unaltered and remain as is. If you would like my reasoning, it follows as:</p> <p>The asymmetric alteration to the leftmost blue-field should be avoided. It would ruin any verticality that the flag would have and ultimately dumbs down the design by 'telling' viewers that it is the Minnesota outline, instead of elegantly hinting at it.</p> <p>Changing the colors from the muted, unsaturated ones of the original design to ones closer to the colors used for current Minnesota branding, means that they will immediately have an expiration date, as we will inevitably change these colors again in 5-10 years, dating and solidifying the time of the flag's inception. We should not lose 'green' either as our natural flora is one of our most prized possession. While I prefer the original layout of the tricolor, I understand the desire to move 'white' to the center. However, 'white' at top would be a bit more unique.</p> <p>The 'Dakota star' should not be used as to avoid the singling out of one people. The star used in the original design is closer to how we usually draw actual stars, simulating variable light and twinkling. If the alternate must be used, then it should be oriented like compass rose, better signifying the 'north' star.</p> <p>I appreciated this effort and understand that not everyone will be happy with the outcome, but let's not overwork the design for committee-sake.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:56:17 AM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please keep the inverted triangle symmetrical. Asymmetrical is visually unappealing, ruins the clever symbolism with unneeded literalism, and assumes that people viewing the flag are too dense to connect the dots. - Keep the star centered. Otherwise all I can see is a blocky Pac-Man. - Keep the star white. The contrast with the yellow doesn't look as sharp. - Keep the tri-color, but the order doesn't matter to me as much.
<p>2023-12-16 09:56:26 AM</p>	<p>I want to add to my original comment. None of the variants come close to what the original design was. Do not change the original design.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:57:24 AM</p>	<p>If you keep the Dakota Star can you at least make it point North? It would be a major oversight to not have the star point North.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:58:19 AM</p>	<p>I really like the 1953 flag design, but PLEASE don't pick one of the revisions where the "Minnesota" shape is off center, and instead keep the notch centered in the middle of the flag! It looks so unbalanced and wrong (and much too literal) on the flags where the left hand side is closely mirroring the MN shape. I keep looking at them and thinking "something is off."</p> <p>My favorite is 1953-17 (points on the star in north south east west directions) followed by 1953-18.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

<p>2023-12-16 09:59:16 AM</p>	<p>Regarding the chosen flag submission, F1953: I believe the changes made to the original design detract from the strong points that made this flag the winner.</p> <p>In particular, changing the triangular portion that represents the symbolic shape of Minnesota into an asymmetrical shape lowers the quality of the design substantially. All of the modified designs using this asymmetrical shape do not look attractive, particularly when the flag is rotated vertically.</p> <p>The original, more muted colors chosen represent the state better than the brighter colors the commission is considering. These muted colors match the northern temperament and climate of Minnesota, while brighter colors evoke a warmer or more tropical feeling.</p> <p>The changes to the star also detract from the flag. The original star really stands out with some points sticking out further than the rest, more representative of the north star shining in the night sky. The modifications to the star will also not look as good from a distance, as the points will blend together into a circle when viewed from afar.</p> <p>Having the white on the top of the tricolor portion is also a unique touch that is not typically seen in flags. This would let the Minnesota flag stand out, as Minnesota itself does among the states.</p> <p>The original design as intended by the artist is a strong flag design that represents the great state of Minnesota well. I encourage the commission to stand by the artist's vision rather than getting bogged down in what small changes can be made to it, many of which detract from the uniqueness and strength of the design.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 09:59:22 PM</p>	<p>The alternates for design 1953 seem like entirely different flags, 1953 won: go with it as proper. If you wanted to push your variants, you should have submitted them at the beginning. Designed by committee is a pejorative for a reason.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 10:00:38 AM</p>	<p>Keep the original star flake originally shown for F1953!!! The variant looks way too blocky and oddly urchin esque. We are known as the North Star state and the star from the original design actually "Shines" like the North Star that shines bright in the sky!! Come on guys it is a good design we don't need any changes when it was already perfect to begin with. F93 was my favorite and I'm glad at least there is still some semblance to it I. The original F1953</p>
<p>2023-12-16 10:01:08 AM</p>	<p>The Star is terrible, use the f29 star or any other than this one</p>
<p>2023-12-16 10:01:17 AM</p>	<p>Flag 1953's newly redesigned star is awful. Please use the original. Also, you should not be going against your self-imposed rule of not showing representation for any one group (on the state seal) by only having Dakota text. Get rid of it, it should not, and certainly does not need to, be there.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 10:02:07 AM</p>	<p>Please don't make the Minnesota on the left of the final flag asymmetrical. Most people will understand intuitively that it's a Minnesota even if it's not shaped exactly correctly, and anyone who doesn't will get a nice a-ha moment when they figure it out. Additionally, asymmetry looks worse graphically. Please leave the Minnesota alone.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 10:02:49 AM</p>	<p>Can I give input on the chosen design?</p>

<p>2023-12-16 10:06:24 PM</p>	<p>Please, please, PLEASE revert to the original star submitted for the selected flag design. The new one is abstracted to the point where it no longer looks like a “North Star” which was the unifying theme of the final designs. Additionally the white stripe should be on top as it represents us as the northern most state in the lower 48 and is truly unique among the Tricolors of the world!</p>
<p>2023-12-16 10:07:20 PM</p>	<p>Why the change in the shade of green? The darker green seemed so classy and timeless, it was dissapointing to see it go. Additionally, I understand that the star adaptation may have native significance, which I support, but I’d like some information and authenticity to come with it as the original star was a bit more subtle.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 10:09:01 PM</p>	<p>Can we please revert back to Polaris tricolor (F1935) as it was originally submitted? The white on top is unique in flag designs and the more muted green is better representative of our state and evokes more grass/woods over the neon lime per the most recent changes. If you must change the star to feel like you accomplished something...fine, but it’s never going to be as strong a design as the original. Also, don’t make the chevron offset. It would look unkempt and not be as strong a design. Think about hanging the flag both from a flagpole or draped vertically. Anything the committee has done so far to change it is a downgrade.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 10:09:20 AM</p>	<p>Until last night on the news, I had no idea that the triangular shape on the left side of your designs was supposed to be Minnesota. How can this be considered a good design if people like myself who haven't really followed all the nuances of your meetings don't automatically see what your committee thinks is a strong point? Until it was pointed out, I thought the shape was just some graphic design. To my eye, the one with the moving water/clouds (even bird shapes!) is far more attractive and one that draws my eye to it.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 10:09:43 PM</p>	<p>Please return to the original 1953, all of the tweaks have been sorely for the worse except the change in the colors order.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 10:10:53 AM</p>	<p>Please do not use any of the proposed revisions of 1953. The original design is *so* much better, both with a more recognizable star and a color palette that will stand up much better to time.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 10:12:25 AM</p>	<p>Some of the proposed alterations to the submitted design truly destroy it. The color changes to meet the states standard palate are fine. Changing the star to the Dakota/quilting square star would be a mistake if not canted to have a point up, it would no longer represent the North Star. There are several other better Polaris stars. The idea of resizing the swallowtail portion of the flag to look more like a map of the state makes it look disproportionate , and just plain silly, add a northwest angle to the top too.</p> <p>Finally the original design tricolor of white, green, sky blue should be retained, there is no need to put white in the middle. As I suggested before the tricolor as submitted reflects a view across a Minnesota lake cloudy sky, tree lined shore and sky blue waters. (Think Estonian EE flag: sky, winter forest and snow.)</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
<p>2023-12-16 10:13:01 AM</p>	<p>F1953A is a flag that Minnesotans can be proud of. All the symbolism and beauty of the original design is there, with the welcome addition of the classic MN state capitol star. I would rotate the star so that it is oriented N-S, but no other changes are needed. The suggestion to make the blue hoist area non-symmetrical is a bad idea. Minnesotans are well educated people who will understand the meaning suggested by the blue field without making it more literally in the outline of the state. Polaris Tricolor all the way!</p>

2023-12-16 10:13:04 PM	The artist's original concept is at risk of being butchered. Please do not proceed with the modifications except the order of the stripes.
2023-12-16 10:15:42 AM	Please don't change the flag from the artist's submission. The new star looks awful and the revised color options are terrible. The original star and color palette work perfectly, and every single mocked up revision looks awful and amateurish.
2023-12-16 10:17:27 AM	Please keep the original F-1953 design. The revisions are unnecessary and add poor design elements. The original 1953 design is one I would be proud to fly.
2023-12-16 10:20:56 PM	Why is the committee adjusting at all? You've picked your finalist. Don't mess with it. Keep the original finalists design and be done. The revisions colors look as if they'll age poorly.
2023-12-16 10:21:59 PM	As a student of Minnesota, I feel I give great significance to give the new flag, as I'll be around it for the rest of my life. With that said, I am especially frustrated by the proposed edits to the flag. F1953 was so striking, and felt so accurate to my image of the state. I believe the brightened green cheapens, and ages the flag. The eight-point star, while representative, is done poorly and is hardly unique. The artist's vision was a beautiful representation of our home, and something I'd be happy to grow up around. Please don't take that from me. Thank you.
2023-12-16 10:26:22 PM	I just want to say the flag design you picked it gorgeous. And the A and B redesigns are fine. But please do NOT change the "Minnesota" shape. Asymmetrical looks worse than the original shape (both horizontally and vertically).
2023-12-16 10:28:35 AM	The original F1953 is unique and perfect, it needs no changes. The muted colors, simple star, unique "white on top" stripe, the inverted hoist... Watch the CGP Grey video at https://youtu.be/IFww0W5Ugg for a better explanation as to why than I could ever give.
2023-12-16 10:30:42 PM	I'd like to voice my support for flag variant 1953b (a symmetrical chevron with two horizontal sky blue stripes divided by a white stripe). This variant works symbolically on multiple levels: 1. The parallel stripes of sky blue echo the literal meaning of the phrase "Mni Sóta Makoce": "the land where the water reflects the skies." 2. When arranged vertically, the inverted chevron becomes a lake or river flowing to the horizon, and the white stripe becomes the reflection of the north star in the water. 3. Alternatively, the band of white emanating from the star within the abstract shape of Minnesota can represent our state's role as a beacon, shining a light for others. Finally, this variant's simplicity and symmetry give it a classical appeal that will help it grow into a beloved symbol that endures across trends and eras.
2023-12-16 10:33:45 PM	Use the star on F289. In other words, use only the outline of the 8 pointed rotunda star. The solid white filling will look like a big dot from far way. Also please make one point point Northward.
2023-12-16 10:34:14 AM	I think that the original star works best as I don't feel like the new 8 point star represents me.
2023-12-16 10:35:15 AM	I really like f1953 as it is, with the symmetrical mn shape. I feel like the asymmetrical will look super bad from afar. Also the symmetrical looks better when hanging both ways

2023-12-16 10:38:15 AM	The original 1953 design is much better than the alternatives presented on Friday. I particularly dislike the variants with the asymmetrical shape. It ruins the subtlety of the Minnesota shape on the flag and pushes it right in your face. I am also not a fan of the big blocky star. I also preferred the original colors, in particular the darker green is much nicer looking than the new lime one. I did also prefer the white stripe on the top. I understand it looks a little strange on a page or screen, but that isn't how a flag is meant to be displayed. A top white stripe would be a cool unique look.
2023-12-16 10:38:19 PM	Please keep the original F1953 flag. The proposed revisions drastically changed the character of the flag and are a big step backwards. Please please please respect the intent of the artists. You guys have a lot of power as a committee, but that is given you to select a new flag, not to be amateur artists. Keep F1953 the way it is!
2023-12-16 10:38:26 AM	While I understand the color pallet is a modification many were aware about, I do believe fundamental changes to the template are outside the scope of what one could consider a modification. Swapping the polaris star with the rotunda star is outside the scope of the scope of modification. Swapping from a symmetrical K shape chevron to asymmetrical shape is outside the scope of modification. Changing the tri-color striping to dual or mono color pattern is outside the scope of modification.
2023-12-16 10:41:49 AM	Please keep the original design for the 1953 flag, it is by far the best version. The committee risks creating a version of the tricolor that will look less appealing than any of the original finalists by changing too much.
2023-12-16 10:43:45 AM	For the final flag design, the original F1953 submission looks a lot better without the changes you guys added. Please don't make the final selection (1953) asymmetrical. It looks very ugly asymmetrical, and it looks much better symmetrical. Additionally, the colors (and color ordering) on the original flag look more aesthetically pleasing than the slight tweaks you guys made. Lastly, the original 8 pointed star (unequal point lengths) looks much better than the weird M shaped star with equal point lengths that you guys added. Essentially, please hit ctrl+z and undo all changes to that flag. It looked great as it was originally submitted. I appreciate the hard work you guys have done, but honestly all your tweaks just made it uglier.
2023-12-16 10:43:53 AM	Please leave the flag design as it was submitted. The alterations so far look terrible and there is large support for the original artists design
2023-12-16 10:45:41 PM	1953 in its original form looks better than the other redesigns. If there must be changes, I'd prefer something along 1953 B instead of the MN-shaped left side like in successive designs on the right side of the photo used to present them here (https://www.fox9.com/news/new-minnesota-state-flag-selected). Thank you for your time.

<p>2023-12-16 10:54:06 AM</p>	<p>Please, PLEASE stick with the original design for 1935. White stripe on top is so much more distinct against other similar flags, and the colors initially presented are perfect the way they are.</p> <p>There is a great video breakdown on how good this first flag is, if you have a few minutes.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/IFww0W5Ugg?si=iJl3HDcxg1WkLT8_</p> <p>Sincerely, UMN Alumni, Bachelor's of Design</p>
<p>2023-12-16 10:54:16 AM</p>	<p>I don't like any of the new flags. There is nothing wrong with our current flag. No confederate flag , or slave reference. Just our state history. Your committee should not erase our history.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 11:05:34 AM</p>	<p>Please leave Polaris Tricolor mostly as is. A change to the star would be acceptable</p>
<p>2023-12-16 11:05:38 AM</p>	<p>The ASYMMETRICAL designs proposed by the chair look RIDICULOUS! Please stick with the clean symmetrical design for 1953. It's a flag, not a map. We do not need the actual shape of the state on the flag for it to be evoked.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 11:05:45 PM</p>	<p>Hi there! I am a Minneapolis resident. I am very happy that F1935 was selected as the final design! Having seen some of the proposed modifications, however, I am a bit disheartened. The original "tricolor" on the right is just perfect, and should not be changed or reduced. Nor should the proportions of the angle be changed. I understand that the asymmetrical design option looks slightly more like the shape of the state of Minnesota, but the symmetrical design is more versatile and still recognizable when the flag is hanging from a flagpole without wind and works better when the flag is hung vertically (with the hoist side on top).</p> <p>As for the star, I would personally choose a design similar to the "starflake" from the F29 "L'etoile du Nord" flag submission, but without the yellow four-pointed star behind it. I'd be fine with it pointed either way, but aesthetically, I think it should be rotated 22.5 degrees so that one point is pointing to each of the 4 compass directions, rather than having two points (or an "M") pointed towards each compass point.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 11:06:24 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the original 1953 design! It just looks so much better, the star is more dynamic & the colors feel more "grown up" than the ones in the proposed updated version.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 11:09:43 PM</p>	<p>Please see the star on F1544. Add that to F1593!</p>
<p>2023-12-16 11:14:36 AM</p>	<p>Please, for the love of God, use the unaltered version of 1953. The revisions are terrible. Just stop.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 11:17:27 AM</p>	<p>I like the #1953 design, but I suggest tweaks: 1.) Move the angle that points left lower, so it is about 1/3 of the way from the bottom of the flag... more closely replicates the shape of the outline of our state. 2.) Move the "Star of the North" to the upper "north" part of the flag... more closely replicates the field of stars in the upper left corner of the US Flag. 3.) Adjust the stripe colors: bottom darker blue to mean clear blue water, middle green as it is, top stripe, light blue s to signify clean blue air. I tweaked it myself and posted my version to Twitter and Facebook. I'd be happy to share my rugs draft of a tweaked design with you as a jpg. I can send it to you or you could look at my Facebook post:</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10104035825565469&set=p.10104035825565469&type=3. Thank you. -- Tom Grier, Winona, Minnesota.</p>

2023-12-16 11:20:42 PM	Is it possible to leave the selected flag design (F1953) as is? The initial design was symmetrical. The compass star burst was a nice touch too. Whichever flag flies, please choose colors which match nature.
2023-12-16 11:20:56 AM	Why does the most recent update say F1935? I thought it was F1953. Also, the update doesn't show the original F1953, but a variant instead.
2023-12-16 11:21:36 AM	The F1953 flag design should stay as it was submitted by the original artist with no modifications. It looks better than any of the proposed modifications. Also, the Dakota phrase should be replaced with the state motto on the seal as its presence violates the committee rules and discriminates against all other cultures in Minnesota that are not represented on the seal.
2023-12-16 11:22:43 AM	I have loved following the flag selection process and this final flag selection was my first choice! I STRONGLY prefer the symmetrical MN shape. I also prefer the blue, white and green stripe version. I could embrace the two stripe blue and green stripe version but I feel that it too closely resembles the Texas state flag. Thanks for your hard work on this!!
2023-12-16 11:22:53 AM	The revisions to the original F1953 submission are bad. Please revert to the original submission.
2023-12-16 11:22:54 AM	Please reconsider your selection. I believe it is the least favorable of the 3 choices. The 3 strips appear to have mismatching colors and are wide and bland in color. Please reconsider #F2100.
2023-12-16 11:23:30 AM	Please use the colors from the original design of F1953
2023-12-16 11:23:44 AM	Hello - I would really encourage the commission to go with the 1953 Design that is symmetrical - the asymmetrical version does not look very good in my opinion. It is too "on the nose" in regards to the shape of Minnesota. I do appreciate the change to the white stripe though - it looks much better with it being in the inside! The star change is also very nice!
2023-12-16 11:24:23 AM	The asymmetrical variants of the final approved design look like a low res vomiting pacman. Trust the average viewer of the flag to recognize the shape represents the shape of Minnesota without holding their hand. It is a flag, not a map.
2023-12-16 11:26:17 AM	Please change the star and entire design of F1935 back to the original submission please. Your revision detracted from the original design. Thank you.
2023-12-16 11:29:45 AM	Please don't change the final design! Modifying the colors and changing the star is one thing, but removing colors or changing the shapes ruins the entire design!
2023-12-16 11:31:01 PM	How is having "Mini Sota Makoche" on the state seal not favoring the Dakota over any other tribe or people group? I thought the seal wasn't supposed to favor anyone over another.
2023-12-16 11:40:50 AM	I would proudly fly the original submission of F1953, and probably would for 1953-B and 1953-17. Those designs have a symmetry that makes them pleasing to the eye, while still retaining a symbolism meant to reflect all Minnesotans and what our state represents. The other variants, however, are an absolute eyesore. Having the star lines and the triangle lines at odd, acute angles is incredibly distracting. Having the stripe width be asymmetric is incredibly distracting. Removing the stripes is distracting by how bland it makes the flag. Please consider choosing the original submission first, but F1953-B and F1953-17 are worthy runners up.

2023-12-16 11:46:24 PM	I think the stripes should be blue on top for clear blue skies, green in the middle for land, and blue on the bottom for water (rivers and lakes), reflecting the idea description of MN as "the land of sky blue waters". I don't think it should have a white stripe for snow;we don't have that much snow;what we get just stays around because of the cold. And with climate change, that will likely change in future decades.
2023-12-16 11:47:47 AM	I've seen the redesign considerations of f1953. The original color shades were much better than the new ones. The 8 point star also doesn't look good.
2023-12-16 11:53:43 AM	The proposed revisions to F1953 destroy what makes the original great, and would ruin what could be an amazing legacy of choosing a beautiful and timeless flag for our great state. Please resist the temptation to meddle with it.
2023-12-16 11:55:36 AM	With F1935 being selected for revision, it should be kept as close to the original as possible. The three color tricolor design represents the state and looks far better than a two color version. The star should also keep the original design which reads as much more star-like than any of the proposed redesigns.
2023-12-16 11:57:04 PM	Please stick to the 1953 design. Every "improvement" has been nothing more than a detraction from the original design. The muted color scheme is far better than the bright colors being considered. And the original star is also significantly better. I don't think the original design is perfect by any stretch, but I have yet to see anything from the panel that suggests they have any clue how to improve the design.
2023-12-16 11:57:25 AM	Star, sky, snow, grass ... and a great big letter "K": will persons unfamiliar with the geographical shapes of all 50 states first think that your choice is the flag of Kansas or Kentucky?
2023-12-16 12:00:24 AM	keep the original and flip blue/green, it's literally that easy to not mess up.
2023-12-16 12:00:40 AM	Why in the world are you messing with the 1953 design?! It was not my first choice, but I always had it in my top two or three. None of the proposed changes that I've seen from these meetings have any positive impact on the design, please leave it as it was originally submitted.
2023-12-16 12:00:59 AM	Why are you messing up the original f1953 flag so much? It looked so nice and your asymmetry and color swapping makes it look so boring and uninspired.
2023-12-16 12:02:54 AM	Back to the drawing board! This flag is awful!!
2023-12-16 12:03:21 PM	Why are you guys trying to tweak F1935? The original design for the submission is what me and most of the public have come to love. If you want to see more explanation as to why, watch cgp greys recent YouTube video about or flag.
2023-12-16 12:05:24 AM	Please please please please keep F1953 as it is in the original design, the muted tricolor with the centered indent looks so good and fits the state so well. I think the original Polaris star is easily the best looking one but it's the one thing that I think could be changed without sabotaging the design. Changing the colors to be brighter and removing the green makes it lose a bit of its uniqueness, and moving the indent lower makes it actually look really bad. Original F1953 is one of the best looking state flags I've seen, works amazing both horizontal and vertical, and is a flag that I would happily hang in my house.
2023-12-16 12:06:50 AM	Keep flag 1953 the way it was originally designed. No changes.

<p>2023-12-16 12:08:18 PM</p>	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I just wanted to say that I really like the original design of flag 1953! By changing it this drastically, it is an insult to the original artist. I especially dislike the wonky looking newer re-designs that feature the off-kilter side bar (The one that they redesigned to look like the State of Minnesota on the side) and stripes. It will look terrible on a flag and make people mock our state! We have come so far and are finally modernizing our state flag and emblem, so how can we fumble this badly at the last minute?!</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:08:31 AM</p>	<p>Dear State Emblem's Redesign Commission,</p> <p>Thank you for all your hard work on our new state flag.</p> <p>I have heard that some commission members were disappointed by the decision to drop design F944, which explicitly represented the concept of Mni Sota Makoce.</p> <p>As you finalize the flag next week, I have a suggestion that might address at least some of those concerns.</p> <p>I suggest that the bars on the right of the final flag should be in this order: White (with a hint of blue) on top, blue in the middle, and green on the bottom.</p> <p>In this order, they can represent the things that make Minnesota great as well as the meaning of our state's original name. White with a hint of blue for the sky. Blue for our abundant lakes and rivers. And green for our forests, crop fields, and pastures. And, by having white on top and directly above the blue, it also clearly represents the idea of waters reflecting the clouds. The order represents looking across a forest or field to a big lake, with the sky on the horizon. It is a sight you might see in any corner of our beautiful state, from Lake Superior to Lake Peppin to Lake of the Woods.</p> <p>See for example, these photos</p> <p>https://roadtripsandtinytrailers.com/2020/10/23/lake-superior-mn-north-shore-one-lake-many-beaches/</p> <p>https://midwestwinepress.com/2013/08/02/new-lake-pepin-wine-trail/</p> <p>https://vanmarmot.org/2022/09/28/zippel-bay-state-park-minnesota-28-sep-2022/</p>

<p>2023-12-16 12:08:37 AM</p>	<p>Dear SERC,</p> <p>I want to first applaud you on choosing design 1953 as the basis of the new Minnesota state flag. It is an excellent design and it does a fantastic job symbolizing the great state of Minnesota while mostly adhering to vexillology best practices. As you continue to pursue this design, I thought I would share a few concerns that I, as well as many others on social media, have regarding the proposed variants that were discussed today, December 15th, 2023.</p> <p>My first concern is with a variant being pushed that contains an asymmetrical inverted triangle which was modified, presumably, to more accurately reflect Minnesota's land mass. This design is much too "on the nose" and looks, quite frankly, bad in both horizontal and vertical orientations. The symmetrical version was already reminiscent of Minnesota's land mass without it being "in your face." I urge the commission to discard this proposed variant.</p> <p>The second concern I have is with the eight-pointed star. I was not a fan of the star in the original version of 1953 and I do like the replacement that has appeared in variants of the design. However, I have seen the star oriented in a manner that doesn't point north such as in variant 1953-18, and I think going with this variant would be a mistake. The commission might also consider trying a variant with a four-pointed star similar to the one being used on the new state seal. A four pointed star is recognizable from a distance whereas the eight-pointed version loses a bit of fidelity.</p> <p>I think the commission is very close to selecting a flag most Minnesotans would be proud to fly. If I were to make the final decision, I would choose variant 1953-AB—which gives the star a little breathing room against the background—with the colors of variant 1953-17.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:09:36 PM</p>	<p>Why are you guys messing with the designs from the public? Get the Dakota language off the seal, put back the French star of the North verbiage. And use the stock 1953 flag design.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:10:21 PM</p>	<p>1953 as is! It's a classic deaign that will represent MN well and stand the test of time. My concern with the remaining 2 are that the curvy lines make them look too contemporary and will look dated in the future.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:11:05 AM</p>	<p>This is the worst of them all. F994 with a loon</p>

	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I have loved 1953 design from the beginning, so I appreciate the committee selecting that design. With that, I also want to provide one Minnesotans input on the redesigns of it.</p> <p>1.) I support white being moved to the middle. Good choice.</p> <p>2.) The green needs to go back to more of a pine tree green. Lime green is awful.</p> <p>3.) I understand some of the choices of changing the 8 point star, particularly that the top looks like an M. However, it feels bulkier and clunky on the flag.</p> <p>4.) the Minnesota shape on the flag should stay symmetrical. People know it's Minnesota without being so literal. Changing it to be offset also makes it look worse while hanging.</p> <p>Please continue to take feedback from the public. I have been following the flag design from the beginning and I am ecstatic that you selected 1953.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:12:13 PM</p>	<p>Please, above all else on my designs, keep a darker green. Lime green does not represent Minnesota.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:12:17 PM</p>	<p>I strongly prefer the original 1935 or 1935A. I do not like the brighter green or the asymmetrical shape.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:14:44 AM</p>	<p>Remove the inner text from the seal. There is no way to stick to the mandate of avoiding representation of a single group with any text, so avoid the issue altogether.</p> <p>As for the flag, do not over-design or change things. The base choice is a phenomenal flag that rivals many country-level flags. The flag should become the symbol for the state of MN, it does not need overt iconography to "represent" the state. The revisions shown so far seem to only detract from the original design. I'm not averse to any type of change to it, but it seems like the revisions to not increase the vexillological merit, while detracting from the aesthetic. There is a reason that the phrase, "design by committee," has negative connotations. Ensure the original vision of the design, which has captured the eye of many flag nerds, is preserved, and do not let the impulse to tinker win. This flag has the chance to be a timeless emblem and source of marketing for our state. We should not waste this rare opportunity.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:17:42 PM</p>	<p>Please do not modify the original design of F1953. The original design went through many iterations already, please do not redesign-by-committee. The commission chose a solid flag, don't trip at the finish line by redesigning it.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:19:38 AM</p>	<p>Hi, I'm a highschooler from Apple Valley High School, and I think that the original design of F1935 is the best, and that it should be adopted as is without any of the proposed alterations. I hope this is feedback that you will listen to</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:22:45 PM</p>	<p>The original 1953 design is better than any of the proposed alterations to it. It would be a flag I would be proud to fly at my home and to represent our beautiful state. Please adopt the original 1953 design and make the Polaris Tricolor our states flag!</p>

<p>2023-12-16 12:24:46 AM</p>	<p>The original version of 1953 is far superior to any suggested revisions to the flag. The council revisions all butcher various aspects of the flag, destroying its balance, color and symbolism which made 1953 such a strong candidate to begin with.</p> <p>The proposed star is well balanced and is well-representative of the North Star, meanwhile the new version of the star on all proposed revisions is bulkier by comparison, disrepresenting the North Star (and is ultimately just the Ohio star - not even an icon of Minnesota).</p> <p>The muted colors on the original version are also more visually pleasing and represent the calm winters of Minnesota. Meanwhile, the brightened and saturated colors in the revisions are slightly less pleasing to the eye and generally lose what was so appealing about the original tricolor.</p> <p>The asymmetric "K" is visually ugly. Although it may be truer to the shape of Minnesota, it tragically violates the symmetry of the original and becomes top-heavy and unbalanced. It is also substantially less suitable for a vertical hang. Besides, the purpose of symbols in flags is to act as symbols - pushing the shape to be more similar to the shape of Minnesota only acts to harm the effectiveness of the symbolism.</p> <p>Ultimately, although it is satisfying that 1953 won the original vote, all of the proposed redesigns by the council butcher what makes the tricolor so visually perfect and pleasing. It is disappointing to see the flag redesign land so close to perfection, only to be defaced at the finish line.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:26:13 AM</p>	<p>Firstly, why was F29 eliminated? It polled the best among the public and its simple design would make it incredibly easy to recognize, as well as incorporate into many other designs. Places like New Mexico that have a simple design have worked their sun into everything resulting in a popular flag, that people are proud to represent.</p> <p>Also, why do you feel that modifications to the design selected must be made? If the design is good enough to be selected from thousands of submissions maybe leaving as it was originally designed should be considered.</p> <p>Finally, why does the seal say Mni Sóta Makoce? Is that the new state motto? It doesn't seem to make sense to introduce something unofficial to the official state seal. Plus essentially saying Minnesota and then Minnesota in the Dakota language seems like 1. Prioritizing the Dakota culture above everyone else, and 2. Just redundant, the name of the state is already on there. Seems like the state motto naturally fits there better.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:27:58 AM</p>	<p>Use the original 1953. If nothing else, don't use that AWFUL asymmetrical version that is supposed to look like the MN outline. It's too on the nose and doesn't look as intentional or pleasing to the eye. Keep it symmetrical, PLEASE.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:29:07 AM</p>	<p>Why did you change the final designs? They looked much better than what you guys have come up with. Keep the original design submission for the seal and flag!</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:30:48 PM</p>	<p>I just want to voice my support for the original version of F1935. It feels like that one has an originality that is lacking in the modified versions.</p>

<p>2023-12-16 12:31:28 AM</p>	<p>The tweaks to F1935 are really bad. The original star was clearly a star instead of a snowflake, and that plays into our state motto as well. Putting a snowflake on the flag and putting a white stripe on the flag feels like a mistake.</p> <p>As a small thing, I liked the original green better. The new one looks off putting to me. Like we're basing the flag's green on MN gov's color palette instead of doing its own thing with better colors.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:38:31 AM</p>	<p>Choosing to put Dakota language on the seal goes against your rule of favoring one for up over others. Minnesota is already a nod to Dakota people, but your choice leaves out other tribes and ethnicities.</p> <p>I suggest you look at what people on Reddit are saying about your modifications of 1953.</p> <p>https://www.reddit.com/r/minnesota/s/61PR8HgJBk</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:38:57 AM</p>	<p>Committee Members --</p> <p>Revert the colors of the flag to the original design. These updated colors are simply horrible. At a minimum revert the star, the updated state has seemingly come out of nowhere and looks laughable.</p> <p>Let's stop changing things to say that we changed things and lean more towards some the original artist vision.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:39:05 PM</p>	<p>I have a comment on the colors: I think that instead of focusing on choosing the existing shade of green in the brand standards for the flag, we should look for a shade of green that works best on the flag AND can be then incorporated into the brand standards as an accent color. It would be a great opportunity to have an official "dark green/sky blue" pair from the flag colors that serves as an inversion of the "dark blue/lime green" pair in the brand standards.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:44:13 AM</p>	<p>If you don't use the original Star I'm literally moving to Iowa. Do you really want to cause me such hardship?</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:45:02 AM</p>	<p>I appreciate the work the commission has done and hope they pick the MN flag #1953 as is, no alterations. Thanks!</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:46:21 PM</p>	<p>Ok you can't be serious with the 1953 modifications. 5 of the top 8 posts on Reddit's /r/minnesota are outrage at your changes to 1953. Each one of them is a downgrade! Changing the star turns it into a smudgy circle from a distance. The original color order makes it distinct from all other tricolor flags with white (usually white is in center). Dropping 1 of the stripes just makes it look like a wonky Texas flag and loses either land, lake, or snow. And about asymmetry... absolute disaster. Don't change it just so you can say you had a hand in the design, please!!!!!! Look up CGP Grey's latest video on YouTube to see what people think</p> <p>I do have to commend you all on choosing 1953 in the first place, was the clear winner from the start :)</p>

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<p>2023-12-16 12:52:29 AM</p>	<p>make one a reasoned endorsement of 1953-20.</p> <p>The narrower middle white subtly distinguishes it from similar-colored equal-sized bands in existing [inter]national flags, while continuing to suggest snow, purity, opportunity ("clean slate"?), and more. The green at bottom appropriately reflects the position of roots and earth -- our land. The muted blue, then, may represent our waters and the sky-borne etymology of our state's name.</p> <p>The Minnesota Blue geometry should remain symmetrical. This maintains a design that is cleanly and pleasantly received in both standard and vertical orientations. It needn't be asymmetrical, because it evokes our state shape while simultaneously being an independent design element -- just as the symmetrical star deviates from strict reality to present cleanly and pleasantly.</p> <p>While asymmetry can be appealing from the perspective of novelty and being provocative or stimulating of conversation, it can also be aesthetically jarring and confusing to non-natives. Yes, the "K" of the state is asymmetric in reality, but it also has west and north prominences that cannot be represented with the simple symbolism a good flag affords. The symmetry acknowledges both reality and popular aesthetic sensibility; further, when hanging vertically it presents as a stately peak.</p> <p>As for this particular star, I just like the way it looks.</p> <p>Lastly, while 4 colors exceeds recommendations by some vexillological principles, it is not a gross deviation, and it is completely reasonable (as described above) in both simplicity and meaning.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:52:34 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the original design and colors of the tricolor flag. The imagery and meaning is unique and visually appealing, and none of the suggested revisions come close to the beauty of the original. It's not broke - don't try to fix it. Again, please keep the original design and do NOT change it. It should be a flag designed for the state, and reading forums should show you without doubt that the high majority of Minnesota residents want the new flag design kept as is. It should be about the millions of us who make up Minnesota and not about a few government members. Sincerely, every single Minnesota resident.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:52:45 AM</p>	<p>Now that f1953 has been selected as the base for our new flag, please consider these three recommendations: 1. Have the star on the flag match the four point star on the new state emblem and color it yellow for grain or corn. 2. Have the far left K shape representing the shape of Minnesota be symmetrical. 3. Have the stripes be blue on top, green on bottom.</p>

<p>2023-12-16 12:53:12 AM</p>	<p>The original F1953 is by far the best version of all the revisions, and should be implemented as designed. Absolutely keep the original 8 pointed star as a homage to the North Star state, which gives us a unique opportunity to add a star that stands out from the usual American 5 pointed star. In addition, the current revisions make the star look muddled and round, and the commission's rule on not representing specific groups should still stand. Every Minnesotan is represented under the North Star state banner, and that should be reflected in our flag. The original color palette should also be kept, ideally in the same order as the original submission. It adds direction and weight to the flag, and makes it memorable in a good way. The muted colors look great compared to bright colors that will get washed out against a bright or clear sky. Please do not make any changes and let the original F1953 design stand. I know plenty other Minnesotans who care about our flag feel the same way.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:54:04 PM</p>	<p>Please don't make the Chevron on the left asymmetrical!</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:54:13 AM</p>	<p>I am thrilled that F1953 has been chosen as the final design, as it was in my top five from the start. However, the design variations proposed by the Commission are all significantly worse than the original submission. The changes made to the colors are atrocious, the asymmetrical stylized Minnesota shapes are hideous, and the alternative stars are all worse than the north star in the original design. Please do not make any changes to the original submission! It works horizontally and vertically and is all around a wonderful flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:57:06 PM</p>	<p>The committee's proposed redesign of the "Polaris tricolor" is MUCH worse than the original design. You chose a good flag -- please ... RESIST THE TEMPTATION to be busybodies and muddle the redesign for the worse. Every choice you made for the redesign makes the final flag worse. Please simply choose the submitted flag. I know this cuts deeply against the human psychology that's involved with committee work. Believe me, I know that all too well. Please, please: rise above it. Be the heroes our state deserves and get over yourselves. Don't make the final flag worse. Don't make the final flag worse!!!!!!</p>
<p>2023-12-16 12:59:56 AM</p>	<p>If we're going with the Tricolor, please don't tweak it! The potential star and color changes I have seen look worse the original design. The muted colors and pointed star actually work. Please stick with artist's intent, this is not the time to compromise it with design by committee and end up with a dorky flag</p>
<p>2023-12-17 01:02:03 AM</p>	<p>Regarding F1935. The asymmetric modifications are unattractive and quite frankly unprofessional. Please use the original F1935 design as it is created by a TRUE graphic designer who demonstrates skill and proficiency beyond the council's capabilities.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 01:04:46 PM</p>	<p>I would like to provide feedback on the tweaked redesigns of the Polaris Tricolor flag. The asymmetrical MN concept looks awkward and loses the wonderfully fresh yet classic look that the inverted triangle of the original design has. I do not believe an asymmetrical Minnesota shape will ever look good, and it will age poorly. The inverted triangle of the original Polaris Tricolor design is classic and timeless. It is a NOD to the shape of the state of Minnesota, rather than an overt, obvious DRAWING OF Minnesota. Flags are meant to become their own symbols, not to depict overt features of the state they represent. The original Polaris Tricolor was excellent. The tweaked redesigns that retain the concept and the inverted triangle (A, B, and C) would all make lovely flags. The asymmetrical inverted triangle, however, would be a very poor design choice.</p>

2023-12-17 01:06:14 PM	What in the world is going on in these meetings? Why is the committee generating new flags on the fly? Why is some blowhard making up nonsense about how gold doesn't have practical uses on Earth? I understand that committees are inherently dysfunctional, but please don't allow the system to ruin the original flag f 1953. These new flags were not submitted in the original process, and have not been given the same level of consideration as 1953. Please don't fumble this in the end zone.
2023-12-17 01:11:46 PM	I like the new star but please don't tinker with the stripes of the final submission! The color changes you've made clash and look cheap compared to the sophisticated balance of the original. It's fine if the flag doesn't match the green of the state's offices! The white stripe up top was better too!
2023-12-17 01:18:16 AM	Why does the M star/snowflake keep being put on the designs, does the commission not know "snowflake" is a pejorative?
2023-12-17 01:18:32 PM	USE THE ORIGINAL STAR, FOR THE LOVE OF ALL THE IS RIGHTEOUS AND GOOD. Don't fumble this at the end zone, fellas.
2023-12-17 01:20:09 PM	Why did the North Star get changed to a Dakota star? You know there's other tribes here, right? Is it in your best interest to give one group preferential representation on the flag and ignore others? Because it's what you're doing. There was nothing wrong with the original. Just because you need to justify your input by modifying the design for the worse doesn't mean that you should. Leave the original design alone. Stop being so bureaucratic please.
2023-12-17 01:28:46 AM	Why does the comitte feel that a redesign is needed, especially one that elevates one specific tribe above all others?
2023-12-17 01:30:18 PM	Greeting committee! I applaud the work you are doing and I know it is not an easy task. I generally like the design you have landed on. It has grown on me over time which I think will happen to other Minnesotans as well. However, I urge you to reconsider the star design. I was watching your latest meeting through Fox9's YouTube Live and the star looked like a circle or maybe a sun over the feed which makes me think from a distance it will look that way as well. I liked the original design's star, maybe a five pointed star could work, or if you want the fat 8 pointed star, try to make it skinnier or the points stick out more. I do like the original MN state shape compared to the redesign to look more like MN. I think the symmetry is a lot more pleasing to look at. Also none of the shapes have looked like Manitoba so please pull up a picture of Manitoba next time Aaron brings it up. I'm sure you've seen this already but CGP Grey made a video about the three finalists: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFwwo0W5Ugg . He loves the original design of this flag and explains why. Seems like less changes to the design may be better. Thanks for your consideration!
2023-12-17 01:32:12 PM	Please leave the design as submitted, you have an opportunity to be the envy of the United States and every change brings you closer to being known as the state that screwed it up.
2023-12-17 01:33:08 PM	The flag design for F1935 is great as is. Please provide me good reason why bot the star and colors need to change? Switching to brighter blues and greens makes it look like there is a limited color set that you want to choose from. There should be no altercation to the flag f1935 unless you want to upset even more people.
2023-12-17 01:43:57 AM	For the love of god, please use the colors from the original f1953. The recent version that was posted looks disgusting compared with the og. Lighter, less saturated tones make it look like the color scheme for a kids toy, not the flag of MN.

<p>2023-12-17 01:50:40 PM</p>	<p>The original design (F1953) is so much better it matches the colors of the state and shows that we are the north star state. The redesign is to bright and doesn't like like minnesota the new blue looks more like the sky then it does the Mississippi River's water, the green is to bright to match anything but the original matches the grass and the trees and finally the redesign has a snowflake instead of a star, the white of the flag already shows the snow of the state so the original had a star showing we a the north star state and it shows we are a state in the USA the redesign doesn't its a snowflake and not a star. So I ask of you can we please have F1953 as the state flag to show the country and the world what we Minnesotans are proud for.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 01:52:49 PM</p>	<p>Why did the public not get a voice in this voting? We are not all Somalias. We will fight this change. Public needs a voice. The flag design has nothing to do with minnesota. This is a terrible design.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 01:58:43 PM</p>	<p>Please use the original F1953 design. The colors and stars of the revisions don't capture the what makes the original design special. The original's darker green does a better job of representing the beautiful trees of the state.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 02:11:59 PM</p>	<p>Please use a normal star and not that Hashtag shape.. Nobody has ever drawn that shape and said it's a star. Don't make us have to explain whatever that is supposed to be.. Maybe it's a flower? The flag isn't supposed to represent one group of people and separate us, it's supposed to unify us</p>
<p>2023-12-17 02:19:48 PM</p>	<p>[OPPOSITION TO ASYMMETRIC FLAGS]</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm writing to express my opposition to the asymmetric versions of F1953 proposed by Chair Fitch on Friday afternoon.</p> <p>Symbolically, an asymmetric flag may be interpreted as enshrining inequality in our state. Aesthetically, it is jarring and limits the flag's ability to be displayed in other orientations. Viewers have to do a "double take" because they're forced to ponder whether there's been a rendering/printing error. The state outline should be abstract enough for observers to feel rewarded for realizing the connection, rather than obvious/accurate to the point that they start questioning why finer details aren't included.</p> <p>I also take issue with these asymmetric versions from a procedural perspective. In my opinion, this is a dramatic enough revision to no longer constitute the same design that the commission selected to form the basis of our new flag. Furthermore, these designs are nearly identical to many that the commission already eliminated—F157, F711, F1396, F1766, F1973, and F1994 to name a few. If they were deemed poor design last month, they should not be reintroduced in the eleventh hour with far less time for public comment and commission deliberation.</p> <p>I instead ask that the commission most strongly consider variants F1953-A and F1953-B as proposed by Tyler and Jenae Michaletz. These retain the symmetry and three stripes of the original design, while introducing more satisfying geometric connections between the star and state outline.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

2023-12-17 02:25:44 PM	<p>While the updated version is nice, I prefer the uniqueness of the desaturated colors and white stripe on top of the original design.</p> <p>The star design is very cool, though!</p>
2023-12-17 02:28:33 AM	<p>How can I submit a comment to the committee? During Friday's discussion of the seal border it seemed the number of boxes had no meaning. I think the commission should consider having 87 boxes within the border, one for each of Minnesota's counties. It wouldn't change the design much, but would give the border symbolism some meaning.</p>
2023-12-17 02:32:07 PM	<p>My question after looking at the initial design is how can you all be so stupid to try and change it?</p>
2023-12-17 02:36:36 PM	<p>I want to mention that I'm a personal fan of the 1953 design, but I really dislike all of the revisions that were designed since it was selected as a finalist. I think the brighter neon green, lighter blue, and lighter navy colors that were picked for revision clash far too much with each other and the more muted colors work extremely well with each other on the original. I think the original gives off an impression of stoic resolve and strength, and I feel like the newer design isn't nearly as aesthetically pleasing nor representative of our state. I also dislike the use of the 8 pointed star in the updated revisions, and I would prefer the original star to be used, or for the F29 star flake to replace it. I don't feel as if the 8 pointed star alone is legible enough from a distance to be effective on the flag, and I think clarity is more important than symbolism in a flag.</p> <p>I'd also like to mention that all asymmetrical designs shouldn't be given a serious thought in my opinion. It feels like the flag would be far too literal at that point, and the asymmetry destroys a very unique and thoughtful design.</p>
2023-12-17 02:44:47 PM	<p>Please use the original submission version of the finalist flag! It is great the way it is and does not need to be altered with the committee's input.</p>
2023-12-17 02:46:56 PM	<p>Why on Gods green earth did you choose, 1. To change our great MN flag. 2. The one you choose is a disgrace to our state! Are any of you from MN?? That flag doesn't represent anything that we stand for. You made our flag like the Somali flag of a different country. Stop trying to be all inclusive and stand up for the dignity of MN. By your choice and the choices of all the democrats in this state you have made it a disgrace and embarrassment to live here! Shame on you!</p> <p>That flag is ugly and doesn't deserve to be flown in this state. That flag will not touch my property, I will continue to fly the original!!! I believe most Minnesotans will do the same.</p>
2023-12-17 02:47:51 PM	<p>For the love of Minnesota please trying to change the flag. The star is perfect the colors are in the right order. Stop with the Design by Committee process. You will ruin the flad you picked. One Minnesotan came up with the flag and that's beautiful. Keep the original design. Google Design by Committee and see the downfall of changing the design.</p>
2023-12-17 03:04:26 PM	<p>I strongly dislike the current flag star selection. Please return to the original star design on FS 1953</p>
2023-12-17 03:19:02 AM	<p>Please Minnesota Flag Commission, pick the original unmodified F1953 design. I think its perfect as it is.</p>
2023-12-17 03:25:48 PM	<p>The alternations to the selected flag design are horrendous. It looked amazing originally, the North Star was perfect and the layout of the triangle great with the colors in that order making it unique. The choices made are far more disappointing than the current state flag. At this point I don't care what you pick I'll just buy a duplicate of the original design in place of what the committee gets.</p>

2023-12-17 03:37:49 PM	Please just keep the original F1953 flag. Every redesign just detracts from the original, especially any modifications to the star.
2023-12-17 04:03:03 PM	Why does the poses gosh resemble the Jubaland State of Somalia flag? Is this really what you want to represent? Seems inappropriate and unoriginal
2023-12-17 04:03:20 PM	I'm glad the committee selected F1953 it was my favorite and I don't think any alterations are required to it as it looks really good thanks
2023-12-17 04:11:11 PM	Can you please not fumble this on the goal line and leave the colors and the star alone? The original design is so much better than any of these revisions. Don't mess this up with an unforced error in the final minutes.
2023-12-17 04:32:47 PM	Please revert F1935 to the original star and color arrangement. The updated star and color choices are abhorrent.
2023-12-17 04:35:41 PM	Please go with F1953 A for the design as I feel it is the most superior and a design that reflects MN with simplicity and with a modern design. There is no needs for modifications and the CITIZENS of MN agree. Remember that the committee's job is to reflect the publics interest not their own!
2023-12-17 04:46:21 PM	Really like the variant you posted of 1953 with the Dakota star. I don't think the star from original works very well.
2023-12-17 04:54:22 PM	You've landed on the correct choice: F1935. Please do NOT modify it into the way the chair is advocating, i.e. an irregular state shape (can't be hung vertically) and removal of the stripes (Just 2 different shades of blue are illegible). If you were to make any change to this current proposal, consider: 1) Rotating the 8 point star so it points north. That also reflects how the star is oriented on the State Capitol Rotunda floor. The current "M" shaped star orientation is OK but does risk harkening to various hospital logos. 2) As for the stripes, keep the Green on the bottom (fields/forest), white in the center (snow), and light blue on the top (sky). Consider brightening these colors to make the flag stand out better from a distance My full comment is here: https://x.com/vincempls/status/1736456126546202715?s=20
2023-12-17 05:07:13 PM	For the new flag please keep the original flag that was submitted to the committee by the designer don't change the star, color or anything please! KEEP THE ORIGINAL!!! I will just not fly your bastardization one and will get the OG printed myself seriously, I know you feel like you can't help yourself but for the good of the flag just try.
2023-12-17 05:19:52 PM	Keep the original polaris star, the revision looks like a butthole at a distance
2023-12-17 05:21:12 PM	Can you please stop changing the winning design. We chose the flag we wanted. Stop changing it and making it a thousand times worse. If you wanted to make your own flag, you should have made it and entered in the contest yourself.
2023-12-17 05:24:48 PM	I have a few suggestions for improving the selected state flag design. I suggest that the angle slide downward to where the light blue and green stripes meet, which makes the dark blue field more Minnesota-shaped, the star slide upward to align with where the white and green stripes meet, and the star shape change to match the shape on the new state seal.

<p>2023-12-17 05:29:17 PM</p>	<p>The final revision that is being made to the flag should be made. The original design of the newly selected design is much better aesthetically and the colors and star shape better reflect Minnesota as a state. Please do not make these unnecessary changes to such a good design.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 05:30:29 PM</p>	<p>The commission picked a great finalist! I strongly encourage them to stick with the key elements that make it great (its symmetry, the three color stripes, and a prominent star). Our historic 8-sided star is a nice choice as a replacement, but I encourage the commission to rotate it so that it "points north" in a cardinal direction and reinforces our heritage and motto as the North Star state. I also strongly encourage the commission to keep the beautiful symmetry of the original finalist and not overthink the Minnesota outline to make it too on the nose. A symmetric flag is subtle and maintains its appeal from any angle or orientation (such as blowing in the wind) unlike an asymmetric flag that will only look its best in a static, framed orientation (which a flag will seldom be in!). Finally, please keep the three color orientation! I leave the specific colors to you but the tri-color approach is beautiful (and even creates a subtle M when it is hung vertically). Thank you!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 05:31:24 PM</p>	<p>Hello. I think you all made a great choice in selecting the flag. I think the star on it looks great. However, I think the stripe design should be done in the same order as originally intended by the person who designed the flag (white on top, green in the middle, and light blue on the bottom. In addition, I think the star should be rotated so that one of the triangles is pointing north, and that the green should be switched to the green that was on the original design. Other than that, the flag looks great!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 05:31:51 PM</p>	<p>Why does the seal now include the Dakota language directly on it when it is against the guidelines set? In the very top paragraph on the SERC website it includes the sentence "Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design." which I feel is broken by the seal redesign. To a non-citizen of Minnesota, they could potentially get the impression that the Dakota were the only tribe in Minnesota or the only tribe we pay respect to which is far from the truth. The Ojibwe have said they're against it because it's exclusive of them and the Chippewa seem to agree. Watching the meeting from December 12th is just embarrassing and makes me so much less excited for all the great changes that are happening just because the commission can't seem to respect each other or be willing to take much input from the public. I am very excited to finally have a flag and seal that can unite Minnesotans and not be offensive like our old one but it has to be for everyone that makes Minnesota as great of a state as it is. P.S. I think F1953 should be kept exactly how it was originally designed by Andrew Prekker. Don't try to make it about yourselves to be able to say you designed it, I think the star as it is is quite eye-striking and the white line being on top sets it apart from most other tri-color designs.</p> <p>-Bailey</p>
<p>2023-12-17 05:34:52 PM</p>	<p>Hello! I just wanted to voice my support for the original artist's 1953 or his 1953A variation. Please please please keep the symmetrical Minnesota on the just! The asymmetrical version ruins the beautiful simplicity of the design.</p>

	The final is not my favorite (f29 for life!) but I understand the rationale behind the changes. The only change that I really think is not visually pleasing is the tone of the green - WHY lime? And also the placement. It looked much better when the blue was on bottom, the green in the middle and white on top.
2023-12-17 05:36:04 PM	Thanks to everyone on the committee for your hard work. Doing anything by committee is tough.
2023-12-17 05:38:45 PM	I like the F1953 flag, but please go back to the original design. I understand the significance of the 8 pointed star design, but it looks objectively worse. It also seems to go against the flag commission statement that the flag and seal shouldn't represent a single community. As the north most contiguous state the North Star design represents all the people of Minnesota.
2023-12-17 05:40:34 PM	I think the revised colors are too saturated to look nice up close and too light to look nice from a distance. the original colors look much better.
2023-12-17 05:40:54 PM	Are the people on the Flag Commission stupid? How could they take a good basic design that worked and destroy it? The white star is not just some shape, it represents the North star, that white splotch is not a star. It does not look like a twinkling star. It's just a thing. A white thing with pointy edges. Please hire people with actual design experience next time you want to redesign a flag. What a massive waste of time.
2023-12-17 05:42:12 PM	Just commenting to say that I much prefer the original stripe order. I like the snow on top. I also like the original star. I also prefer the subtle symbolism of the original symmetrical design versus asymmetrical versions.
2023-12-17 05:45:04 PM	1953 A (with original stripe order!!!!)
2023-12-17 05:45:05 PM	Please keep the mn shape symmetrical, it should be abstract and not so literal. Thanks.
2023-12-17 05:45:12 PM	Please keep the original colors. The light green, light blue, and white are to bright and look worse when put next to each other.
2023-12-17 05:45:37 PM	1953 A (with original stripe order!!)
2023-12-17 05:46:53 PM	The star needs to be one that does not blur into a circle from a distance, remaining distinguishable as a star. The original star on the F1953 design accomplishes this;the other candidates do not.
2023-12-17 05:48:22 PM	The lime green from the brand colors is not appropriate for a flag. There is no reason to tie to current brand colors, which were established less than a decade ago, for a flag that could fly for centuries.
2023-12-17 05:49:33 PM	I'm writing to express my strong preference for a symmetrical chevron on the flag. This design is more pleasing, and still effectively evokes the shape of our state. In fact, I believe that the version of F1935 pictured on the SERC website, with symmetrical chevron, star oriented with two points up, and three equally sized stripes, is the ideal design. My thanks to the members of the commission and the artists who submitted such fine ideas for our new flag.
2023-12-17 05:51:19 PM	Could you please include and option with the finalist flag's original star? The new one just doesn't look as good

<p>2023-12-17 05:51:47 PM</p>	<p>Hi SERC,</p> <p>Thank you for all the hard work the past few months. I understand how difficult it can be to have your day-to-day work scrutinized by the public.</p> <p>I just wanted to voice that 1953A is my preferred flag. I do like the slightly muted colors from the original design. I'm not a fan of the new green redesign color, but understand change is unlikely at this point.</p> <p>Thank you for reviewing my public comment.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 05:52:36 PM</p>	<p>Please use the original design of flag F1953. The colors and star in the proposed modification do not work well together and are not a good representation of our state.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 05:53:59 AM</p>	<p>Committee should not be able to change design of submitted flags. This should also be a public vote of the whole state.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 05:55:17 PM</p>	<p>Please use the original star from F1935, not the one shown as after December 15, 2023 meeting. Your committees job is to pick the best design, not to change the best design into something entirely different. Secondly, the color choices do not look as good after the tweaking. Either the original color scheme, or the modification from top to bottom 1. blue 2. white 3. blue looks significantly better and the symbology of the water resources our state has means the blue on bottom is important.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 05:55:20 PM</p>	<p>The new colors are awful and tacky. The state should go with different branding if that's the reasoning. It's hard to look at.</p> <p>The new star is lame, doesn't look much like a star.</p> <p>F29 was the real flag</p>
<p>2023-12-17 05:57:27 PM</p>	<p>Keep the original layout of the colors on 1953! It's the best option. Thank you</p>

<p>2023-12-17 05:59:13 PM</p>	<p>I strongly prefer the design for 1953 as originally presented with the symmetrical chevron and three stripes (the tricolor). I prefer the light blue/white/light blue tricolor, as it symbolizes the water mirroring the sky. I believe it is a timeless flag that symbolizes our state well and will serve us for many, many years to come. I feel that the light blue/white/green tricolor is preferable to the white/green/light blue tricolor for the purposes of visibility and versatility in display.</p> <p>Regarding the star, replacing the original north star design with the proposed 8-pointed star is a positive change. Though I feel it negatively impacts the appearance of the flag, it serves a multifaceted role representing Minnesota and Minnesotans as a whole. I also notice that it includes 4 hidden "M" shapes, which is a nice touch to connect the flag further with our state. It also differentiates the flag from those that might be considered to be too similar.</p> <p>I feel strongly that making the chevron asymmetrical, even if it makes the shape resemble the state more, removes the timeless quality and greatly reduces the appeal of the flag. The same is true for designs that remove the tricolor elements of the flag to replace it with a single color or uneven bands of color. This change was not part of any of the previous proposals and came very late in the process. It feels like that change is being pushed by someone on the committee who wants to leave their own "mark" on the flag - which is contrary to the purpose of the committee. I feel that introducing the asymmetrical chevron is a mistake and the committee should concentrate on improving submission 1953 as it was originally proposed, with the elements being the star, the symmetrical chevron, and the tricolor.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 05:59:18 PM</p>	<p>I think the right choice has been made by the committee when it comes to a flag selection. Great work to the committee and the designer. I am concerned about the revision, however. I like the new colors, but the star isn't sitting right with me, it reads as a sun and not a star at all. Is the intention for this design to be read as a star? In that case, I wonder if it would make sense to bring in the star from the original unrevised flag for this one? I much preferred that star. I'm not trying to be too critical, it is just something my eye caught, I have a degree in fine arts and have been working as a visual illustrator, designer, and graphic designer for over 10 years, so I do care about these things when I notice them. Thanks!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:01:06 PM</p>	<p>All of the current designs are awful. The North Star or whatever won the popular vote is the obvious choice. To watch the people's voice be ignored is very frustrating to watch.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:01:34 PM</p>	<p>I believe you should either use the original star of F1953 or change it to the star of F29 if the artist supports it. I think the star change suggested is a step backwards.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:02:33 PM</p>	<p>Please go back to the original tri color option. The star, colors, and color order were all superior.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:04:51 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the star in its original orientation, akin to compass points. Please also keep the navy blue section symmetrical. The asymmetrical one looks awful no matter how it's flown/hung.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:10:01 PM</p>	<p>I love how balanced the flag 1953 design is with a symmetrical 8-pointed star and two teal stripes (top and bottom) and one white stripe in the middle. I also think it's important that the chevron representing Minnesota is symmetrical, as an asymmetrical chevron would be exaggerated by the symmetry of the three stripes. Three colors on the flag keeps a strong, simple design language.</p>

<p>2023-12-17 06:10:39 PM</p>	<p>Why are you so set on dramatically altering the flag design chosen by citizens in to an over-designed mess? You are destroying the timelessness of the original design and singling out specific groups (something that was explicitly not supposed to happen) under the guise of adding more "symbolism".</p> <p>Approve the design citizens chose and quit trying to alter it just so you can pretend you did something.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:17:13 PM</p>	<p>With flag 1953, please keep the symmetrical chevron and avoid shifting to a more literal shape of Minnesota. This will keep a timeless feeling for the flag design and not the mid-century look that the change would evoke.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:17:29 PM</p>	<p>Hello, thank you for your time and effort in choosing a new seal and flag for the state of Minnesota. I am a resident of Shoreview. I am looking at the design of the seal which has already been approved and wonder why the star on that will be different than the star on the flag. Overall I feel that the artist's original design of F1953 is quite attractive and further modifications to it, such as changing the inverted chevron to reflect the shape of Minnesota or removing the tricolor stripes, are taking the original meaning of the flag too much in a literal sense. Changing to the official state colors is fine, but please keep the design shape the way as is! This is supposed to be a new symbol for our state.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:19:59 PM</p>	<p>Please please PLEASE return to the old star. I can't stress enough how beautiful and identifiable the star was on the initial submission. From a distance, this new star will look like a circle. Additionally, if you make the inverted triangle asymmetrical, the subtle symbolism will be far too obvious and the flag won't look nearly as good when it is hung on its side. I don't mind the arrangement of the colors as much, but I do prefer the more muted, cool stripes of the original; feel like that fits the calm, cool atmosphere of Minnesota, both metaphorically and literally. Thanks.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:20:30 PM</p>	<p>I think the symmetrical "K" dark blue space is the best if not only way the design really works, with stripes of equal width. Please do not alter these elements.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:20:33 PM</p>	<p>Hi, please consider going back to the original colors that the designer of the flag (1953) originally intended for! The muted colors look far better! I also prefer the original color order but I understand the concern about a white background not working well.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:20:40 PM</p>	<p>Please reconsider using the original ordering of the 3 color band, white, green, blue, from top to bottom. Snow/sky, land, water. I've also seen design considerations that make the chevron more closely match the MN shape. I prefer the symmetrical chevron, even if it's not exactly the shape of MN. It's more practical, and looks very nice.</p> <p>It's easy to draw and design with. There's no awkward question about getting ratios correct.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:20:59 PM</p>	<p>Having a symmetric flag is very important to me. The off-kilter Minnesota revisions are too on the nose and detract from the overall design. I also think the white stripe is important to signify our northern status and proud love of our winters.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:22:00 PM</p>	<p>Feedback on the 1953 design alterations: I like the significance of the new star design, even if it doesn't look quite as good as the original. After looking through all of the proposed alterations, I HIGHLY support keeping the original stripe colors, as well as their original order.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:23:32 PM</p>	<p>I'm submitting a comment for the flag redesign, I strongly support the 1953A with original stripe order. I believe the original design, with the added 8 point star, looks fantastic and would represent the state very well.</p>

2023-12-17 06:24:25 PM	<p>1) Keep the 'Minnesota' shape symmetrical - it's gets the point across just fine that it's Minnesota and it's aesthetically way nicer.</p> <p>2) I prefer the three colors. The all blue one is boring (1953 C), and I like the symbology of all three colors. White should definitely be included!!</p> <p>3) I like the 8-pointed star oriented so that the top portion looks like an "M", as opposed to the point of the star pointing upwards. Not much of a difference but I think subtle little symbologies like that are nice.</p>
2023-12-17 06:25:58 PM	I am very happy with the flag design selected! I believe the stripe order with blue/white/blue is the best fitting - sky, snow, water, and the water reflects the sky.
2023-12-17 06:26:04 PM	<p>Please do not modify the tricolor flag. Its original design is gorgeous, and every new iteration that the committee has put forward on it is a major step down.</p> <p>The original color palette, star, and stripe order are beautiful. Whatever you do don't go the asymmetric on the nose Minnesota shape with the chevron. That looks terrible and would look awful vertical.</p>
2023-12-17 06:27:10 PM	Please maintain 1953's symmetrical chevron. The asymmetrical chevron is not only overtly literal but aesthetically ruins much of what makes the design great.
2023-12-17 06:28:04 PM	Please consider going back to the original star design. The new star seems so forced at the cost of a good looking natural flag. This is the opinion of a majority of Minnesotans. Please do not ruin a great flag design with this new star. There are other places this star can go besides on the flag. Many will be disappointed if this new star is in the final design, and I've seen multiple outlets planning to distribute the original flag design (with original Star) for those to buy and fly at their homes and businesses. Thank you.
2023-12-17 06:29:49 PM	Why does the new flag look like a Somali state flag? Why does a population of less than 100,000 people of dubious allegiance to the United States get to decide the flag of a state of 5 million people?
2023-12-17 06:30:29 PM	I believe the original 1953A flag with the white stripe on the top, followed by green then blue on the bottom is best.
2023-12-17 06:31:04 PM	<p>i've lived 1953 since all the designs originally were posted and while i loved the original star since the designer isn't with the latest star it works for me.</p> <p>i do prefer the original order of the tricolor portion of the flag and hope that is the version chosen.</p>
2023-12-17 06:35:12 PM	Please keep green in the flag!
2023-12-17 06:36:20 PM	<p>First - this comment form was really hard to find</p> <p>Second - the inverted triangle that represents Minnesota should definitely remain symmetrical and not offset. I also feel strongly that the white, green, and blue stripes should remain in some fashion. Tweaks to the shades of color and the shape of the star don't matter too much to me.</p>
2023-12-17 06:36:30 PM	Please keep F1953 with its original colors or at least the original tri-color layout. The representation of the 3 colors best represents minnesota. The white-green-blue is the best aesthetic

<p>2023-12-17 06:37:24 PM</p>	<p>The new 8-pointed star on F1953 looks nice, it is cool that it has historical significance. But please consider before changing the colorway of the flag drastically, or by making the chevron asymmetrical.</p> <p>Brightening all the colors (too much) makes it look gaudy when compared to the original's more subdued colors. Minnesota is characterized by being subdued by winter for a large portion of the year, literally making the state more desaturated. So why not lean into that and represent it?</p> <p>Making the chevron asymmetrical makes it appear less symbolic and more literal. As if the flag were saying "Don't you get it? The chevron represents Minnesota! What if I made it easier for you to understand by literally making it the shape of Minnesota."</p> <p>(Also having three stripes or one block of color to the right of the chevron looks best. Two colors with a star is far to "Texas-y".)</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:37:44 PM</p>	<p>For the final designs of the flag I believe 2953 A (with original stripe order) is the best of the listed options, having the white stripe on top and green below it makes the most sense to me as a Minnesotan, snow in the sky, green of the earth, and the lake blue beneath those. It also makes the flag unique in the world of flags, I'm not really a flag person but I think haven't seen any flag with white on top, and would help make the flag stand out among other flags.</p> <p>Secondly and less important to me is the star, I understand the importance and symbology of the octagonal star, however from a distance it really doesn't look like a star, and that I think hurts the flag design.</p> <p>Thanks! -Winfield</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:37:58 PM</p>	<p>It's come to my attention that the 8 pointed star is representative of Dakota and Scandinavian culture. It must be changed back to the original star pattern. Allowing the inclusion of some cultures but not others is not indicative if the 'One Minnesota's policy the flag is supposed to represent.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:38:22 PM</p>	<p>I'm writing to state my recommendation on our new state flag design. 1953A with the 3 bands of colors on the right (blue at top, white on middle, and green at bottom) presents a nice balance and symmetry that I do not find with the blue, green, white order bottom to top. Finally, 1953B with the tricolor design is good as well. However, I feel we should include green as a nod to Minnesota's rich agricultural and outdoorsman history. 1953C should be excluded and it too simple. I wish the committee the best in their final decision and hope that the white stripe will remain central to the flag regardless of designs A or B. Thank you</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:38:33 PM</p>	<p>Really appreciate the revisions made, especially with having the star at an angle. 1953A (with the water stripe at the top), or 1953C (with the abstract MN shape and blue water) were my top two. We should do three color stripe if we're going to do the stripes (because I appreciate the diversity of our state from the stars and stripes), but if the committee doesn't want to go that route we can keep it simple with the blue.</p> <p>Again thank you for all the hard work with this!!</p>

2023-12-17 06:38:57 PM	<p>I like 1953B. I like the imagery that the blue to white to blue stripes on the right conjures - sky reflecting water with snow between.</p> <p>The chevron on the left needs to stay symmetrical. Any attempt to make it look more similar to Minnesota's state outline will look horrendous. Keep it symmetrical.</p>
2023-12-17 06:39:04 PM	<p>Keep the chevron to the side symmetrical and as is. Please do not adjust the chevron to be a more literal shape of MN. This would do harm. The entire point of this flag redesign process has been to get away from a flag stuffed full of literal symbolism, so why are we now trying to go back that way? The current chevron is both clever and symmetrical and visually appealing. People understand it is an homage to the shape of the state as is, please do not assume they cannot connect the dots without adding a literal outline.</p> <p>The same goes for the tri-color. Please keep the white bar. Flags are meant to be a symbol in and of themselves, not vice versa. The three bars keeps the flag symmetrical and appealing. I preferred the original darker green bar to the current one. I kind of like the white bar in the middle, with blue bars on bottom and top as well. It's a nice homage to the water reflecting the sky, with the snow and winter in between.</p>
2023-12-17 06:39:23 PM	<p>Please leave the original stripe colorations and order intact. I am less opinionated about the star shape as I find both the pointer star and the snowflake equally nice.</p>
2023-12-17 06:39:55 PM	<p>The original 1953 is great, please don't make change the chevron shape. Changing the star is not ideal but it's not the worst.</p>
2023-12-17 06:40:00 PM	<p>Ironically, this failed committee is only going to make the old flag more popular. I would bet my Minnesota residency on the fact that the old flag will out-sell any of the shitty options you're considering at this point...</p> <p>There is still time to START OVER!</p> <p>DO THE RIGHT THING!</p> <p>LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC!</p> <p>F29</p>
2023-12-17 06:40:14 PM	<p>Please consider an option with the star in the upper half of the left field, because it is the North Star.</p>
2023-12-17 06:40:17 PM	<p>I much prefer the look of the flag with the original stripe order, its very distinct and feels more "Minnesota" than the green-white-blue selected as the basis for the new flag.</p>
2023-12-17 06:41:37 PM	<p>I would like to express my support for flag version 1953a. The simplicity of the shapes should be preserved and the original three colors should be maintained. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
2023-12-17 06:42:46 PM	<p>Please keep the chevron symmetrical in the final design. I also liked the original muted colors, with the green in the middle. Do what you want with the star.</p>
2023-12-17 06:43:16 PM	<p>Please leave the flag selection in its original design.</p>
2023-12-17 06:43:20 PM	<p>Please keep the original symmetrical chevron and the original color order of white, green, blue. I'd be ok with a change to the minnesota star. I'd be interested in seeing the star in yellow or red though</p>

<p>2023-12-17 06:43:44 AM</p>	<p>1953 was not the best flag submitted to SERE, but it is at least acceptable to the widest range of people, which i guess is the best you can hope for in a democratic process run by politicians instead of by a team of graphic designers (who this job should have been given to).</p> <p>do not make ANY of the proposed changes to 1953. 1953 is a design that is dangerously too close to being boring and unremarkable, and all of the proposed "improvements" make it more boring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * making the star's 8 points equally sized makes the shape of the star less distinct, more generic. the alternating shapes of the points creates negative space, which looks good both up close and far away. 8 pointed stars also look very similar to 5-pointed stars, which are way, way too common on international and US state flags. * the star does not need to pay homage to any cultural groups. the flag itself is a NEW symbol, it does not need to incorporate old symbols. * as far as making the K shape asymmetrical and "more minnesotan", don't even think about it. it is cheesy, and obvious. it looks bad. it is the single worst change that has been proposed. * the original colors and placements of the stripes should not be changed. it was extremely dumb of the commission to only select blue flags: any colors could have represented our state, and blue is already extremely common in US states and internationally. that said, the blues and green in the original 1953 are more interesting: somewhat desaturated and dark colors stand out from other flags. * the unconventional decision to place white at the top edge of the flag creates an imbalance, which is INTERESTING, one of the very few interesting features of the flag. choosing bold primary colors and centering the white stripe would be viable if we were a nation in the UN, but we're not.
<p>2023-12-17 06:44:05 PM</p>	<p>1953 A (original stripe order) is vastly superior, having the white as the top stripe of the tri color is unique and iconic! I'm not crazy about the change to the new 8 point star, however the flag is still lovely!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:44:50 PM</p>	<p>The new star is far inferior looking to the original north star. It would look better if every other point was shorter/smaller. Now it's too bulky and honestly looks like a butthole. The original color order also looks best.</p> <p>If I had to choose one with the redesigns, 1953 A with the original stripe order is best. I'm also disappointed with the change in colors from the original design.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:46:36 PM</p>	<p>If these are the redesigns we are going with, the "1953 B" is the superior FLAG design. It's the cleanest and the three colors work significantly better than the four or two colored flags.</p> <p>"1953 B" is one I'd be proud to fly outside my house or on my wall for my students.</p> <p>Please don't take this decision lightly</p>

<p>2023-12-17 06:46:54 PM</p>	<p>Come on committee -- while I agree with the selection of F1935, I strongly disagree with the proposed changes.</p> <p>Color tone: yes the new colors match the chose State of MN colors, but what happens if we decide to change the official colors? Would we need to change the flag again? You didn't change the seal colors to match, why do you think the flag should be different? The original color tones are timeless and more than enough to convey the similarity. I recommend reverting to the original F1935 colors.</p> <p>Color order: when flown, having the blue on top will result in the top of our flag, "washing out" against a the sky. Keep the blue where it is.</p> <p>Star: While I appreciate that the 8 pointed M star matches the one in the capital rotunda and has a hidden "M", flags are meant to be the symbol, not spell every part of symbolism out. The subtle "K" is more than enough to drive meaningful symbolism, without needing to literally spell it out. The original star is great, emphasizing the traditional context people think when they hear, "North Star State"</p> <p>Adding changes that detract from the original idea are a common pitfall of committees, but they don't have to be. By making only minor and *purposeful* changes, we can make ourselves a flag that is the pride of the nation. Thanks for your consideration, and I welcome any questions.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:47:03 PM</p>	<p>Also, very important to keep symmetry through the entire flag. Keep the 3 stripes in the original color order and the even MN chevron!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:47:40 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the original f1953 flag the changes you are making are horrendously bad, please, I beg you please keep the original design. I was planning on flying the flag but if it's going to look so bad I wouldn't even want to. I am very disappointed in this committee YOU ARE NOT ARTISTS just pick the one that looks the best and keep it how it is</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:47:53 PM</p>	<p>Why would the state seal remove the star of the north motto and replace it with something that favors ONE native group? MN is the star of the North, it is an established identity of MN. The seal went from an all encompassing state motto to something that is minority group specific, and a phrase that most people don't even understand to boot! I thought this was against the rules? Please explain how this is representative of ALL Minnesotans? I love the loon, but can we please bring back our motto? Write it in English if someone is offended by the French language.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:49:45 PM</p>	<p>Regarding the current top contender for the flag re-design I'd like to suggest a reversal of the original color order. Blue on top, green in the middle, white on the bottom. In the order I'm suggesting it could be evocative of looking across a snowy field (or frozen lake) at a pine forest under a clear blue winter sky.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:51:05 PM</p>	<p>I believe retaining the symmetrical chevron design with three stripes is the best option for F1953. Additionally, I believe the committee should reconsider the accepted proposal of adding only a Dakota translation to the state seal. I believe this decision wrongfully excludes the Ojibwa tribes that have played an important role in Minnesota's history.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:52:17 AM</p>	<p>The original 1953 design looks better than any of the proposed variations to the design.</p>

<p>2023-12-17 06:52:29 PM</p>	<p>I think the original colors, particularly the more muted green, are the best combination for this flag. I understand the revised colors are based on Minnesota branding, but branding colors should not dictate flag colors. The branding for state agency websites, letterheads, etc could be revised again down the road. Meanwhile, the flag will be set for a good long time. Using state branding colors to guide flag colors would be a case of the “tail wagging the dog” and very shortsighted.</p> <p>Further, I believe the original, symmetrical chevron is a vastly superior design than the offset chevron presented by the commission to better match the state’s geographic borders. The symmetry of the original is a much stronger design element and I think the offset version is much too “on the nose” than is desire-able.</p> <p>My opinion is the commission should make decisions that result in a timeless and non-pictorial design. I believe that the majority of the commission’s variations do not capture these qualities as well as the original.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:53:34 PM</p>	<p>While I initially wanted 123 to be the winner, I have come around to 1953 being chosen as the actual finalist. That said, this committee seems to want to make changes to the flag, many of which I cannot support simply because I feel that they will add nothing of value to the final design and may even worsen it in terms of symbolism and how it looks overall.</p> <p>The most egregious design choice that the council seemed to want to make was trying to make hoist side design asymmetrical so it "looks more like Minnesota." DO NOT DO THIS! I repeat, DO NOT do this. This is absolutley the worst change you can make to the flag and would make it into a flag that I would be embarrassed to see fly over any building anywhere in the state. Not only does making the hoist side design of the flag asymmetrical to "make it look more like Minnesota" make it look bad and ugly but it's also unnecessary from a symbolism standpoint. The design in the original flag already looks enough like the outline of the state of Minnesota and I feel that most people would be able to infer that by simply looking at it. By trying to change the shape, you would be taking away the already well-designed symbolism of the flag and making it too on-the-nose, essentially spoon-feeding the meaning of the flag to the people who view it. There is absolutely NO BENEFIT to changing the design on the hoist side so please, DON'T DO IT.</p> <p>Additionally, I think the council needs to be more thoughtful with the usage of the horizontal stripes on the right side (fly side) of the flag. I think it is definitley necessary to keep all three of the original colors in there for both symbolic reasons and design reasons. The green represents the land we live and rely upon to continue living here, the blue can either be the sky or the waters that reflect it and provide us with life, and the white can be the snow that covers much of our state during the winters. All three of these are essential symbols of our state and removing one of them would be a loss in terms of symbolism. This does include the white, which, while not as symbolically important is crucial for the design of the flag. The white stripe provides a needed visual breakup on the fly side colors which I feel like would be too visually homogenous without the white breaking things up and therefore not as nice to look at when being viewed. With that in mind, I think the white stripe should not only be kept but should be</p>
<p>2023-12-17 06:54:24 PM</p>	<p>I reallly hope that the commission chooses to go with flag 1953A with the original stripe order. The other options remaining are subpar.</p>

2023-12-17 06:54:43 PM	1953 A with green stripe in the middle please!
2023-12-17 06:55:13 PM	My vote for the flag finalist is either 1953 A with original stripe order OR 1953 B. But truth be told I still believe the Starflake was the best option as an emblem, icon, and symbol of the state.
2023-12-17 06:56:20 PM	Please keep the original star shape and colors/order of the F1953 flag submission
2023-12-17 06:57:15 PM	PLEASE please keep the green stripe in the original hue on the flag. The variations with no green look very bland and boring to me, the green really adds a lot to the design. Ideally, you should keep the layout as originally designed (white, green, light blue from top to bottom) but even if you must move the positions of the colors, please keep the green!!
2023-12-17 06:58:06 PM	Please go with either the original version of the F1953
2023-12-17 06:58:16 PM	The state seal design is great but the flag you guys choose is weak. Start over!!
2023-12-17 06:58:55 PM	As a local graphic designer I think that 1953 B is the strongest concept for the MN flag. It's simplicity lends itself to a wide range of uses and wide-reaching marketability. I would strongly discourage adding any more detail to the flag design, such as a more realistic state of MN shape, as this will not age nearly as well as clean and simple shapes. The Colorado flag is a great example of a simple and clean state flag that is worn with pride by citizens and tourists of the state, I think 1953 B (second choice would be A) can be that for the state of MN.
2023-12-17 06:59:06 PM	Hello! I am expressing my desire for the Minnesota flag redesign to exactly mirror the 1953 submission in color, design details, and arrangement. The North Star design perfectly encapsulates our designation as the North Star state while the original colors reflect our uniqueness as a state, both with our varied seasons and 10,000+ lakes. As a lifelong resident of Minnesota, this flag beautifully captures our essence as a state and I would be proud to fly it.
2023-12-17 07:03:11 PM	Please keep the original flag. It looks best symmetrical with the muted colors in their original order, and the star the designer submitted.
2023-12-17 07:03:25 PM	Hello, Please consider the original starflake design and color order for the finalist flag.
2023-12-17 07:03:27 PM	I am writing here to share my thoughts on the design of the new state flag. While I understand the desire to alter the chevron to appear more similar to the shape of the state, I much prefer the simplicity of the original design of the symmetrical chevron. In addition, I really like the original color scheme and design, including the three equal stripes. I am hopeful SERC will honor the original general design of the flag, including colors, stripes, and shape of the chevron as much as possible when selecting the final design of the new flag.
2023-12-17 07:04:10 PM	If possible, besides the change to the star, could you please leave to candidate for the new Minnesota as it is. The symbolism in each bar, and the reverse chevron are noticeable and reflect the natural parts of Minnesota well. It would be a shame to change such a beautiful flag.
2023-12-17 07:07:12 PM	Please stay as true to the original 1953 as possible. The change in star is understandable, but should maintain one point upwards. Additionally, to help stand out on light backgrounds the white stripe should be moved to the middle with the other colors remaining. Keeps the dark blue shape as is as an abstract, not literal interpretation of the state shape.

2023-12-17 07:08:21 PM	Please keep the symmetry of the Minnesota chevron, and the 3 colors on the right. While knowing what each of the colors represent, I think it makes sense to have it (top to bottom): white, green, blue. I think it's more aesthetically pleasing as: blue, white green.
2023-12-17 07:08:35 AM	My comment is: I would like to have the same colors on the flag that are on the seal, I would like to see the same green, blues and definitely the yellow. I want the flag and seal to look good when flying together.
2023-12-17 07:09:27 PM	Please just use the original exact 1953A design as the artist intended. Thank you!!
2023-12-17 07:09:55 PM	I love the original design and color choices/order of stripes. Excited about the flag!
2023-12-17 07:10:01 PM	Please use the original design of 1953 as it was created by the artist! I think that one looks the best without any revisions to it! Please!!
2023-12-17 07:10:35 PM	Please use either of the 1953A variations! Our state flag looks best with the green!! The other designs that remove the green look bad, boring, and uninspired. White, green, and blue truly make the design something special.
2023-12-17 07:11:56 PM	I believe the original muted colors of 1953 better represent Minnesota's rich history and look much better than the revised brighted colors.
2023-12-17 07:12:05 PM	You have to keep the original 3 stripes and not change the shape of the chevron. You all will be known for fumbling one of the best flags in the nation otherwise.
2023-12-17 07:12:16 AM	F1935 Is the right design. Make no modifications.
2023-12-17 07:12:27 AM	I don't have a question, rather a comment. Keep the original F1953 design, specifically the star. The star on the original design is SO much better than the one the committee changed it to.
2023-12-17 07:14:53 PM	I believe 1953 A with the original stripe order and colors is the best option. I'm not certain the asymmetrical Minnesota design will look well when the flag is hanging. Keeping the white stripe at the top helps differentiate the flag from other flags that have the blue, green, white color scheme. I also think keeping the blue stripe on the bottom better represents the lakes of Minnesota. The two blues and a white of 1953 B just make me think of Argentina. I also think the green stripe gives a nice pop of color that helps the flag stand out. A solid color like 1953 C doesn't have enough interest and looks empty. Thanks for your work, it's been a blast following along with this process.
2023-12-17 07:15:53 PM	My family loves 1953 B. We would buy that on a shirt.
2023-12-17 07:16:25 PM	I prefer the new flag with the original stripe order.
2023-12-17 07:17:24 PM	Please go with the original 1953 flag with different star and muted colors. That design is better than the proposed variations. Or the original colors and the star from the F29 flag.
2023-12-17 07:18:15 PM	Thank you for considering F1959 for the Minnesota state flag. In my opinion, the original stripe ordering and colors are superior to the proposed versions. The stripe order makes our flag unique, and the colors do too. The muted color palette makes the flag more tasteful, subdued and classy. Thank you for your consideration.

<p>2023-12-17 07:18:23 PM</p>	<p>I wanted to leave a comment in support of keeping the symmetrical shape of the left side of proposed flag. I enjoy the proposed updated design of the start with the points of the star being vertical in a way it resembles a compass rose. While I prefer the tricolor part of the flag to have all 3 colors, I think it looks good in the original design, the blue white green design, and in the blue white blue design. Not as big of a fan of the tri color part being changed to a single color though.</p> <p>Thanks, Kyle Sutherland</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:18:36 PM</p>	<p>I prefer the version of the flag with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The 8 pointed star is oriented so that one of the points is at North. 2) The white stripe is on top. Green is central to our state, in all seasons - and I think having the green stripe in the middle with the blue below and white above represents Minnesota's lakes, nature, and wintry well. The green of nature touches the lakes of summer, and the green of nature touches the white snow of winter.
<p>2023-12-17 07:18:51 PM</p>	<p>I truly believe that the 1953 A with original stripe order and color, is by far the best choice for our new state flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:19:35 PM</p>	<p>I believe that 1953-B is by far the strongest design among the four remaining options, and the one I would be most proud to fly as a lifelong resident. My reasoning is that it can be displayed horizontally or vertically, the three-color option with two different shades of blue is unique and the most visually-striking, it maintains symmetry, and it most strongly represents the literal translation of Minnesota as "where the waters reflect the skies."</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of my comment.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:20:27 PM</p>	<p>Put the North Star back from the original design and stop changing it for the sake of doing it please.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:22:19 PM</p>	<p>F29 was by far my favorite and I think most Minnesotan's favorite from conversations and polls done about the new flag designs. But if you're going with 1953, please keep the original colors and design. Everything that I've seen is much worse and feels like everyone wants to put their pee marks on a great design just to say they made a change to it. The original has an elegant balance and beauty that is missing in all the new variants. Although I don't mind the eight-pointed star variation, I have to say the original north star on the flag was much nicer looking. Hopefully, you have a much better reason to change it apart from its in historical buildings, quilts, etc. A flag should be a symbol for us to rally behind, it doesn't have to be an exact representation of the past. Sometimes flags can be things that we look for in the future. An ideal vision of what we stand for or represent.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:23:38 PM</p>	<p>Use the original muted colors;there is less clash between the green and the blues when they're more muted and they better resemble the more muted colors of the US flag. Additionally, orient the star in the Navy hoist so that one of the points points straight up, or north, so as to represent the fact that Minnesota is the North Star State</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:24:06 PM</p>	<p>How do I get a Zoom link for Tuesday's meeting?</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:24:06 PM</p>	<p>I think 1953 A is the best of your revisions at this point. Please stay away from giving the colors the same order as the Somalian flag - for both political and aesthetic reasons!</p>

2023-12-17 07:24:11 PM	While the redesigned star looks great, orienting the points to the cardinal and inter cardinal directions is aesthetically pleasing and is representative of "Minnesota" in all directions.
2023-12-17 07:24:13 AM	I thought you should use all the colors that are in the seal except the red of the loons eyes. Please use the same green, that's in the seal. Maybe add another stripe in yellow. Also, I wish you could add black, some where. I want the seal and flag to have cohesion when flying together.
2023-12-17 07:24:31 PM	Writing a follow up to say: please keep the chevron symmetrical. A chevron that closer mimics the states shape would look terrible.
2023-12-17 07:26:17 PM	The original stripe order and color are better options than any revisions that have been put forth. Additionally north star designs or the "star"flake a represent the state better than the 8 pointed star on the current revision.
2023-12-17 07:26:18 PM	Excellent choice on the flag design. Please retain the original stripe colors and order, these do a great job of representing our state! And retain the original shape of the chevron, do not, I REPEAT DO NOT, make the left-most/top-most shape an asymmetrical design. The flag should be EASY to understand from a distance, and look recognizable when inverted, upside down, or in no wind. Don't make it complicated and don't forget that computer renders are not at all what you will see when the flag is hanging outside the capitol. This flag going to be a great symbol for our state, keep it great!
2023-12-17 07:26:28 PM	Please do not change the finalists version of the flag. The colors and symbolism of the original ring better and more true than its variants. Please respect the artist and their vision for mn's future flag as they intended.
2023-12-17 07:27:27 PM	Please keep the flag simple with the Chevron "K" shape and three equal size bars. Don't start trying to add realistic shapes or landscapes.
2023-12-17 07:28:57 PM	I strongly prefer the darker more muted colors of the original design 1953, they are more cohesive with the minnesota shape color the new star shape grows on me with the historical
2023-12-17 07:30:49 PM	I believe the 8 point star is the best and most significant too Minnesota! It has the most meaning as it's in the capital and the other reasons outlined by the commission. I think the flag should incorporate the green as a signifier for nature, but the double blue and white color is also very nice. I think the asymmetrical version of the state is neat but not ideal for a flag as borders, however unlikely, can change. Thanks for your work, SERC!
2023-12-17 07:30:54 PM	Good job in picking 1953 as I thought it was the best of the finalists. However, please do not go with the asymmetrical Minnesota shape. The original version is a fine subtle tribute to our state without being too "on the nose". The asymmetrical version is too obvious and would like very silly when hung vertically. I also think the three stripes should be kept on the right side of the flag. Those colors perfectly represent our state and should be included.
2023-12-17 07:31:18 PM	I much prefer the original star and stripe sequence from the design of 1953. Please do not change the design.

<p>2023-12-17 07:31:21 PM</p>	<p>The original 1953 flag is the best. Don't overthink it too much. It just looks nice. If you're going to go tweaking things (which you definitely shouldn't) keep the left (Minnesota shape) symmetrical. It doesn't need to look exactly like the shape of the state. That would be dumb. Keep the original stripes on the right. Don't overthink it or get cute trying to fill it with all of your ideas. Just keep the dang design as submitted. If you can't help yourselves, fill the whole right side with a lighter blue.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:33:39 PM</p>	<p>I really think the committee should consider going back to the look of the original 1953 flag as much as possible. That flag was great because it referenced Minnesota in a clear way while still being abstract and looking aesthetically pleasing as a flag.</p> <p>First of all, I think the stripes should be white (snow) on top, green (grass/land) in the middle, and then blue (lakes) on the bottom. Three stripes looks better than two and the colors represent the amazing lakes, parks and weather our state has to offer.</p> <p>Second, I think you should consider featuring the original artist's North Star design instead of the current 8-pointed star. From far away, the 8-pointed star looks like a circle or a sun or something which I feel doesn't represent our state as clearly as the old design, which was obviously the North Star. I've heard some people say the 8-pointed star is good because it resembles a snowflake, but snow would already be represented by the white stripe on the right side of the flag.</p> <p>I've also read that the 8-pointed star is a star featured in Ojibwa and Dakota art which makes sense, but I also feel like no one culture should be featured on the flag. We have so many amazing cultures (Mexican, Somali, Hmong, and more!) that have helped make Minnesota what it is and it doesn't make sense to me to feature one and not the others.</p> <p>Finally, the shape of Minnesota on the left side of the flag should be symmetrical. My only reasoning is because it looks better. The Minnesota shape looks clunky like that and the asymmetry looks almost like an accident, like you tried to make the sides even but you were a little bit off. A symmetrical shape looks like a flag and it looks so much better!</p> <p>I hope you'll consider my opinion. I think the original 1953 design was basically perfect and I hope you'll think about reverting back to a similar look. Thank you for the work you're doing to pick the flag and thank you for reading!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:34:11 PM</p>	<p>I want the 1953 A design! It's super unique in a variety of ways, and does not need to look more realistic! Keeping it simple makes it better!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:34:45 PM</p>	<p>Please just go with the original design, the revised ones all don't look nearly as good as the original</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:35:06 PM</p>	<p>I was born and raised in Minnesota, and currently live in Minnesota. I would like to add my opinion that the shape of Minnesota should be left as from the original design. It should not be more realistic. I think the design of the more realistic Minnesota is not at all aesthetically appealing. we do not need our flag to to be a geography map. I would also like to suggest that we keep the original green, white and blue stripes. I would prefer the flag to have more colors than just shades of blue and white. If the green is removed, I would at least like the star to be yellow to add another color. Also, having the flag be white, blue, and green would match our states license plates, color scheme nicely as well. overall out recommend using the original design.</p>

2023-12-17 07:35:10 PM	Please keep the original design, it is far superior to the revisions, the original star is more visible from afar, and the white looks better on top rather than in the middle.
2023-12-17 07:35:48 PM	As a long time citizen of our great state, I would like to review the Design Brief used to help guide the design of the new flag. I would appreciate the assistance.
2023-12-17 07:36:45 PM	I previously left a comment stating that the original design of the flag should be used. I would like to amend my note by stating that I do like the new star design over the original's star design. I do think the same color scheme from the original design should be used as this is most aesthetically appealing.
2023-12-17 07:38:12 PM	I think the 1953A with original stripe order is by far the best looking of the variations. All the other tweaks of the 1953 design just don't capture the same beauty of the original.
2023-12-17 07:38:38 PM	I prefer flag A with the original stripe order.
2023-12-17 07:39:18 PM	<p>Hello! I am sending this message in regards to the flag redesign.</p> <p>First off, I wanted to say how excited I am by this! I've been a casual flag enthusiast for a few years now, and when I heard about the potential redesign, I was absolutely stoked.</p> <p>I really like the 6 finalists that you all choose, but F29, F1953, and F944 in particular appealed to me.</p> <p>If I'm understanding the process correctly, you have decided on F1953 or a variant thereof. If so, great! The aspects of that flag that I enjoy the most, and hope that you can preserve, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the three stripe colors: I like a lot of the possible orderings, but I think the three colors are key. It's a very nice triplet of colors, that is fairly uncommon on flags. The blue-white-blue, in my opinion, lacks the impact that the others have. - the inverted chevron: I really really like this one, it's very unique and stands out without being inelegant. I think making it asymmetrical makes it less... formal? Dignified? Stately? <p>I don't have many strong opinions on the star; lots of good options there. Points pointing north is nice.</p> <p>Thank you for reading and thank you for all the effort you have put into it thus far. I'm excited to see how this turns out!</p>
2023-12-17 07:39:30 PM	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I think it would be a good idea to explore a design with 1953 where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The point of the star points north (I mentioned this in another comment). 2) The stripes of the flag are sky blue at the bottom to represent water, green in the middle to represent our nature, and sky blue as the top stripe as an homage to the "Sky Tinted Waters" name of our state.

<p>2023-12-17 07:40:44 PM</p>	<p>I strongly suggest that the commission reconsider eliminating the F1953 flag design with green on the bottom and blue on the top. F1953 with original stripes should absolutely be the only choice because the other stripe variation is nearly identical to the Puntland flag.</p> <p>https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puntland#/media/File%3AFlag_of_Puntland.svg</p> <p>The Minnesota flag should stand unique and the white on top sets it apart from nearly every other tricolor flag with a white stripe in the middle. The variation that very closely resembles the Puntland flag would be problematic in representing the people of Minnesota as a whole. Our flag should not resemble a foreign flag. Instead, it needs to represent every Minnesotan equally without the possibility of being interpreted otherwise.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:41:02 PM</p>	<p>The star on your final candidate looks really bad - can you pull in the star from F29? Or at least use the original star from the finalist design?</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:45:39 PM</p>	<p>I am writing to comment about the flag process as a Minnesotan from Elk River. I think 1953 is a good flag as is. The original star and color scheme are superior to the presented alternatives. I think the star with the alternative sized shimmers is a much more comforting and definitive symbol than that of a quilt design. To me, the quilt designed star looks really uninspired. When I see the flag, I don't want to think Blanket, I want to think about the real core of this country. I want to see the same star I see when I look up or when I think of North Star.</p> <p>We don't need symbols depicting specific groups or cultures within our state. The symbol needs to be neutral across the board so that it fits the definition for every Minnesotan every single step of the way. The most bias it should get is like, Loons, The North Star, Snow, Lakes, Planes, Woods, Hot Dish and a 3 hour goodbye.</p> <p>This quilt star is absolutely a No from me.</p>

<p>2023-12-17 07:46:15 PM</p>	<p>Hey all. I have no idea how (or if!) this will get to the committee but I was called into action by the designer of 1953 on Reddit.</p> <p>First off, I believe that the current four color scheme is doing nothing and makes the design look far too cluttered. I've lived in this state my entire life and while I do love the recognition of our wonderful agricultural and forests, but from a graphic design perspective it makes the design too busy.</p> <p>I'm a big fan of 1953 B as it matches the "sky blue waters" name of our state, but I am not a big fan of the shade. It is far too pastel-y I think to make it work correctly. It reminds me too much of the flag of Argentina (although no shade to our Southern American friends!) but may be too similar. Try looking into the blues in the new state seal, our tourist department's visual guide, or Pantone color charts.</p> <p>The star and state outline are brilliant. Kudos to whoever gave the thumbs up on that. Just to slightly mansplain graphic design to the committee though, think about what makes you proud of this state! If you walked into a room and saw this flag, would you be able to say "hey, that's the land of 10,000 lakes!" and proudly tell someone that's your flag? Take a moment to reflect. I know deadlines are tough and can make it feel like everything is super tense. However, a trick I learned is to take a breather so everything just seems more objective.</p> <p>Good luck and best wishes with the flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:46:51 PM</p>	<p>I believe that either variation of F1953 A would work well for the Minnesota flag, as it shows what Minnesota is, a land full of Lakes, Forests, and Snow. The K shape of in the flag should stay symmetrical so it's more pleasing to the eyes and looks better hanging sideways. F1953 B looks too much like Argentinas flag and I would prefer Minnesota's flag to have a more distinct look to it and also not remind me of another nation whenever I see it. F1953 C Is to blue and doesn't reflect the other parts of Minnesota.</p> <p>Thabk you</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:46:57 PM</p>	<p>Please Ekola the original colors of the flag. The revisions are terrible! The green is way too bright.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:47:24 AM</p>	<p>Please stick with the original design/ colors of 1953 as the artist intended. There's no need to change things at the last minute just because you can.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:47:24 PM</p>	<p>I love the selection the committee has made for the basis of the new flag;however, I do not like the changes. Changing the colors and the order of the stripes, detracts from the symbolism that made this the finalist. My recommendation and preference would be to use the original 1953 flag (with the updated flag, but original colors and original order of colored stripes).</p>

<p>2023-12-17 07:48:51 PM</p>	<p>This is the 2nd comment I've made, but I wanted to comment on a few more things regarding the final 1953 design. The newer revisions of this flag involve flipping the white stripe from the top to the middle, and I really don't like this change. The stripes on the original representing lakes on the bottom, with forests in the middle, and snow skies on top felt much more representative of our state than the revision with the white in the middle. Having the white in the middle feels like you ripped the meaning from the color and decoupled a really nice design from its deeper connotations. I also would like to reiterate that I would much prefer the more muted colors of the original (especially the navy), which I believe are much more aesthetically pleasing and represent our state's visual appeal (natural beauty with natural colors) more accurately.</p> <p>Another thing I'd like to mention is that, should an 8 pointed star be selected for the star on on the left, that it should be split into 4 sets of 2 like in the 8 pointed star of F29. I think that would help immensely in the visual clarity of the star from a distance, and I think it looks a lot nicer that way aesthetically as well.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:48:58 PM</p>	<p>I beg of you to leave the chevron symmetrical.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:50:01 PM</p>	<p>Hello!</p> <p>I am very glad that you have chosen to go foreward with F1953. I do have some comments however:</p> <p>I really like the new "Minnesota" Star design - I think that it really screams Minnesota compared to the first design.</p> <p>I do not like the green. If you decide to keep the color, I really would like a deeper green compared to what you have chosen now.</p> <p>Thank you for all your work and I am excited to be able to see history in the making!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:50:34 PM</p>	<p>Why change from the original design? The original star is better, the color order is better (white on top) and the green reminds me of MN (compared to the proposed green that reminds me of Florida swamp). Thanks for reading!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:51:01 PM</p>	<p>Hello!</p> <p>I just wanted to give my input and opinion of the new flag. Just wanted to say, I think that you should not change the blue part to be more Minnesota shaped. I like it symmetrical, and think if the shape Minnesota was more pronounced it would look bad. I like 1953a or b!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:52:28 PM</p>	<p>Please use the original flag design with the Polaris star and the original color sequence. The asymmetrical blue shape looks weird and won't be cool when it is rotated. The 8 point star will look like a circle from afar. We are the North Star state. Put the North Star on the flag. Use the original colors and original color scheme that was originally submitted for the flag design.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:52:53 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the original star. The original colors were also better.</p>

<p>2023-12-17 07:54:18 PM</p>	<p>The original order of 1953(A) with the original star is the best design. New highlight in colors are okay and I can understand over the original muted colors, but I still like them the muted way.</p> <p>Thank you for your time,</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:54:49 PM</p>	<p>I prefer the original colors and order of the stripes on 1953. It has been my favorite since the first round. I do prefer the new star to the original and vastly prefer a symmetrical dark blue field. Thank you for all the efforts to make this update great!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:55:12 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the 3 stripes with green in there.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:56:37 PM</p>	<p>Why would you pick a flag design that resembles another countries flag. Somalia's flag has same colors along with a star? Or did you not look into this before choosing it?</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:58:27 PM</p>	<p>About the flag redesign - I think the original muted colors and stripe order for 1953 are best. I'm okay with the new star, and I suppose a different stripe order is alright. The important thing is three stripes of different colors for depth.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 07:59:30 PM</p>	<p>I recommend keeping the tricolors but change the star away from the "quilted 8 point" If the star is to resemble the north star, the "quilted 8 point" does not convey that</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:00:08 PM</p>	<p>Love 1953 — please do not ruin it by making the shape asymmetrical to “resemble” the state’s geography. The state’s geography is not all that pleasing, it’s just a shape. The symmetrical flag evokes it perfectly while being pleasing to the eye. “Design by committee” is never a good thing. I don’t mind the star change given its significance, but the color changes and shape changes are universally detested.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:00:09 PM</p>	<p>I hope the committee can see their way to undoing the change to the star. I understand the symbolism and liked this star on some flag designs, but it just doesn't work with this one. Combined with the three bands on the background it is reminiscent of a Chicago flag star more than a north star. The original (or the "starflake" with white and gold) both look much better on this flag.</p> <p>Also, I think the original coloration on the three bands, and the original left hand chevron/MN- esque shape, are both preferable to any of the variants.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:01:39 PM</p>	<p>I think a lot of people are really struggling with the star you seem to have narrowed it down to. I have created some variations that use a similar star but make it look a lot better in my opinion, also I cannot make the lighter green work, it just doesn't look right, or looks too timberwolvesy https://imgur.com/a/6kOSbsY</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:02:56 PM</p>	<p>I like 1953 A with original stripe order</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:03:35 PM</p>	<p>The change in star on the flag redesign for F1935 is a horrible decision and makes the flag look significantly uglier. Also the change in colors to a baby blue and lime green make the flag look worse. The original concept for this flag is far and away superior to all of the tweaked versions produced since.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:03:43 PM</p>	<p>Let is all vote on the flag redesign. Put it on the ballot in November. Let us residents decide</p>

<p>2023-12-17 08:03:58 PM</p>	<p>I am begging you please to not go forward with this exact flag design. F1953 had the perfect color palette in its first submitted design, i have no qualms with the star but i am begging you please keep the muted colors the same. Our states cold weather is ingrained with our culture, and having bright luminous piercing shades of green blue and white do not represent that at all. You took our loons, you took our starflake, you took the dog flag, you owe us this at least.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:05:17 PM</p>	<p>Variant 17 and 18 would both be flags I would be proud to fly as a Minnesotan! I love the tricolor stripes and the 8-pointed star. None of the other variants even come close!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:05:50 PM</p>	<p>In regards to the new state flag. I'm highly excited to have a new flag to represent the wonderful state that we call home. I also want to thank this committee for the hours and time put into this effort. I like the adjusted star but wish it was either yellow or included yellow in some compacity. Please keep the "shape" of the state as it is represented in the submitted flag design (symmetrical chevron) along with the three equal color pattern of White, Green, Blue. I like the meaning of Snow, Land and Water represented in that order. Vast majority of the tri color patterns with white, over 80% of them place the white in the middle. So having the white at the top creates something different.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:06:49 PM</p>	<p>Please go with the updated 1953A design with the colors blue, white, green from top to bottom! The white in the middle creates important balance in the design, and symbolizes the snowy horizon. The tricolor is key to the 1953 design, and the versions that strip it away are lacking the heart of the original submission. Having the white stripe in the center is necessary for visual symmetry and aesthetic purposes, so I beg the commission to settle on 1953A. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:10:55 PM</p>	<p>Here are my thoughts on flag 1953 and proposed alterations:</p> <p>Please do not change the original colors. They look excellent the way they are. The green especially--i like how the dark shade represents a forest.</p> <p>If the 8-pointed star is put on, please do the version that points in 8 directions. I do not like the one with 2 points in 4 directions.</p> <p>3 individually colored striped that are all the same size.</p> <p>Please please PLEASE do NOT alter the 'K' to make it "more similar to the shape of MN". The symmetry ties this whole flag together. When hung vertically the stripes create an arrow that points to the north star at the center of the flag. Making it asymmetrical destroys this concept.</p> <p>Make us proud!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:11:12 PM</p>	<p>This flag version was my favorite of the finalists. However, the star should be rotated to have a single point at zero degrees (vertical).</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:13:24 AM</p>	<p>The star on F2100 should replace the plain blocky star. Thanks for getting this done.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:13:33 AM</p>	<p>Keep the original design please!! It's so much cleaner than the current proposed flag</p>

<p>2023-12-17 08:13:44 PM</p>	<p>I just saw the new design. How do we get in touch with the people who are representing the public? I am wondering why it looks like the state flag of Puntland in Somalia. That seems odd - where can one learn how/why that happened? I like the state shape, but the indent is not in the center of the state. Can you make it more geographically accurate? Maybe then people will know that it's Minnesota. This flag design has little resemblance to the identify of MN. Hoping it can be tweaked before adoption.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:13:49 AM</p>	<p>I sent a couple of previous comments and now realize they would not look good and make the flag too complicated. I don't like the shape of the star you chose, it should balance to the shape on the one on the seal but not the same. I don't like the color green and light blue you choose, the green and blue should match the green and blue on the seal I like the dk green stripe on the bottom being smaller.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:14:53 PM</p>	<p>Hello members of the SERC, I'm writing to express my feelings about the state flag redesign. I've lived in Minnesota for 10 years and have come to love all it stands for. Having lived in other Midwestern states, Minnesota is truly the star of the north. That is why is why it's incredibly meaningful to me that one of the points on the star points in a northerly (upward) direction. Also, I feel like the symmetrical chevron best complements the star. Finally, the three equal stripes creates a timeless look, and the three colors represent all that Minnesota has to offer. Thank you for your time and consideration,</p>

<p>2023-12-17 08:15:52 PM</p>	<p>I have some comments on the current revised version of the F1935 flag that will be discussed and/or revised at the next Commission meeting on December 19th.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I believe the chevron pointing towards the north star should remain symmetrical and centered, rather than being modified to a more "realistic" representation of Minnesota's shape. The current centered chevron allows for the flag to hang vertically and still retain an important symmetry. It's already a sufficient nod to the shape of MN as it is. Lowering the location of the angle would just be tossing aside the aesthetics for the sake of an unnecessarily on-the-nose homage to our shape. Flags should always be symmetrical and timeless. Please remember that the purpose of a flag is to represent its territory symbolically, NOT literally. 2. Regarding the stripes, I truly believe the original 3 stripe design (with white on top, green in the middle, and blue on bottom) is the best, both from an aesthetic view and as a representation of our state. Aesthetically, placing the warmer green stripe in the middle separates the relatively cooler white and blue stripes and provides better symmetry. I don't see the point in placing the white stripe in the middle. Maybe it would make sense from a design perspective if the two other stripes were bold, dark, rich saturated colors, (in which case you'd want a white middle space to separate them), but that's not what we're working with here. I also believe that all 3 stripe colors need to remain in the flag, as it's equally important to represent the snow and ice, forests and fields, and water bodies of our state. None of those three should take priority over the others. They all need to stay in. 3. Regarding the colors, I think the only change that needs to be made is to darken the green stripe (preferably back to the color of the original design). While I understand wanting to create continuity with the color schemes used on our state government and tourism websites, should that really take precedent over having good design? What part of MN does the lime green color represent, exactly? Are we Florida, the land of 10,000 golf fairways? A darker green would be a much superior representation of our rich pine and deciduous forests. For all we know, our state government and tourism websites will be redesigned and look completely different 10 years
<p>2023-12-17 08:15:54 PM</p>	<p>Flag F1935 was designed by a professional to meet not only the requirements the committee established, but also best-in-class standards for flags across the world. It is a good flag as it stands — again, it was designed by a professional. The further "tweaks" the committee has shown are unnecessary and aesthetically damaging. The committee did its job in selecting a direction. When it comes to refinement, leave any further decision-making to professional art directors, designers, and vexillologists. Don't be an embarrassment to this great state.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:17:14 AM</p>	<p>Not much of a question but a comment, I LOVE IT! Maybe make the inverted triangle lower to make it appear a little more like Minnesota and maybe darken the green but outside of that it's perfect.</p>

2023-12-17 08:17:17 AM	As a resident of St Louis Park and an adopted Minnesotan for the last 15 years, I am very excited about our new state flag - design 1953, now affectionately known as the Polaris Tri Color. My question is why revise what is a thoughtful and timeless design? The Polaris star is not only distinct, but connects this flag with our new state seal (another excellent selection). More worrisome are the suggested edits for an asymmetrical "Minnesota K" shape on the left side of the flag. I believe this would be a mistake. The artist's original design is not only unique in flag design through our nation and the world, but it's perfect in both official horizontal and vertical orientations. Implying the shape of our state instead of going into a literal reference is a much bolder way to establish our identity. Please consider the time and purposefulness the artist took when creating this design while you are making your final decisions. I know that I would be proud to wave the original flag in my neighborhood and beyond. Your initial revisions tempered that excitement.
2023-12-17 08:20:15 PM	I think the original star and stripe order looks better than the revisions
2023-12-17 08:20:16 PM	Why change the design that already resonated with so many people? Do you think that highly of your opinion to override the choice made by tens of thousands of Minnesotans? Just do less and give us the original version.
2023-12-17 08:20:23 AM	Please, please, please just use the original variant of F1935. All of the new redesigns just don't look as sharp and eye catching as the original. The original design beautifully illustrated the north star, the land, our state's wonderful 10,000 lakes, and the cold snow. It was a beautiful flag and all the redesigns have done is make it look worse.
2023-12-17 08:22:16 PM	Why does the new flag look so much like the Puntland Somolian flag? Embarrassing!
2023-12-17 08:23:55 PM	I love the original 1953, and hope we can stay with the unmodified version!
2023-12-17 08:24:20 PM	I love the original 1953, and hope we can stay with the unmodified version, especially the star.
2023-12-17 08:24:24 AM	As final modifications to the flag are being considered. I would recommend sticking very close to the original design. Making the K asymmetrical I believe makes it a weaker design, especially hung vertically. I prefer the original star to the new one but if the new one is used that make sure it actually points North rather than offset a bit
2023-12-17 08:24:31 PM	I love the original 1953, and I hope we can stay with the unmodified version.
2023-12-17 08:24:37 AM	Please just use the original flag design and remove the extra words from the seal.
2023-12-17 08:25:06 PM	Hello. I would like to voice support for flag #1953A with the following variations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Original "faded" coloring - White Blue Green original ordering of the color - Dakota star;pointed upwards (22.5% rotation) - Symmetric K shape, no asymmetric shape.
2023-12-17 08:26:17 PM	I advise the comittee to make no changes to F1935 as it was submitted. certainly do not take away the symmetry of the chevron - this is a timeless design while still symbolic. The three colors are excellent on the order they are, giving the view of standing on a lakeshore almost.

<p>2023-12-17 08:26:23 PM</p>	<p>I am extremely disappointed this process has been railroaded by political special interests and appalled at this committee's complete inability to adhere to its own guidelines.</p> <p>YOUR OWN RULES STATE: Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design.</p> <p>The entire point of this project was to NOT represent specific groups but Minnesota as a whole, but we now have both flag and seal options that are blatantly pro-Dakota, even making the cowardly decision to remove the official state motto to make room for Dakota language. Nothing about that is acceptable and severely undermines the notion that this committee has any semblance of impartiality.</p> <p>We all watched that embarrassing video where certain vocal members of the committee bullied their opinions into reality. Watching that unfold was nothing short of pathetic.</p> <p>The committee owes it to the people of Minnesota to re-open the design process, remove any and all symbols specific to any single community or person, and give us options that represent everyone.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:27:27 PM</p>	<p>I've followed the flag redesign with interest and the chosen design has grown on me. Please keep the symmetry of the hoist and stripes all the same size. I'd like to see the color of the stripes be blue on top (sky), green in the middle (pine forest/agriculture/nature), white on bottom (like a snowy field). Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:28:32 PM</p>	<p>I like the finalist design for the flag. Don't change the star for historical significance. The original design mirrors the new seal, and also pays homage to the 8 pointed star. Also the white, green, and blue order of stripes resemble snow, forest, and lakes. Why change a very well thought out design to appease a committee. Trust the artist's original design on this one please. I do not like the revisions made to the proposed flag. Too many hands in the pot ffs.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:28:36 AM</p>	<p>Commenting to keep the new flag as is. The Polaris star is much better than the tiny round quilt star. The Asymmetrical change looks bad, I get that you're trying to make it look more minnesota shaped, but it's bad. And one of my favorite parts of the new design is the sky blue water. Some of these new versions feel created just so the committee can say they designed it, or targeted to make sure they're representing one group over another. Keep politics out and give us a flag for everyone. Preferably with the Polaris star and sky blue water.:-)</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:29:44 PM</p>	<p>Please choose version B with only 3 colors. With the thicker star, four total colors is too off-balanced.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:29:51 AM</p>	<p>Why did this committee pass on F29 and S6? They were clean designs, the revisions of both submitted by the original designer were beautiful. I would be proud to wear that flag, to hang it in my house. The finalist selected was okay, but it looks like a mishmash of Texas and Argentina. It doesn't stand out visually the same way that F29 does.</p> <p>The inclusion of the Dakota phrase is favoritism. The official state motto should be shown on the Seal. This is disgusting.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:30:31 PM</p>	<p>Apologies for a duplicate submission, but I would love to see the original stripe order!</p>

2023-12-17 08:30:49 PM	Thank you for your work on the committee. I love the design of F1953, and I hope we can keep as close to the original design as possible with the final design of the flag!
2023-12-17 08:31:47 PM	Please choose the original stripe order: white, green, blue. Having white as the top strip rather than the middle with allow for a more unique flag. Also, the blue on top and white middle is rather reminiscent of Chicago's city flag
2023-12-17 08:32:20 PM	Keep the original colors
2023-12-17 08:32:40 PM	Please keep the chevron symmetrical and retain the original three colors. Prefer the original north star, but am alright with the new star as well.
2023-12-17 08:33:23 PM	<p>Thank you for your thoughtful service to the state of Minnesota in choosing the F1953 flag as the basis for the next Minnesota state flag.</p> <p>I would respectfully ask that the committee strongly consider adopting either F1953A (equal-pointed star) or F1953A with the original stripe order and equal pointed star. I prefer the original stripe order for several reasons.</p> <p>One of the principles of vexillology that I believe F1953A with the altered stripe order does not take into account is that rules can be broken but only with thought and intentionality. I believe that the intentionality of putting the white stripe above the green stripe rather than between the green and blue stripes is worth considering. The white stripe on top puts the lightest color and the color representing air above the colors representing the land and the waters, and this is a good symbolic ordering. The reversal of the top and middle stripes does not ruin the flag, but I do feel that it weakens the symbolic ordering of the air, the land, and the water, with the people of Minnesota represented by the stylized shape of the political borders of the state of Minnesota in the hoist (although the political boundaries of the state are informed in multiple locations by the waters surrounding it, they are in fact still human-created borders, just ones that respect natural boundaries).</p> <p>I am not particularly thrilled with the two blue stripes of F1953B. I think it's because it's an overly strict application of the vexillological rule that a flag should have a maximum of three colors;the new flag would have three colors because the rule of tincture does not distinguish between shades of blue, so the light blue stripes and the dark blue hoist field are in fact simply blue as the flag would be blazoned.</p> <p>I find myself strongly disliking option F1953C;in essence it would be replacing one blue field with a symbol on it with another blue field with a symbol on it and using this option would weaken the striking design of F1953.</p>

<p>2023-12-17 08:34:03 PM</p>	<p>Please, for the love of all that is tater tots and loons and Minnesota, leave the flag design as it was. EXACTLY as it was. I cannot believe the extent to which the committee is fucking this up. Polaris should be the star of minnesota. the original FLAG should be the flag of minnesota, as that is the one we all decided was best as is. Please, don't stick us with a joke of a flag for the next forever, you are representing the entire STATE to the entire world! And you're trying to go for a children's graphic design project! I cannot understand how poorly this is going. People like the original flag design, people WANT the original flag design.</p> <p>If you don't use the original the entire state is going to know your names and decisions and be ashamed. Your decisions are embarrassing us on the world stage. Please just leave the flag design as the original author intended. He knows more than you.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:34:04 PM</p>	<p>1953 C but with the old star design is best! Skol</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:34:15 PM</p>	<p>I think you should reconsider the 8 pointed star and return to the star on the original design, the 8 pointed star is not going to look good from a distance and looks even worse up close. Also, on the seal, I'm thrilled a First Nation language is being included, but could you also include the French motto which is very popular.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:35:14 PM</p>	<p>Of the current final designs, I prefer 1953 A with the original stripe order the most. The white stripe being on top better represents snow.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:36:02 PM</p>	<p>I've seen the asymmetric "realistic" Minnesota Chevron designs and I think those look absolutely silly. I think the original design of f1953 is very strong. I prefer the original muted colors, I prefer the white stripe on tops, but I will be very disappointed if the final design changes the original Minnesota Chevron.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:36:19 AM</p>	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am writing in today to give you my opinions on the recent flag design contest. I believe that the original version of F1935 is easily the most superior version. The version with the slimmer 8 pointed star and with the dark forest green on bottom, light blue in the middle, and white on top just easily looks the best. I understand having white on top would create an issue with white backgrounds. So I propose the idea of simply swapping the light blue and white positions. You wouldn't have to change anything else. I believe the flag would look best if you left the star as the slimmer 8 pointed version and the dark forest green looks leagues better than the lime green. It's not just me that thinks this. I am writing on behalf of my whole family and household. The Minnesota Reddit has also been going mad over your attempts to redesign F1935. The Reddit community believes that the original F1935 looks the best and many people have actually been complaining about the redesigns and ordering custom made flags of the original version in protest. Please consider our opinions. F1935 is a great design and the original version was great and really did not need to be tampered with all that much.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:36:27 PM</p>	<p>We want the original flag design, please! We all hate the change to the star and colors.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:38:15 PM</p>	<p>Please don't use these original colors! Please make them more vibrant / distinct. These look so drab and depressing, let's not convey Seasonal Depression via our state flag!</p>

2023-12-17 08:39:59 PM	Hi there! I am a lifelong MN resident and passionate about vexilological endeavors. Please choose 1953 A! The tri color design is iconic and distinctive, as well as timeless.
2023-12-17 08:42:56 PM	High, I just wanted to submit a comment on the final flag revisions. I would strongly suggest sticking as closely to the original 1953 design as possible in terms the symmetrical shape of the chevron of the placement and shading of the stripes. Trying to make the chevron look more like Minnesota than it already does is unnecessary, the original design smartly evokes this shape with subtly rather than spelling it out. I also like the more muted colors of the original design which made it stand out. This design template came this far because it's inherently appealing, don't mess it up by making changes for change's sake.
2023-12-17 08:43:09 PM	The original f1953 design is the best option for originality and overall design in terms of looking like a flag. The order of the color stripes is unique to the state, and stands out against other striped flags.
2023-12-17 08:44:56 PM	Also, I think it's kinda of lame to commission a piece only to change the final "voted on" design. It sucks all of the enthusiasm out of the competition. If I had known this was going to happen, I would have voted for the picture of that dude's Yellow Labrador. Give credit where it's due. To the artist and all the people who submitted to the competition. If you wanna pay homage to some old quilt bs then make a quilt of all the submissions on one giant quilt. The dude had it right with the design. This is a classic case of too many cooks in the kitchen.
2023-12-17 08:45:01 PM	<p>The inclusion of Dakota language on the state seal is inappropriate and shows preference to a single tribe over the many that call this land home.</p> <p>The proposed redesign of the finalist flag is worse in every way from the original finalist design. The unique inclusion of the white stripe at the top, more pastel colorations, and the original star design are all better design options for the representation of Minnesota and its people.</p> <p>Please do not accept the revisions to this flag submission, or to the proposed Great Seal.</p>
2023-12-17 08:45:18 PM	<p>For the final design of flag #1953, I like the overall vision and symbolism of the state outline. However, I am concerned that the triangle tricolor design resembles other flags around the world too much. For example, the flag of Puerto Rico, several Arab nation flags, and some flags in Africa have a similar triangle with three striped design. Also, the state of Puntland in Somalia also has the same colors and stripes as #1953. I strongly suggest making sure the flag of Minnesota is as unique and true to Minnesota as possible by reducing elements that resemble other flags around the world as much as possible even if that means eliminating some colors or stripes.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
2023-12-17 08:45:19 PM	<p>Please keep the original F1953A design with the symmetrical chevron (it should be symbolic, not realistic!) and the three equal stripes, in order top to bottom: white, green, and blue. This is a unique flag in the context of ALL world flags (particularly with the chevron and the topmost white stripe), and the simplicity of the original design will keep the flag from looking dated over time.</p> <p>While slightly less unique, I'll admit the version of F1953A with the white stripe in the middle does look better to me.</p>

<p>2023-12-17 08:46:58 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the original F1953A design with the symmetrical chevron (it should be symbolic, not realistic!) and the three equal stripes, in order top to bottom: white, green, and blue. This is a unique flag in the context of ALL world flags (particularly with the chevron and the topmost white stripe), and the simplicity of the original design will keep the flag from looking dated over time.</p> <p>While slightly less unique, I'll admit the version of F1953A with the white stripe in the middle does look better to me.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:47:03 PM</p>	<p>Hello! I'm excited about our new flag and I hope you'll finalize 1953 A with the original stripe order. The Minnesota-shaped chevron looks best when it's symmetrical and I feel that it already reflects our state without needing a more "realistic" shape. The white-green-blue stripes are distinctive and would set our new flag apart from the glut of traditional tricolors that use white as the middle color</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:47:29 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the original design for the Polaris tricolor 1953. It looks really good and the new variations just aren't as iconic.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:47:30 PM</p>	<p>Whatever you do in the final revision, just don't make the inverted triangle asymmetric. Keep it symmetric.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:48:09 PM</p>	<p>I prefer the original design of the potential flag! No revisions please.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:48:44 PM</p>	<p>Hello, I am AJ Burling, a freshman at the University of Minnesota from Sartell, MN. I believe the original F-1953 flag submitted by Andrew Prekker is a far better design than the modified version put forward by the state flag commission. The stripe order is properly representative of snow laying on top of green grass next to a river. By not having the white stripe on the tricolor be in the middle, Prekker's design deviates from the norm of tricolor flags across the globe, making Minnesota's state flag truly unique, while having meaningful symbolism. Prekker's original design featured more muted colors, which I believe is more beautiful on the flag, as well as not being too bright and harsh to look at as I and many others have felt about the brighter version put forward by the flag committee. Additionally, I believe the original star design put forward by Prekker was also superior to the blobbier design put forward by the commission. While I understand the symbolism that the modification applies, I believe that same symbolism comes across with Prekker's design while appearing far better on the state flag. I dearly hope my concerns that are shared by many I have personally spoke to and many online are addressed. I truly appreciate the state flag commission's dedication to requesting public comment, and I am highly anticipating the final design chosen. Thank you.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:49:11 AM</p>	<p>Why would a highly graphic design that so closely resembles Middle Eastern flag designs be deemed representative of a Midwest state? This is a horrible design direction.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 08:49:11 PM</p>	<p>Please don't change the integrity of the original flag design. Just swap the colors so the white is in the center! It was perfect before. All of the suggested changes are simply embarrassing.</p>

2023-12-17 08:52:04 PM	<p>Thank you for reading my comment in regards to the new Minnesota flag candidate (F1953). I think this is a wonderful choice to represent our state. 2 things I hope you consider in the design process.</p> <p>First, please use the symmetrical K design. I feel like the asymmetrical variations are too “on the nose” and less timeless.</p> <p>Secondly, PLEASE PLEASE consider keeping the original star design. I understand the historical significance of the literal 1:1 design from the capitol, but it still represents the same thing, while being a more balanced, beautiful design.</p>
2023-12-17 08:52:11 PM	The original design for 1953 is best, especially the star. Also, the blue/green/white makes the most sense, as it's how the world actually works, with water, then land, then sky/snow.
2023-12-17 08:52:13 AM	The suggested modifications are ugly, keep the original.
2023-12-17 08:52:40 AM	I much prefer the original 1953 design, including the design of the star. I especially think making the area on the left of the flag needs to be symmetrical.
2023-12-17 08:55:14 PM	I feel like the committee has really screwed up when it comes to picking a new flag, the original design of the 8 pointed star (with the top, bottom, left, and right points being bigger than the diagonals) with the tricolor on the right being white, green, and blue from top to bottom respectively with more muted colors was so much better than the options that are given now. Please switch back to that design, it just looks so much better and I know so many others agree with me.
2023-12-17 08:55:58 PM	Do we have to pick these designs? None of them represent the state or the even resemble the work of the artists that submitted them. This is, essentially, a camel. It's a horse designed by committee and reaching the lowest common denominator. Look, y'all worked really hard to be inoffensive and I respect that -- but these flag options don't represent MN. So, how do we vote "try again"?
2023-12-17 08:56:29 PM	Can the Star for this current variant be oriented so that it points north, south, east, west, NE, NW, SE, SE??
2023-12-17 08:58:07 AM	Please do not modify F1953. It is perfect the way it was originally designed.
2023-12-17 08:59:53 PM	Please keep original stripe order (white, green, blue from top to bottom). The neon green is top bright
2023-12-17 09:00:02 PM	<p>I prefer flag option 1953 A with the stripes in the original order, or if that is off the table, 1953A with the white stripe on the middle.</p> <p>I also prefer that the new state seal retain the state motto vs the Dakota wording.</p> <p>Thanks!</p>
2023-12-17 09:00:02 PM	Please restore the original muted colors. These do not match the state seal, look unnatural, and do not evoke the intended meaning of the colors.

<p>2023-12-17 09:00:44 PM</p>	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm a proud former Minnesota resident who has intently followed the saga of the state flag redesign. I reported for KTTC in Rochester while I was in Minnesota (2014-2016), and the story that left the most impact on me was talking with Lee Herold about Rochester's flag and the power of great design to unite a community.</p> <p>I'm extremely happy you chose F1953 as the basis, the color scheme reminds me of Byron's flag (which I also profiled in that story—the green/white/blue stripe pattern is wonderful and meaningful.) However, I'm concerned that the asymmetrical chevron (and to a lesser extent, the orientation of the star) proposed would ruin the look of the flag.</p> <p>Minnesotans are clever and wise enough to grasp symbols without making them brow-beatingly obvious. One of my favorite aspects of the flag is how it points up towards the North Star when hung vertically, an element sadly lost with the asymmetrical redesign. Related, I believe the star pointing north is more meaningful to Minnesota than making sure the hidden M's of the star are top side up...the M's will always be there, but the points are absolute.</p> <p>I know this has been a long, grueling process and reading comments like mine are similarly exhausting, but it's exciting to realize Minnesota is so close to finalizing a banner the people of the state deserve. Thanks for all you do.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:01:34 PM</p>	<p>Hello!</p> <p>Having seen the final revision options, I wholeheartedly support 1953 A with the original stripe order. White on top, green in the middle, blue on the bottom.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:01:56 PM</p>	<p>Design 1953 A is the best compromise. I would have preferred it with the original star, but this one is acceptable. Please do not deviate from the tri color design and keep the indent symmetrical.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:03:52 PM</p>	<p>Dear SERC,</p> <p>I wrote to you earlier this weekend regarding the variants of 1953 being discussed late last week. Since then, I have seen four revisions of 1953 by graphic designers Tyler and Jenae Michaletz which are very striking. While I would be happy if any of these revisions were selected as the state flag, the revision titled 1953-A with the white stripe in the middle really caught my eye and I would be especially proud as a Minnesotan to have that design represent our state.</p> <p>I would like to take a moment to reiterate how I think it would be a colossal mistake to select a design with an asymmetric inverted triangle, and I implore the commission to withdraw those variants from consideration.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

2023-12-17 09:04:02 PM	The flag design F1935 is more of a representation of the star & color of the Somalia flag and the entire design too similar to the Puntland Somalia flag - this design does not represent Minnesota, although I favor the design F944 with the North Star & what appears as water, I'm saddened that a loon, lady slipper or other Minnesota symbol is not included - what are you all thinking??
2023-12-17 09:04:24 AM	Hello I strongly recommend having the North Stars of the seal and the flag be recognizably the same symbol. The original star on the flag was recognizably the same star as the four pointed version on the seal. As the seal has universal acclaim and the 8-pointed star looks closer to a sun than a Polaris star, I'd highly recommend changing the flag's version of the North Star to be consistent with the seal, rather than vice versa. Thank you for all your work and for putting up with the 5 million+ opinions from Minnesotans. You fulfilling the highest calling of Minnesota Citizens to contribute to our Union
2023-12-17 09:05:17 AM	Please keep the original F1953 design, no revisions. The color tones, star shape and K shape were perfect the way they were and would be timeless.
2023-12-17 09:05:30 PM	1953A with the original color order. Every state has a sky, so putting blue at the top is not special. But not every state has the great lakes and waters Minnesota does, so putting the blue stripe to represent lakes is more unique and identifying for Minnesota.
2023-12-17 09:05:53 AM	PLEASE don't change the F-1953 design!! Every alteration looks so much worse than the original!
2023-12-17 09:08:01 PM	I should clarify, the reasoning behind the original other made a lot more sense than the revision. Blue water, with green trees above and white for the snow/cloudy sky on top. Having it go trees/snow/water on top makes no sense and the revision was not needed. Also, the original slightly muted colors looked better and would look better at a distance.
2023-12-17 09:08:13 PM	And please make the star be point up. It looks a million times better and won't look like a square from a distance.
2023-12-17 09:08:41 PM	I just wanted to say that I liked the original 1953 design. Please do not change it too much. Leave the state flag as it is do not change it all of your designs are atrocious leave it be!
2023-12-17 09:09:03 PM	Regarding the final flag, I feel 1953 A the with original stripe order looks the best, and prefer the symmetrical chevron and equally sized stripes. I think that the original colors looked far better, though, and definitely prefer them to the revisions. The darker green in particular was really nice. I think were the flag to be reverted to its original colors, it would look incredible, and the stripe order would matter less. Really happy to see this flag as the finalist!
2023-12-17 09:09:39 AM	Why not use the original color and design of the final flag choice? It looks better.
2023-12-17 09:10:20 AM	Please bring back the starflake design. This new star does NOT feel Minnesotan. Why would you change what made this flag design unique and resonate with the public of Minnesota?

2023-12-17 09:10:25 AM	Please don't redesign F1953. It's great the way it is and all of the redesigns are lesser versions. The original color scheme and star shape are the best versions of that flag.
2023-12-17 09:10:37 PM	I really like the original 1953 design. Blue at the bottom for the lake, green in the middle for the land, and white for the inevitable blizzard. I can't imagine any better, more obvious symbolism than this. I also prefer the original star, but can live with the new 8 point
2023-12-17 09:11:08 AM	Please keep the original submission design of 1953! The revisions are not as good. Please! Don't revise it just to revise it, it's the best version.
2023-12-17 09:11:49 AM	F1953 please. Don't fumble this, the original is already perfect stop messing with it.
2023-12-17 09:12:36 PM	Hi! I'm a huge fan of the flag but I would love to keep the 3 bars and inverted triangle. Its a great play on classic tricolor flag, and the muted colors really help the flag stand out amongst all the other bright colored tricolor designs.
2023-12-17 09:12:59 AM	About the final flag design, please retain the white, green, light blue (top to bottom) order of colors — it's unique among flag designs and really nails home the land of 10,000 lakes. I do think the green should be tinted up to incorporate to the light blue, rather than the original shade which was similar to the dark blue field. Thank you for your efforts. It's a cool representation of the state.
2023-12-17 09:13:08 PM	<p>Esteemed Commission Members,</p> <p>I have watched this development process of our seal and flag with great pride, and I must say I am proud of the seal (and Motto) your commission has developed!</p> <p>At the same time, I have not been as impressed with the flag selections. I know your deadline is in the eleventh-hour, but I implore you to take a second to review my flag. Only through your commission's can both a flag be chosen, or the deadline extended with justification of public opinion. I was not inspired until both the commission, and submission artists, gave me the the objective and design concepts through developmental debate.</p> <p>I appreciate your time, thank you for reading.</p> <p>Google Drive (public viewable): https://drive.google.com/file/d/1luD22r5vr598UqY7xBr1gREeh1bU9Anm/view?usp=drive_link</p> <p>Titled 'Union through Sacrifice'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Red being symmetrically-symbolic of our silhouette - Blue representing the Union, and it's star to which we belong - White is our rejuvenate winters -Gold, last but not least, is the 90 degree isosceles. I decided to add it with a 2-fold meaning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x A fragment of a Golden Star, as to which family members are awarded after their loved ones pay the Ultimate Sacrifice to the US Government. Their sacrifice, both in support of, and contrasting development of, embroidered on the heart of the State built on-top x A 'Fallen Teepee' and the unionization from the East. That is an obvious nod to the forceful takeover of the indigenous by a greater power, but acknowledgment of our unification and strength moving forward in our collective 'Union through Sacrifice'

<p>2023-12-17 09:14:10 PM</p>	<p>Hi, im an architectural desogner from Rochester, MN, and in my opinion it has got to be 1953B. Why? The symmetry and the specificity of it. I invite you all to orient this flag vertically, the green stripe makes this look like a Christmas tree with a star on top. This is absolutely a flag that will be hung vertically on Nicollet mall or on the stone arch bridge. The light blue drives home the cold nature of our state, something we all endure and put up with, and something that brings us together and makes us stronger. The green is non-specific, because every state has trees and greenery. We aren't even that forested as a state compared to many others. What else is beautiful about 1953b is that it drives hometown idea of sky reflected waters, where the white represents the horizon separating the water and the sky. It's simplicity and poetry and will look great no matter how the flag hangs</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:14:17 PM</p>	<p>Overall, I think the modifications to the flag make it represent Minnesota less. The original muted colors make it distinct compared to other state flags, and wonderfully represent the beautiful but cold climate. The star on the original design also distinguishes it from other flags, and will appear better at a distance.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:14:52 PM</p>	<p>In regards to the revisions being made to the next state flag: It is my opinion that keeping the original color pattern of white on top, green in the middle, and blue on the bottom is the most aesthetically pleasing choice. At the same time, it most accurately represents the natural features of the state. The blue lakes, green forests, and white snow-filled skies. Every state has blue skies and green grass, and a white band in the middle simply feels like a void. How do these represent our state? I also believe the original muted colors of the stripes will stand the test of time in a way that the Kelly green and powder blue of the modified designs will not. Finally, consider refraining from further modifications to the structure of the flag. The symmetrical chevron is classic while at the same time being new, and it holds up whether the flag is horizontal in the breeze, draped windless from a flag pole, or hanging vertically in some stadium. Changing the chevron to look more literally like the state ruins the subtlety, unbalances the flag's design structure, and will appear more haphazard then the flag it seeks to replace. The same applies to the stripes. Three colors, all representative of the states features, fit a classic and international tradition. A single color field or repeated stripes take away from the flag's visual appeal as well as it's symbolic representation of what makes Minnesota Minnesota. The original design was fantastic, on par with the best in the Union. Straying too far from that design courts the death-by-committee of countless state flags that have come before.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:15:47 AM</p>	<p>Why does the commission insist on revising the original F1953 design? Their alternatives look like flaming hot garbage compared to the original</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:16:07 PM</p>	<p>I understand the change to the star on the flag, but the colors in the original were perfect. Additionally I really liked having the white on top. Please, please, please don't take too many liberties with the artists original design. It was truly a great design, and in my opinion, everything that you have presented up to this has been a downgrade.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:16:13 AM</p>	<p>The revisions are awful, go back to the original. Lime green and the bulky star are aesthetically unappealing. The public conversation about this is that the committee took a flag we were all excited about and ruined it with revisions.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:17:29 AM</p>	<p>1953 flag design was better as the original than what you tweaked it to. At the very least, please go back to the original star as this revised version is so heavy and clunky.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:18:35 PM</p>	<p>Please use the original flag with the original colors and original star!</p>

2023-12-17 09:18:51 PM	Please use the original 1953 flag. The muted colors are iconic and the top color being white is a very unique aspect. Keep the chevron symmetrical. The asymmetrical versions look horrible and are too literal.
2023-12-17 09:20:00 PM	Flag comments: F1953B is the best of the final designs. It is aesthetically pleasing, and it still includes the representation of sky, snow, and water. But regardless of the final colors, please keep the dark blue chevron symmetrical as in the original design.
2023-12-17 09:22:17 PM	The muted colors helped balance the original. The current green sticks out too much now. I really preferred the original north star, but if you must change it, I really dislike that quilt square star- it looks dated already. I really hate the asymmetrical mockups too- it looks like someone cut the pieces out wrong but just went with it.
2023-12-17 09:22:25 PM	Hello again. I was thinking over the weekend about the 8 pointed star and I really think that the version where the 2 points are up versus the single point is the more distinctive option. For whatever reason, they look like totally different depending on orientation and the single point up just looks like any star and the double will be an icon for the state. As far as the colors go, if you go all three colors I prefer the white bar on top. There are so many flags with 3 bar designs but very few with the white on top, it stands out. If you want to make a 3 color design instead of 4 I love the Minnesota Blue, Sky Blue, and White 3 bar version with double sky. The full sky colored field just seems unfinished. Just to reiterate though, the asymmetrical Minnesota shape is such a poor idea. Things are timeless for a reason, the novelty of the asymmetry won't hold up over time and people will clamor for a new flag again and I know everyone is hoping this is the last flag we ever have. Thank you again for your work!
2023-12-17 09:22:28 PM	I just wanted to comment on the new flag design. Absolutely love the simple versions I've seen on the internet, with the simple Chevron and three stripes is so iconic and unique while staying true to vexillological design pillars. With two stripes the Chevron would be weird and with a more realistic Minnesota shape you'd ruin the simplicity of it all. Thanks for all the time and energy putting together options listening to the public!
2023-12-17 09:22:35 PM	Please keep the original symmetrical shape of the chevron and order of stripes for flag 1953. Having white on the top gives some distinction to it from other tri color flags and greatly resembles the overcast days of winter that we so commonly get. The symmetrical design of the chevron would make it look good as a normal flag or banner depending on how someone might choose to fly it or hang inside their home, as well as make it easier for children to draw. I personally prefer the more muted colors of the original design as well because it felt like it represented the local geography much better than bright green and blue do in some of the redesigns. Basically I'm asking for 1953 A with the original stripe order as the chosen design as a citizen of Minnesota.
2023-12-17 09:22:47 AM	Please use the original design for F1935. The proposed modification look so much worse. The original design was perfect.

<p>2023-12-17 09:23:19 PM</p>	<p>1. I love the symmetric state shape in f1953. The dark blue is a stylized invocation of our uniquely shaped state, bounded by the largest freshwater lake in the world at the top and the start of the longest river on the continent, named Misi-ziibi by the Ojibwe, at the bottom. No other flag in the world has reason to use the shape of an inverted chevron cut into a vertical bisection on the hoist of the flag. It will be recognizable from a great distance, even in black-and-white. Bonus, it hides another 'M' in the flag. Please don't make the chevron asymmetric.</p> <p>2. I also prefer the Minnesota Star with it pointing straight up, like in f1953 B, and all of its symbolism.</p> <p>3. Lastly, I think the stripe order is important, with white snow on top, green fields/savanna/forest in the middle, and the blue water table and lakes. I no longer advocate for removing one or two of those 3 colors. This order is a stronger ecology message, which we know is very important to Minnesotans as evidenced by the creation and protection of the BWCAW. Minnesota is known around the world for its lakes and waterways. I think it is paramount that the blue be viewed on the flag as water and not sky. Therefore, light blue must be on the bottom - because that is where gravity puts it.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:23:26 PM</p>	<p>Hi y'all, me again. Just wanted to start by mentioning that I appreciate all of the work and difficult decisions the committee is being forced to make over such a short period of time. I do not envy the position you have been put in and thank you all for the work you are doing. Now, just wanted to re-stress how much better the flag would look with a symmetrical state shape. Literally everyone I have talked to about it or have shown is agreeing that making the state shaped symbol on the flag asymmetrical would be doing the great state of Minnesota and its people a great disservice, like literally every single person has agreed. I know this evidence is purely anecdotal, but other people on online forums are echoing the same thing. So I mean to say that, regardless of your personal beliefs of which state symbol looks better (asymmetrical vs symmetrical) I think you need to take a step back and think about how lasting this imagery will be for the state and its citizens, and how important a decision this is for you and everyone involved. And, after doing that, I hope you can truly recognize that the symmetrical shape on the submitted design is better for our flag and our shared state. Thank you again for your time!</p> <p>But seriously make sure the symbol is symmetrical please</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:26:39 PM</p>	<p>1953 A gets my vote! Angling the star, changing the order of the stripes and making the colors bolder are all positive changes I'd love to see in our new flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:28:27 PM</p>	<p>The updated green stands out too much and needs to be a little more muted. The Chevron should remain symmetrical. I prefer the stripe order of 1953 A.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:30:53 PM</p>	<p>I actually voted for the flag design that is the finalist. Now, I see that it bears an eerie resemblance to the Somali flag and I wish to reverse my vote. This is an outrage and I believe it was done intentionally. This flag design must not be approved. I also feel strongly that the Dakota words need to be removed from the new seal design. I really like the new seal, but feel that no one group/tribe alone should be represented.</p>

2023-12-17 09:31:16 AM	Can we adopt F1935 as originally submitted by the artist to be our new state flag? Everyone seems to like it better than the proposed redesigns. (The redesigns on the Star shape are especially bad.) Let's not fumble this at the finish line!
2023-12-17 09:31:52 PM	I want to encourage the committee to keep the symmetrical shape of the chevron in its final choice for our new flag. The symmetrical chevron appropriately conveys the shape of the state without being pointlessly literal. The asymmetrical proposals are needlessly literal in how they want to convey the state's shape, but that's the exact problem we're trying to fix in our current flag! Please don't make the same mistake again. A symmetrical chevron will also look much better while "at rest," both on a flagpole and hung vertically. Please resist the temptation to fix what isn't broken in the chosen design, which was thoughtfully crafted by the designer and will be a meaningful symbol for our state.
2023-12-17 09:32:37 PM	Please keep the original F1953 flag design with the muted colors in it's original stripe order and star style. The green is far too bold on the revision. The stripe color is on the original is perfect, blue lake on bottom, green woods in middle with a snowy sky. The original star 8 pointed star represents the North Star to me, not the fat redesign. Keep the original F1953!
2023-12-17 09:32:52 PM	Keep the green stripe. Minnesota is an amazingly green place in the summer so let's not leave the flag too cold-looking.
2023-12-17 09:33:01 PM	1953A with white in the middle and the original star is by far the best and perfect design!
2023-12-17 09:33:44 PM	I generally like the design chosen for the flag, but I feel like the colors in some of the proposed examples could be improved. The suggested lighter green doesn't make me think of trees or foliage. It's too bright. I understand the need to maintain grayscale contrast between the green stripe and the navy blue, but perhaps if both the navy blue and the green were made just a few shades darker, you could maintain high contrast while also ensuring the green is a slightly darker, more natural forest tone. Thanks for all your hard work!
2023-12-17 09:34:59 AM	Need to see the Star from F1544 on F1953A
2023-12-17 09:35:20 PM	Please just stick to the original F1953. It looks far better. If you really need to make a change at least keep the colors as they are.
2023-12-17 09:36:40 AM	Please use the Polaris star. The Dakota star is exclusionary and the other revision is too simplified.
2023-12-17 09:36:49 AM	Please stick with the original F1953. At the very least please retain the white/blue/green strips, and if you feel you must change the star please (again, please don't) make sure that one of the points of the star points perfectly vertical.
2023-12-17 09:37:35 PM	Please use flag 1953 with the stripes in the original order and with the chevron even/centered. Thank you.
2023-12-17 09:37:55 PM	I really like the with the tricolor (white in the middle). I think I liked the original star better but I think the symbolism of the new star will definitely grow on me. I definitely want there to be a tri-color in the horizontal stripes as a single color looks too plain and a blue-white-blue looks too much like Argentina's flag (great flag, but not Minnesotan!).
2023-12-17 09:37:58 AM	How could you ever pick such a bland, uninteresting, unimaginative, uninspired design?

2023-12-17 09:38:22 AM	Please use the original F1953!!
2023-12-17 09:38:57 PM	Please use the colors from the new state seal on the new flag for consistency.
2023-12-17 09:39:55 AM	Please keep the original 1953 design. Particularly the star.
2023-12-17 09:39:58 PM	I love the design of the flag selected by the commission and the commission's addition of the eight pointed star reflecting on the past history of Minnesota symbols. Please consider keeping the blue field symmetrical. The asymmetrical field attempting to look like the shape of Minnesota will age terribly and look strange when the flag is displayed in any other direction.
2023-12-17 09:42:55 PM	Hi! I think the star on the flag should be yellow. Thanks for reading!
2023-12-17 09:44:11 PM	I am very excited to see the committee select F1935! The artist's original design should be selected as the State's new flag. The original star and stripe pattern best represent the North Star State.
2023-12-17 09:46:48 PM	I like the white stripe on top. Please leave it that way. Also, please keep it symmetrical. Thank you.
2023-12-17 09:47:07 AM	Why would you use that one and not the original submitted flag? The star on the redesign looks terrible. People like the original submitted flag more.
2023-12-17 09:47:52 PM	Original design. 1953a
2023-12-17 09:48:53 PM	Please go with flag design 1953A stripe order top to bottom white, green, blue original order. Snow, land, waters! The dark blue is for the sky and the star/snowflake inside looks perfect. It will be timeless and recognizable everywhere.
2023-12-17 09:48:59 PM	My favourite new flag is the original F1953, F1953A with original 3 colours but modified star is an acceptable alternative. Definitely not a fan of anything less than 3 colour stripes. Thank you!
2023-12-17 09:50:17 PM	1953A with colors Blue (top), White (middle), Green (bottom). If the white is the first color on the flag (original order), I could see the white being washed out if it is put up against a white backdrop. I do think we should keep the 3 colors though!
2023-12-17 09:51:05 AM	Disagree wholeheartedly with the proposal to tweak the shape to an asymmetrical design to "match" Minnesota's profile. It is a flag, not a map. Making it asymmetrical ruins the elegance in ability to display the flag from numerous banner positions. Additionally, the compass point star shape is unique and lends itself best to the "North" part of the North star state motto. Don't fiddle with this, overthinking simplicity is what ruins great ideas. Symmetry looks great, three stripes looks great. The star as originally pitched was unique and made sense.

<p>2023-12-17 09:52:05 PM</p>	<p>Hello— and thank you for your work on the Minnesota flag and seal project. I noticed that Commission members were considering rearranging the horizontal stripes and changing the blue field to more closely resemble the shape of our state.</p> <p>I would point out that my entry, number 1766, does exactly what you propose, and also elevates the North Star to a higher position. I think a hybrid of Andrew Prekker’s design and mine would resolve many of the design concerns that have been raised.</p> <p>Best Regards,</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:53:08 PM</p>	<p>I think the flag should keep the pine green, and I think it should be kept in the middle of the stripes, just looks more balanced I think,. Also maybe have the star with the points positioned like a compass rose? Other than that I think it's a cool flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:53:25 PM</p>	<p>I had some nitpicks about the flag before the star was changed, https://imgur.com/a/zpjhU26</p> <p>The new star will read as round from a distance, which makes the flag look more like a muppet face https://i.imgur.com/kEzn3bF.jpg</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:54:33 PM</p>	<p>F1953 was perfect as is</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:54:55 AM</p>	<p>Don't use the redesign of the Polaris tricolor. The original is far better. The simplified star and lighter color pattern just serve to make a great design look worse and serve no other purpose.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:55:00 PM</p>	<p>I got a lot of feedback for green options: https://i.imgur.com/tK0nj5v.png</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:56:46 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the symmetry of the MN K chevron. The wonky asymmetrical version really detracts from the strength of the original.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 09:57:27 PM</p>	<p>Dear SERC,</p> <p>I love the flag design you’ve picked—it has definitely grown on me since seeing it originally and I am excited to fly the final rendition. I do have a couple of thoughts to share if I may. I much prefer the original colors and tricolor scheme to any of the proposed variants. Having the three colors really works well and something feels lost when the top and bottom are the same color (or it’s all the same color other than the chevron). On the note of the Chevron, please keep it symmetrical! It works great as a nod to the shape of the state and anything more accurate or specific would be too complicated and detract from the overall design. Lastly, I have a slight bias towards the original tricolor ordering: white on top helps set it apart from other tricolor flags that have the white in the middle, but I do think white in the middle and green on the bottom also works.</p> <p>Thanks for your work and diligence in this process. We’re all excited and proud of what’s been done so far and excited for the final result!</p> <p>Sincerely, Kevin</p>

2023-12-17 09:58:17 PM	Please keep the colors from the top;white, green, blue. To me it reminds me of sitting in a canoe on magnetic lake on a calm day looking towards shore. The original star looks much better to me as well.
2023-12-17 10:01:00 PM	Please approve the original stripe order in 1953A, with white on top. It is unique but not strange and more fitting to Minnesota than the other choices. This is a distinctive, proud flag! The other choices for the field were clear step backwards in my opinion.
2023-12-17 10:03:03 PM	I love the original flag design by Andrew. If anything is changed I would say the order of colored stripes would be the only thing. Thanks
2023-12-17 10:04:01 PM	I would like to comment that I think the version with the white stripe in the middle is most visually appealing and accents the white star in the middle. I also think that the state shape should be symmetrical. We are all very proud here in Luverne of Andrews artwork! Thank you for your consideration.
2023-12-17 10:04:06 PM	Why does the new flag look like the flag of Somalia?
2023-12-17 10:05:17 PM	The original F1953 is a far better design. The revision looks awful. That's not a north star, it's a quilt pattern. The blue and green bars are the colors of the worst highlighter markers in a three-pack. The muted colors of the original are bold because they aren't bold. Why would we shy away from an iconic design and choose a "safer" version?
2023-12-17 10:07:34 PM	I love the blue/white/blue stripe pattern. The symmetry and simplified colors make for a strong design that looks really nice while the symbolism ties back to the idea that Minnesota is the land of sky-tinted water or land where the water reflects the sky.
2023-12-17 10:08:18 PM	Please use the original design of 1953. especially the original stripe colors and order
2023-12-17 10:09:28 PM	I would like to cast a vote for the 1953 A design. I like the symmetry and would like the original white green blue stripes from top to bottom. I like the new 8 point star.
2023-12-17 10:10:40 PM	The original star looks better. This new one doesn't even look like a star to me. The white being on top rather than in the middle would also make the flag more unique and stand out more, as nearly all tri-color flags have the white in the middle. Lastly, please keep the MN shaped chevron symmetrical.
2023-12-17 10:11:15 PM	I understand that 1953 is the one that the committee has picked and that there are some different options for how the flag can be finalized. I, alongside many other people, like the original faded colors and the original order that they are in;white on top, green in the middle, and blue on the bottom. I would like to see that order kept, as it looks the most appealing, and would still be recognizable as the state flag. Having the white in the middle instead of green separates the colors too much, which makes the design less cohesive, whereas the original grabs your attention more by leading your eye through all the colors, which is why I believe that the original color order is best and that changing it is counterintuitive. Thank you.

<p>2023-12-17 10:15:25 PM</p>	<p>It's been excellent to watch this flag redesign move forward.</p> <p>My commentary - I think keeping the MN shape on the left symmetrical is the cleanest option, along with 3 equal width stipes. I still think the original top-white, middle-green, bottom-blue offered the best sky-land-water representation, especially as a state with (typically) hearty winters. I love the eight pointed star, especially with two points up, side, and down, rather than tilted with a central peak. But either way, I like the star!</p> <p>Sincerely, a Minnesotan from the iron range</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:16:10 PM</p>	<p>I like the original 1953A with white on top (for snow), green in middle (for the land), and blue on bottom (for the lakes)</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:17:35 AM</p>	<p>TYPICAL MN 1910 MAIN ST. OUT DATED, BE-LITTLE ANY ONE WHO DOES NOT GO ALAONG WITH YOU, SPEND MONEY THAT IS NOT YOUR FOOLISHLY AND WASTE OUR MONEY ON WHAT YOU THINK IS IMPORTANT, JUST TO HAVE ATTENTION AND WASTE TIME AND MONEY AS USUAL. "YOU 'DE ONLU 'POTANT PEOPLE IN MN"HAVE ANOTHER BEER AND DO MORE DOPE. SNOB LAND PHONY GEVERNMENT DUH: WE KNOW THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN AMERICA THAN A DUMB FLAG</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:17:57 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the 1953 design chevron symmetrical as it was originally designed, it looks much better than the offset chevron. Also please keep the three colors, the green line helps the flag pop against a blue sky. Removing the green line makes it look too blue.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:19:23 AM</p>	<p>Please discard the revisions to the finalist design. People have voted on the final design not the revisions. The design is perfect as it is.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:20:23 PM</p>	<p>I think that the versions of the flag with the symmetrical chevron look best. I also would speak in favor of the new 8 point star. As for the stripes, I like the blue/white/green and the blue/white/blue pattens. Thanks for considering my feedback.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:21:41 PM</p>	<p>I think the original flag design if the one you chose is the best. You should not change the color of the stripes nor order of the stripes. Leave the original design as is from Andrew. His video with explanation is well done...leave it alone.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:22:05 PM</p>	<p>Please revert to the original, more muted colors on F1935. Looks far better;more "classic" and less "corporate branding". Also, while I like the new star, and the reasons behind it, I think it would look better rotated 45 degrees and/or with a golden yellow border to it. Something to give it a little more complexity, similar to the original 8-point.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:22:28 AM</p>	<p>I like the original F1935 star the best plus I thought the flag wasn't suppose to reflect any cultures or countries. You guys don't need to change anything for the sake of change. The original F1935, the new star on the flag looks like a PLUS SIGN + when viewed from afar, (how it will usually be displayed outside).</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:23:03 PM</p>	<p>I really love the option that was presented by the designers that simplifies down to three colors: the dark blue MN shape, the white north star, and the light blue block symbolizing the land of 10,000 lakes and birthplace of the Mississippi. From an aesthetic standpoint, this design is my absolute favorite and I believe would get people really excited for the redesign.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:25:03 PM</p>	<p>Preferences from a Sauk Centre resident:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -1953A with the original faded colors represents the mellow people of Minnesota -The original star looked better, but this one is acceptable. -1953B would look very nice on a flag pole and it eliminates any arguing about the green being grass. Please think about the flag rather than trying to make it look like a landscape.

2023-12-17 10:25:27 PM	I would prefer the original color order. It is more distinct than any other tri-color flags and makes sense within symbolism of the three colors.
2023-12-17 10:26:45 AM	I think it looks really nice! It's simple, aesthetically pleasing, has clear symbolism, will look good in all orientations, and is going to be extremely recognizable, like the Texas and Maryland flags that people from those states display everywhere. Even setting all that aside it's light years better than the current flag. Only thing I'd change is that the bright green stripe seems to be of a higher intensity/saturation than the light blue stripe, and it would be better if they matched intensity.
2023-12-17 10:27:11 AM	Please do not overwrite the original designs of flag-submitters. Redesign at this level is not required to capture what has already been done by the original ideator. This commission had thousands of submissions to choose from and any redesign efforts from the originals is showing a need for ego by the commission. Please consult these feedback forums as well as the candid discussion on the work you are doing on multiple platforms online, including, but not limited to Reddit, Instagram, Facebook, and even news site comment sections.
2023-12-17 10:28:32 PM	Please go with 1953-B for the new state flag! Reasons: - The combination of two shades of blue and white in a tri-color pattern is stylish, harmonious, and distinct. - The versatility of being able to display it either horizontally as a flag or vertically as a banner is fantastic. - It best captures the essence of water reflecting the sky - Its symmetrical layout results in a more polished design.
2023-12-17 10:30:42 AM	The initial design for the selected flag is perfect! Please don't modify it, all the modifications haven't improved anything
2023-12-17 10:30:45 AM	The original version of the flag that has been selected is superior in both the deeper color of the stripes and shape of the star. Please revert! I like the selection of the original flag very much, but these modifications miss the opportunity to adopt a flag that will be so iconic and attractive that it will end up all over the place. These pastel colors and star that looks like a blob would reduce that appeal. Anyway, thanks for listening!
2023-12-17 10:31:39 PM	I can live with changing the star, but I think the original color tones and stripe order is best. It seems short sighted to change the colors based on the current website scheme, the muted colors I feel more represent the state. The white snow/sky, green landscape, and blue lakes simply capture the views of this great state the best.
2023-12-17 10:32:59 AM	I am writing to provide you with my feedback in choosing the next Minnesota flag. I believe the original design of F1953 is much better than any of the revisions. The original star looks much better along with the color schemes and geometrical shapes. Overall, the original design looks much more professional and represents the state in a more accurate way. Thanks for taking the time to read my thoughts.
2023-12-17 10:34:35 PM	Please keep the original version of the F1935 flag. All of the changes in the revised version displayed detract from the overall appearance of the flag.
2023-12-17 10:34:36 PM	Good work so far. I just want to express my support for the design that has two blue stripes with the white stripe in the middle. It reminds me of sky reflecting water.

<p>2023-12-17 10:36:47 PM</p>	<p>FLAG DESIGN: Flag 1953 A WITH the ORIGINAL F1953 star OR the F29 star on the 1953 A flag.</p> <p>STATE SEAL: Also is it possible to re-poll the State Seal designs from the start? As the Dakota wording for Minnesota and removal of the year 1858 are both *NOT* acceptable. If the Dakota wording and removal of the year is considered "acceptable" it is only fair to let everybody else re-submit designs possibly including any other culture. It unfairly represents the Dakota over the Anishinaabe (Chippewa, Ojibwe).</p> <p>As per the design outline "Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design."</p> <p>Moreover, how is it considered acceptable to represent the Dakota people over any other group of people? The year and the state motto are considered acceptable as they are *ORIGINALLY* "1858" and "L'Étoile du Nord" -- Functionally changing the state motto to "MNI SÓTA MAKOCE" is **NOT** acceptable as it is abuse of power by the committee.</p> <p>Moreover the design of adding "MNI SÓTA MAKOCE" is in bad taste as it violates the design requirements polled to the public *AND* it *literally* had the words Minnesota on the design twice. Which is redundant and, honestly, laughable.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:37:45 PM</p>	<p>1953A is my vote for.the variation!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:38:20 PM</p>	<p>Just wanting to provide my input on F1953. I do like the flag choice but much prefer it closer to the original design. My biggest preference is the darker green color of the original. I also like the symmetrical Minnesota shape, the tri-color stripes (don't really care about the order of the stripes), and the star being slightly smaller.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:38:38 AM</p>	<p>Please keep F1935 as is, the revisions are not as nice looking, in my opinion. The original green looked nicer on a flag from afar as well.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:40:54 PM</p>	<p>Just a comment/recommendation from a citizen. Please go with the original design of F1953. I believe it is way better than the other remakes. If you do want to change it. Please do not make the Minnesota shape on the left asymmetric. The designs that are asymmetric are absolutely terrible. Thank you for the work you are putting into this to make our state flag and seal better.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:42:00 PM</p>	<p>The 8-pointed star is great, but please keep the "Minnesota shape" and white stripe from the original. The design is crisp, balanced, complimentary, easily recognizable, and representative of our state. There is no need to mess with perfection (even though I'm still Team Starflake at heart!)</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:42:21 PM</p>	<p>Please preserve the original stripe order and star shape.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:42:44 PM</p>	<p>Why has the star been changed from the original design? I much prefer the original one.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:43:28 AM</p>	<p>Please do not change anything about the original F1935 design. Changing the coloring, number of stripes, star design, or anything else would undermine the artist and change to a different flag which is not the one originally decided on.</p>

2023-12-17 10:43:39 AM	Please use the star snowflake design from F29 as the star on the new flag. And don't change the colors from the original design. The lime green is terrible.
2023-12-17 10:44:25 AM	I think the original 8-pointed star and shade of green look better than any of the other revisions. Thanks!
2023-12-17 10:44:34 PM	https://i.imgur.com/H6LQ89g.png Im going to stop now but new ideas keep happening lol
2023-12-17 10:45:03 PM	<p>The asymmetrical design is really awkward and clumsy - this and the attempts to try and make the flag look like a landscape seem to be drifting into the realm of design-by-committee overthinking.</p> <p>Please keep this simple and go with one of the symmetrical designs that Minnesotans can easily draw or replicate. Have some trust in the design you as a committee voted for, and don't fall into the trap of tweaking it with every new or random idea that comes to the table until you are left with a design that no longer has any internal cohesion or meaning.</p>
	<p>Stripe color suggestion: Although white centered visually balances the flag, there is visual problem with understanding the color meanings in this order. When white is at the top, green middle, blue bottom, the blue is plainly meant for lakes. But when you put the blue it at the top, it seems to represent sky. Therefore, there is no mention of lakes on the flag, which would be terribly sad considering.</p> <p>My suggestion would be either from top to bottom:</p> <p>White Green Blue</p> <p>or</p> <p>Green White Blue</p> <p>lastly - Blue white Blue</p>
2023-12-17 10:49:38 PM	Although the third cuts out the forests and/or farming community, which I am a part of so i don't love that either.
2023-12-17 10:50:07 PM	Can you bring the original star for 1953 as part of the flags to choose from? I thought it looks less bulky.
2023-12-17 10:50:36 AM	Please don't modify the F1935 design. This design is what the artist intended, and is what was chosen. The design does not need to include every element of Minnesota, that is what our seal is for. The design will become a symbol of Minnesota in its current state.

<p>2023-12-17 10:50:45 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the original Star. If you're changing the Star please take 1953B so it still has a point pointing North.</p> <p>Please keep the original stripes. If you have to change it please stay with the three original colors.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:52:11 PM</p>	<p>I really like the original design for flag submission F1953, if there needs to be revisions I would prefer they are as minimal as possible. The original star gives a more iconic and recognizable star shape. Also the original colors and color order of the stripe is very reminiscent of the cozy feel the upper midwest has. Also utilizing all the original colors is the best representation of the state. Thanks.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:52:40 PM</p>	<p>I think either the original design for 1953 is the best option, but out of the redesigns 1953 A is the best.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:52:59 PM</p>	<p>I would like to voice support for a few aspects of F1953: Firstly, I think the left Minnesota shaped part should remain symmetrical and offset. Additionally I think the green color should remain, and would rather it stay a darker, more forest-ey green than a brighter green. I like the symbolism of the 8 pointed star, but think it should be variant with one of the points aimed straight up towards the top of the flag.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:53:00 PM</p>	<p>I believe the original color orientation of the Polaris Tricolor with the white stripe as the top should be maintained. It's seems many variations of the Tricolor have relocated the white stripe to the middle. I suspect that this is done to mimic the color orientation use by tricolor flags of a number of countries like The Netherlands, Hungary, and others. However, it is for this very reason that I believe it would be best to return to the original stripe order. The white stripe in middle is used by a plethora of other flags, and I believe it would be better for our state flag to be more distinctive and unique. I also believe this delivers the best overall color balance for the Polaris Tricolor.</p> <p>I would also like to dissuade the committee of making the layout of our state flag too literal. For instance, I have heard proposals to change the angle of the Minnesota K portion of the flag to more accurately reflect the shape of the state, but that would ruin the elegant symmetry of the flag. There also proposals to change the order and color of the stripes of the original Polaris Tricolor in order to reflect the ground,water, and sky;but this would be a poor choice interfere with the color balance of the flag. The colored stripes already represent those elements, they do not need to reflect their physical layout.</p> <p>And finally, I believe the "Dakota Star" should be oriented with a single point on top. The other suggested orientation (with two points on top) loses much of its resemblance to a star, and in fact actually resembles a cross more than a star. This not only looks worse in my opinion, but could create unintentional implications that may tarnish the flags reputation.</p> <p>I am sincerely grateful for your time and effort, and for listening to my lengthy opinion. I was born and raised in Minnesota, and I am intensely proud of our home. I care so deeply about the issue of our state flag because of that pride. I cant wait to see our new flag waving in the wind!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 10:53:21 PM</p>	<p>I like the 1953A design, with the balanced chevron, not changed to resemble the state shape more literally. I also like the three equal sized stripes and colors in the original order and shade the designer submitted.</p>

<p>2023-12-17 10:53:59 PM</p>	<p>I would like to take this opportunity to express my thoughts on the final iterations of the design chosen for the Minnesota state flag.</p> <p>I feel strongly that the chevron should remain symmetrical. The design is a lovely representation Minnesota as is, and making it more “realistic” by altering the symmetry really detracts from the overall aesthetic of the flag. Please keep the chevron of the original flag design.</p> <p>I also feel strongly that the flag should include three equal stripes of different colors. The colors should be, top to bottom, light blue, white, green. Not only is this a beautiful representation of blue sky, snow, and land, but it also matches the color scheme of the state seal. In addition, the white stripe in the center balances the composition of the flag in a very pleasing way both right to left and top to bottom. The white star on the left nicely aligns with the white stripe to the right, and since the blue and green stripes have a similar visual weight, moving the white stripe to the middle distributes that visual weight equally between the three stripes.</p> <p>Thank you so much for all the work you’ve done to update our new flag, and for considering the opinions of Minnesota citizens like myself. I can’t wait to see our new flag flying high!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:01:52 PM</p>	<p>In my opinion the new star on the flag doesn’t flow with the design. It doesn’t have a proper north (or any direction), I understand the Native American design with the modification. I believe you should stick with the original star, or if you wanted to make a lot of people happy you could use the star from the popular F29 submission which didn’t make it this far. It’s a beautiful star and would be a good way to incorporate elements from another favorite finalist.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:03:05 PM</p>	<p>Please retain the same colors and stripe order on the flag design finalist.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:03:14 PM</p>	<p>Hello! As a Minnesotan, I strongly urge you to go with the original, less bright colors on the 1953 flag in their original intended stripe order. The flag becomes too garish and literal otherwise—we’re better than a teal flag!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:05:16 PM</p>	<p>1953 C is the only one of the four that looks wrong. Without the stripes it looks like it's missing something,</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:07:20 PM</p>	<p>On the state seal, why not have the motto, "Star of the North" in either Dakota or Ojibwa, rather than the Lakota translation for Minnesota. Having the Lakota version of Minnesota is still like Having the state name on the seal, whereas having the state motto in Ojibwa or Dakota would be more meaningful and more of a descriptor of what Minnesota is.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:08:12 AM</p>	<p>Can you please keep the original star, tricolor, and symmetry? If not, at least the tricolor and symmetry? The asymmetrical shape is too on the nose and losing one of the 3 colors reminds too much of other states. The star should not be tied to a particular group above others. Please, the people liked the original design - changing the symmetry and number of bars is way beyond "tweaking" the design and would not have had the same level of success.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:09:37 PM</p>	<p>My vote is for flag 1953 A.</p>

<p>2023-12-17 11:12:35 PM</p>	<p>I urge the committee, as it considers variants of flag 1953 (a beauty!), to keep the simplified outline of Minnesota symmetrical. The asymmetrical version weakens the appearance of the flag without any significant gain. A symmetrical version, especially when hung vertically, looks great because it points directly at the North Star. It's just such a clever design that makes the flag more adaptable and also celebrates Minnesota's "Star of the North" history. I also urge the committee to keep the originally submitted color order for the stripes. Blue being placed at the bottom looks more like a lake and this is a better representation of the Land of 10,000 Lakes. The white-green-blue order also feels more distinctive and memorable than other arrangements. It's also nice that the white at the top feels like snow falling from the sky, which is such a beautiful part of life in Minnesota. I think the update to the star looks great, but I urge the committee to keep the other elements true to the original (excellent) design. Thank you for your diligence on this task—I am so excited to wear our new flag with pride!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:13:51 PM</p>	<p>1953 with original star, original darker green, and symmetry looks great</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:14:50 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the original design of F1953 without any alterations.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:14:55 AM</p>	<p>I'm writing in support of the original F1935 design. It has the opportunity to be one of the most unique and recognizable flags in the country and is in danger of being "committee-d" to death. While I do understand if there is a change to the colors (though I personally think the muted colors will make the flag stand out, there is consistency in branding to consider) but the original symmetrical-K swallowtail and the original star are both elements that truly add to what made the F1935 submission great. Making the K 'Minnesota-shaped' is far too in-your-face and obvious for any decent vexicology, but more importantly the new star feels incredible corporate and designed-by-committee. The original star truly *feels* like it should be used to represent the North Star State, rather than what appears to be a quilting star because someone felt "that's what cloth stars should look like." The compass-rose style star provides a far more satisfying and beautiful representation of the gorgeously clear Northern winter star we all love so much.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:15:06 AM</p>	<p>Please stay with the original design of F1953. Having white on top is very unique and rare among tricolors, and the muted, almost pastel-like colors of the original design best speaks to the nature, focus on environmentalism and progress, and love of our state's natural beauty and seasons than the brighter, more synthetic colors.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:15:10 PM</p>	<p>Regarding the flag, I love the chosen design with the new eight pointed star. Please keep the "Minnesota" part a symmetrical chevron (this is the most important part for me), with the original white/green/blue stripe order (less worried about the stripe order but still think the original looks best).</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:18:14 AM</p>	<p>How can I send a constructive comment to the commission?</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:19:18 AM</p>	<p>Please please please do not change F1953 to asymmetrical. Tweaking colors and changing the star are within bounds but changing the overall shape changes the flag into something else. The committee selected this flag design *for a reason*. Please stay true to the design of Polaris Tricolor.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:20:09 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the original design of 1953 with 3 equal stripes and the symmetric K shape on the left.</p>

<p>2023-12-17 11:21:49 AM</p>	<p>The original design was the best: https://images.foxtv.com/static.fox9.com/www.fox9.com/content/uploads/2023/12/932/524/F1953.jpg?ve=1&tl=1 No need to tweak it</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:25:51 PM</p>	<p>Keep the original colors of F1935 the more muted colors convey a more northern kind of coziness, the brighter green and blue is too jarring. I can see why the Green was changed to match the green used by MN departments, but the better option would be for them to change to the flags new green tint.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:27:45 PM</p>	<p>Honorable SERC Members,</p> <p>What happened on Friday (12/15/23) was an embarrassment to the State of Minnesota. There are too many honorable/intelligent people on this commission to have allowed a few strong-willed commission members to have steered this commission away from the goal of "choosing a flag design that the overwhelming majority of the populace would very likely think is best" and instead towards "crafting a flag design according to the egos/interests of a few strong-willed commission members."</p> <p>The original F1953 design is better than every variation of it that was presented to or created for the commission on Friday. There are too many honorable/intelligent people on this commission for it to figuratively "fumble the ball at the goal line" as it did on Friday. Please do what the majority of the populace would very likely prefer and undo all of the head-scratching things that happened on Friday by choosing the original F1953 as the flag design for the MN Legislature to vote on.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:28:52 AM</p>	<p>I really like the asymmetrical designs that make the shape of Minnesota more clear in the 1953 flag. Please consider the asymmetrical one with a blue top and smaller green stripe below, it would be an iconic flag!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:30:03 AM</p>	<p>Don't change the swallowtail design. It's a flag, not a map! The proposal by the chair to shift the swallowtail looks awful. Just use the 1953 that was submitted instead of butchering it.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:31:22 PM</p>	<p>Some flag feedback-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep the symmetrical chevron! It's subtle, but very effective and versatile- the more "realistic" outline would already feel outdated by current day design - I prefer the "North Star" to the 8-pointed star- it feels more uniquely Minnesotan - Keep all three stripes on the right for sure. I think all three colors resemble an important aspect of Minnesota (agriculture, lakes, and winter!) and have the added benefit of tying in with the (awesome) current MN branding- anyone visiting mn.gov or exploreminnnesota.com will already see these 4 colors (white, light green, navy, light blue) <p>Great work so far, excited for January 1st and to fly the new flag!</p>

2023-12-17 11:34:16 PM	In regards to the final flag design, I just want to voice my support for 1953 A with the original three stripe colors of white green and blue. The revised order is great too, but I think the original stripe order with white on top is the best design by far. Also please leave the Minnesota "K" symmetrical it looks so much cleaner that way! Thank you for your consideration.
2023-12-17 11:34:19 PM	Please use the original star or star flake(F29). The round star looks like a cheap blob. Tacky for a flag like this. New green is improved
2023-12-17 11:38:45 PM	I like the submission of the flag that was chosen I don't like the new vibrant shade of green I prefer the look of the original star
2023-12-17 11:39:45 AM	Hi all, I am Jason Prekker, father of the artist Andrew Prekker. I just have one suggestion as you ponder the "tweaks" to the new chosen flag design. If during the process, you get distracted/challenged as to which way to go, I suggest bring back the Original design and compare and contrast what is liked vs. disliked on it. I happen to feel the original design is much nicer, and well original. My personal thoughts on the star, I feel the star should represent "bright/shiny/illuminated" as that is what would represent MN the best. This leads me back to my statement on bringing back the original as a comparison. I feel the original star feels "brighter/more shiny/ etc... than the others as selected as options. Good Luck - Whatever you decide will without a doubt be thoughtful and considerate of Minnesota. PROUD DAD! Thanks.
2023-12-17 11:43:26 AM	The muted colors of the original design look much better on the flag. The colors used by the state website don't look good on a flag, and should be changed back. The original star also looks like the north star, and the new one just looks bad. The new revision looks too corporate. Please don't make the state look bad with this terrible redesign of an excellent flag.
2023-12-17 11:45:00 AM	I am very much not in favor of any of the revisions proposed by the committee and hope the original passes unchanged
2023-12-17 11:45:02 AM	Please either use the original polaris star, the four point star from the new seal, or the star from F2100 for the final flag design. The chunky star styles look terrible and overwhelm the state outline. I would even rather have no star than the ugly chunky ones. I quite like the color adjustments made to the blues in the design, but worry that the new green might be a little too bright. I am not sold on the inclusion of "Mni Sòta Makoce" on the seal. Using this phrase seems to go against the guidance to avoid symbols and statements that prioritize one culture over another. Maybe there is a more subtle way to give a nod to the Dakota peoples, such as adjusting the border blocks to look more like the edge tick marks from F1435.
2023-12-17 11:45:10 AM	Please just use the original design! You are a public commission, not designers. Your job is to select from options that are provided to you by artists, not modify them just to say you changed something. No other state flag selection committee has meddled with submitted designs, I don't know why you feel the need. Respect the artists vision!
2023-12-17 11:46:09 PM	I believe the original colors are superior. The bright colors are too joyous and happy to be truly Minnesota. It doesn't fit the mood of the state. Additionally, the muted colors are more unique among all the flags. Be understated, but excellent, like our state.

2023-12-17 11:46:48 PM	My preference is option A.
2023-12-17 11:46:57 PM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep the flag SYMMETRIC please! 2. Keep THREE stripes please! 3. I like the artists F1953 submission better than any of the alternatives you are considering. 4. I like the darker green stripe and in the center representing forest and agricultural. The new lighter green stripe of F1935 does not evoke forest/ag, it looks like a hockey jersey to me. 5. I like the artist's Polaris star better than this chunky star. Let's not use an old symbol on our new flag. Move forward and create a new Minnesota for all! 6. Thank you for all the hard work!
2023-12-17 11:47:42 PM	<p>I'm excited that the commission picked F1953 as the basis for the new flag of Minnesota!</p> <p>I hope in the final design you keep the shapes and hues of the original submission, with one exception. Pragmatically, it makes sense to swap the white and blue stripes. This makes the stripes easier to distinguish when viewed at a distance or when printed or displayed on a white background.</p> <p>Personally, I find the variations with an asymmetrical hoist to be a bit cartoonish and overly-clever. It was worth exploring the idea.</p> <p>I understand the eight-pointed star with equal-sized points has additional symbolic meanings that the original star does not. If the commission changes the star, I hope you will orient it with one point up, like a compass rose. To me, this is much more aesthetically pleasing than the selburose orientation.</p> <p>Thank you for all your work, and I'm eager to see the final result.</p>
2023-12-17 11:48:02 PM	<p>Committee, I have some final feedback about the final flag revisions. I do not like that the committee changed the shape of the north star. I don't know what the reason was, but the new star doesn't look like the north star at all. The star in Andrew's original design is the true north star. When I've seen Christmas decorations of the north star they all look like the one in Andrew's original design. None of them look like the star modified by the committee. It just looks like an ordinary star. Please PLEASE keep the original star design and layout of the original! But, please update the shades of color so the blue, green, white, and teal use the official colors used by the state's rebranding that they use in all communications! Thank you!</p>
2023-12-17 11:48:47 AM	<p>New green looks like radioactive vomit. The more muted green and blue looks a lot better on a flag. Also, the original star looked a lot better than the 8-point one. Please don't ruin this.</p>
2023-12-17 11:53:50 PM	<p>I like the original star and 3colors . Especially the star!!</p>

<p>2023-12-17 11:54:19 AM</p>	<p>Is it possible to have a mock-up of the current design for the commission to see that places the white star in the upper left corner of Minnesota in both symmetrical and asymmetrical form on the left side (as show in many of the ideas presented on the board at the end of Friday's session) with the full light blue color on the right side? Likewise, could we do the same with the star in both symmetrical and asymmetrical form on the left side of the flag with the right portion of the flag divided in 1/2 by blue and green both symmetrically and asymmetrically on the right side too? I would like to see these presented to the commission Tuesday and live streamed to Minnesotans and the press too. Thank you for your consideration. :)</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:56:19 AM</p>	<p>I like the selection of F1953 the original but am less excited about modifications under consideration.. I like the star in the original submission. It looks like a North Star. Many of the alternatives under consideration look like snow flakes. I prefer maintaining the three color bars including a green although I would prefer a darker green like the original. The darker green seems more reflective of Minnesota forests.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:58:44 AM</p>	<p>Please keep the F1953 with the original star, colors, and color order.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 11:59:29 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the symmetric design of F1953. The proposals with an asymmetric k shape look terrible. I quite like the original F1953 submission. Very little, if anything should be changed from it.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 12:03:49 PM</p>	<p>Please change the flag back to the original F1953. 1953 is a beautiful flag that was well made and well thought out. The new star, new colors, and new order have seriously diminished the quality of the flag. Please listen to the public in this outcry.</p>

<p>2023-12-17 12:04:27 AM</p>	<p>I've been thinking about this a lot, so here's a variant of F1935 that I just mocked up that I think solves a lot of symbolism and color problems.</p> <p>Base image: https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/1n8ot87lvenjan5wa1sgv/starflake-tricolor-alternate.png?rlkey=q7ewrlp5geg6lyg8p3ouht9qw&dl=0</p> <p>Flagwaver link: https://krikenoid.github.io/flagwaver/#?src=https%3A%2F%2Fuc1829463bea78deb73a7bfdeed1.dl.dropboxusercontent.com%2Fcd%2F0%2Finline%2FCJgyH8lrBx2ccy4QmQ5okgcDMROssvpr71cz9iwh31J4ZsnCGB7ehVDoo_suLetEpYRsWEfzHJhYbWI7RQrRi_brItCeBxkAOGb9Zon3xWqRDtS5aDKVe0MIakD-WXoCYNbL4YkWN11MAk2Gqpy-Fe3J%2Ffile%23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It has the starflake from F29, but with a light blue background instead of yellow to simplify the colors - It has the body of 1953, but simplified to fewer colors, with the three stripes being light blue, dark green (from the new state seal), and light blue. - The starflake represents the North star, the rotunda star, winter, the Dakota star, Nordic sweater designs, and more. - The three stripes being this way would make them sky, land, and water. Since the sky and water stripes are the same color, it would be a nod to the "Mni Sóta Makoce" phrase that's on the new seal, and honor a part of what many liked so much about 944. <p>Please note that I mocked this up quickly, and it would need to be polished and redone by a professional designer for actual use anywhere.</p> <p>Thanks for all the work you've been doing on this!</p> <p>Martin</p>
<p>2023-12-17 12:05:14 AM</p>	<p>Hello. This is more a feedback/request than a question. I just wanted to reiterate again how important I think it is that the committee consider using the blue and green colors on the official Minnesota gov't websites in both the flag and the seal. I see that the flag will include white, blue, and green. I would think it would be simple to slightly modify the shades of blue and green to match. Because to me, the shades on the flag finalist design do not match the official colors used by the state, midnight blue and aurora green. I also implore the committee to change the yellow striped border of the seal to one of the colors used by the state's branding and to add back the year of admission to the union and the state's motto. I think both of these are unique to our state and should be reflected in our seal. Thank you.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 12:08:03 PM</p>	<p>Please don't modify F1935.</p>
<p>2023-12-17 12:08:43 AM</p>	<p>Do NOT redesign the F195 flag!! It's perfect as is!!! The resigins of it so far are eyesores!!!!</p>
<p>2023-12-17 12:08:44 PM</p>	<p>Does the commission simple decide the new flag or will it be put to a state vote to adopt it?</p>
<p>2023-12-17 12:10:25 AM</p>	<p>I have a question. Why was F1935 selected as the final flag when it wasn't even one of the flag finalists? F1953 is one of the finalists. Is this a typo?</p>

2023-12-17 12:13:29 PM	I write in to pledge my support for the original F1953 flag, as its star and colors look the best, does not single out a group to represent, and is significantly more aesthetically pleasing than all of the redesigns.
2023-12-17 12:17:31 PM	<p>Hi! I sent in an idea for an F1953 revision that includes some of the best pieces of F944 and F29, but my FlagWaver link broke, so here's a new one:</p> <p>https://krikienoid.github.io/flagwaver/#?src=https%3A%2F%2Fi.imgur.com%2FitkhCOi.png</p> <p>Base flag image: https://i.imgur.com/itkhCOi.png</p> <p>To reiterate (so you don't have to find the previous email to see the description):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The starflake from F29 represents the North star, the rotunda star, winter, the Dakota star, Nordic sweater designs, and more, while being more recognizable from afar as not just a circle. - The three stripes being these colors would make them sky, land, and water. Since the sky and water stripes are the same color, it would be a nod to the "Mni Sóta Makoce" phrase that's on the new seal, and honor a part of what many liked so much about F944. - This forest green comes from the new state seal, and I think it looks nice to have those colors match. <p>I'm not particularly skilled with design programs, so this idea would definitely need polished by a professional, but I think the ideas would make for a really strong representation of Minnesota's history and the things we love about this state.</p> <p>Thanks!</p> <p>Martin</p>
2023-12-17 12:19:29 PM	Please go back to the original 1953 design. The redesign looks tacky. The 'M' Star feels like the logo of a fast food restaurant and the neon colors look straight out of the 1990's. The colors of nature are very often muted and yet it is still beautiful.
2023-12-17 12:28:56 PM	The original design of this flag is much better than the modifications you made. Don't screw this up. It's good as is.
2023-12-17 12:29:43 PM	Please stick with original design of F1935. The redesigns are not good.
2023-12-17 12:30:06 AM	On this page--> https://www3.mnhs.org/serc ,you have the winning flag choice listed as F1935 but it should actually be F1953
2023-12-17 12:40:58 PM	I like the change to the shape of the dark blue field introduced by Mr. Fich at the last meeting. I hope you adopt that change. I think if the right side is light blue, green and light blue again with the green being a thinner stripe, it will read better as sky, land and sky-blue water. Also I would put a thin white line above and below the green stripe to give some clear separation of two colors of similar value, and to have a white element on the left to balance the white star.
2023-12-17 12:41:24 AM	Why does the seal elevate Dakota language to the exclusion of the Ojibwe and other indigenous cultures?

2023-12-17 12:41:38 AM	Can you please just go with the original version of the new flag as it was submitted. It is way more aesthetically pleasing.
2023-12-17 12:48:32 PM	Hi I just want to say I love the original concept of F1953. If changes are made, I hope you keep the Minnesota shape on the left symmetrical, and keep the blue/green/white color scheme.
2023-12-17 12:48:44 PM	Why the revision to flag 1953? The starflake design looks far better than the committee-modified design. The people did not vote for the weird new "star" if that's what you want to call it. Please do not move forward with the revised version. It is an unnecessary and bad design.
2023-12-17 12:51:37 AM	Please use the original F1935 design. The proposed modifications are visually unappealing. The meaning and symbolism behind the original designs are diminished.
2023-12-17 12:58:20 PM	Not so much a question but rather a personal opinion, the original design of the 1953 flag is best. Brightening colors or changing the star just, to me, make the flag worse. Let's keep the original designer's intent together, which is what has propelled the flag design as far as it has, without adding in unnecessary design changes.
2023-12-18 01:00:15 AM	The original 1953 flag star was far superior in my opinion but at the very least please keep the green as the middle of the stripes. The green in the middle is iconic & unique.
2023-12-18 01:00:26 AM	<p>I greatly appreciate the work the commission has put into the redesign of the Minnesota seal and flag. The final design of the flag is nearly ready and I would strongly encourage the commission to recognize when their work is done. You did very well to select F1935 from the many submissions and have made some changes that I quite appreciate, such as the new 8-pointed star. However, the desire to mirror the state's branding colors (while understandable), is misguided.</p> <p>Brands change their identities often - Apple has rebranded 3 times since 1976, NBC has had at least a dozen different logos in the past century. Minnesota launched its rebranding effort in 2014; it is unwise to tie such an important symbol to something that by its very nature is designed for the "now" and expected to change.</p> <p>Andrew Prekker was designing for all of us, past, present and future Minnesotans. He chose his colors and their order with care and attention to detail. It is a design whose muted colors evoke a distinctly Minnesotan "northern kind of cold coziness" (in the words of CGPGrey). The white stripe belongs on top because snow falls from the sky, onto green grass and flows into our blue lakes. Changing the order only serves to diminish Minnesota's unique identity. Using the current style guide's colors makes no sense as those were chosen, according to mn.gov, to let "job seekers to know that we are one employer and that the state is a great place to start and grow your career. Having one clear and consistent brand supports our work to recruit and retain the best talent." We are not redesigning a website - we are designing a flag. We are not recruiting talent for the state government - we are creating a symbol for all Minnesotans. We are not selling a brand - we are celebrating who and where we are.</p> <p>This commission has done a great amount of work in an impressively short time. I look forward to flying a flag we can all be proud of for many decades to come.</p> <p>PS Please do not make the stylized outline "more realistic," it is beautiful as it is.</p>

2023-12-18 01:01:41 PM	My 1953 preference is to exclude the lime green coloring. I think the 1953C option is best, which omits the 3 stripes entirely. If the 3 stripes remain, the preference would be light blue, white, light blue from top to bottom. If green must be included, use the darker, non-lime green shade.
2023-12-18 01:02:12 AM	<p>Please consider publishing the original 1953A flag design as intended (or as close as possible).</p> <p>The proposed 8 sided star is a good edit. Eliminating the symmetry of the left state shape would be a mistake. When hung vertically, this symmetry is important to maintain aesthetics. Please keep the original three stripe colors.</p> <p>Lastly, please block any further attempt to derail this decision. You had a methodical process to this point;stick with it and publish.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
2023-12-18 01:02:56 AM	<p>Comment on 1953:</p> <p>Please do not change the chevron to be asymmetrical. We're not drawing a map here, we're creating a symbol. There is absolutely zero need to be literal/representational. I feel very strongly about this.</p> <p>I prefer the original star shape as being more graceful and more like a compass rose, and I like the "starflake" pattern (F29) better than both!!! But the blocky star is okay. I guess. Could be worse.</p> <p>I grudgingly approve of 1953B more than any other. I thought I would always demand green in our flag, but the clarity of 1953B, when displayed as a rippling flag against a blue sky, really stands out to me. I'm convinced. I'd be more convinced if it had the starflake instead of the block-white-Ms.</p> <p>Thanks for reading and for all your hard work!</p>
2023-12-18 01:03:44 PM	I wanted to be clear, please keep the minnesota chevron shape symmetrical for the final flag design! The revisions by Tyler and Jenae Michaletz are representative of the professionalism and authority of the state.
2023-12-18 01:04:13 PM	I wish to reiterate the shape of the chevron should not be changed! The symmetry provides a unique and pleasing visual and is still obviously Minnesota without needing to literally doodle the state onto the flag. Using the state branding colors instead of the original submission seems short sighted, that branding might change over the years but the flag should last much longer than that. Specifically the "Minnesota Green hex #78BE21" seems much too bright when used as a flag stripe. Removing colors also weakens the design in my eyes as well. Again I must point to the strength of the original submission in its use of colors and shapes, though I will say that changing the star or the order of the stripes is perfectly reasonable.
2023-12-18 01:04:25 AM	I very much love the new flag. I prefer the star in the original design, but still like the star in 1953A. I really like the 3 colored equal sized stripes, as well as the symmetrical "K". Overall I think the original design is best, but if we can't have that then 1953A is my second choice. Thanks!

<p>2023-12-18 01:06:06 PM</p>	<p>I think its important to keep the Union Blue from the old flag because of critically important it is to remind our fellow Minnesotians that Minnesota, as well as Wisconsin, were UNION states in the American Civil War. I cannot believe I even have to type that sentence out. Could we keep that in the flag? I mean the old flag with the new seal would be pretty sweet. Not to mention the importance of the French as well as the statehood dates. Again, with the rise of global populism because of the most dangerous weapon by man ever created, social media, please don't think it cannot happen here.</p> <p>- David</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eric_Bergland https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1st_Minnesota_Infantry_Regiment</p> <p>The will first take the easiest to devalue out-group. Then, the will start coming for little differences within the in-group. Then they will come for the outsiders who are trapped here. Then they will come for YOU. The rurals, and affluent 'burbs were willing to kill us during the pandemic for immediate short term gains. What do you think they will do to us once they are minorly in-convined for more than a few days? Or without power? Or if they cannot gorge on Chicken Wings? Or imagine if we cut off Wisconsin's booze?</p>
<p>2023-12-18 01:06:17 AM</p>	<p>The best is the 1953 original stripe order (white/green/blue top to bottom) and the star from 1953 B (must point north). The dakota/norwegian knitting pattern is still very noticeable. Middle white stripes are also very common. Puntoland and Uzbekistan flags have exact blue/white/green stripe arrangement. There's something much more interesting about having the white on top. Texas has white on top and that's a classic</p>
<p>2023-12-18 01:08:33 PM</p>	<p>What is the reasoning of the flag and state seal for being changed.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 01:08:38 PM</p>	<p>Please change the star back to the shape submitted by the artist.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 01:09:26 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the original colors of the 1953 flag submission! The muted colors look so much better as a palette compared to adding bright vibrant colors that hurt the eyes when viewing the flag. I understand wanting to change the star for significance (even though the original star also went amazingly with the overall design).</p>
<p>2023-12-18 01:11:26 AM</p>	<p>Please keep the original star from 1953 and original color format/stripe arrangement! The eight point star with the larger vertical/horizontal accent reminds me of the diffraction spikes from the James Webb telescope images which would be a very cool, subtle astronomical tie in!</p>

<p>2023-12-18 01:14:06 AM</p>	<p>I'm writing about flag 1953: I'm glad that was the final flag chosen but I don't believe it should be taken in some of the directions that were presented at the last meeting.</p> <p>I think the original symmetrical chevron shape should be kept, along with three colored stripes. I think changing the chevron to asymmetrical to "match" the shape of Minnesota would be a mistake and a bad design direction. It ends up looking lopsided (and way too literal), and I don't believe that will age well. The current design is timeless and will look great 50 years down the road.</p> <p>Two minor issues: I think I also think the original colors worked best. Matching them with the state's current color palette just because it exists feels a little too much like obsessing over some random Pantone colors that work great on websites but don't need to be locked in for decades. And I liked the Polaris star from the Proposed Flag Revisions (Michaletz) document better, but the Minnesota Star also looks good (and should be kept rotated with a single point on top).</p>
<p>2023-12-18 01:20:35 AM</p>	<p>I am very happy with the design you choose (#1953). I love how it has a simple, classic, flag feel while incorporating unique elements that describe Minnesota.</p> <p>As you decide on the final changes, here are my thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Star: the new octogon star looks good, and the symbolism behind it is interesting. - Chevron: Please keep the symmetrical shape. It still clearly symbolizes/echoes Minnesota's outline, and is unique vs. many other world flags, but is easier to draw and remember when in this more simple form. - Stripes: I hope you keep the original color order (white, green, blue). I love the logic of snow at the top/from the sky, then land below it, then water. I think it's cool how almost no other flags have their white stripe at the top, so we will be different. Plus, when blue is at the top it suggests sky, when we want to highlight our state's unique water resources more: 10,000 lakes, Superior, the source of the Mississippi, etc. <p>I really enjoy having all three colors, for the symbolism mentioned above;and in 3 equal stripes, as it is pleasing to the eye: another good flag design element.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colors: Personally, I think the less saturated colors of the original design are more sophisticated than the brighter ones suggested. The bright ones strike me as more digital and artificial, fun for a website but not as nice on a physical cloth flag. <p>But as long as you keep white, green, and blue in 3 equal stripes, I'll still be happy. The color saturation and order is less important than the overall structure/layout of the flag, which I think is great!</p> <p>Thank you for considering my input, and everyone in the state's too!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 01:20:54 PM</p>	<p>I understand that this comment will change nothing. These flags are all terrible, they look strikingly similar, and there is nothing wrong with the old flag. We're going from an ornate historical flag featuring things like the name of our state, our state motto, and many other pieces of symbolism to vague, ugly, abstract art. This process has been a colossal waste of time and resources.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 01:26:43 PM</p>	<p>Thank you, committee for selecting 1953. It's a solid design, and I would hope you would still consider its original design. The white at the top is unique and makes it a stronger design. Please, please continue to discuss options for the star. The original star and others could make the flag really special. The 8 pt isn't interesting flag design-wise despite it being called the MN star. Everyone I've talked to prefers the original or a different star. Thank you.</p>

2023-12-18 01:27:27 PM	How can I stop the flag from being changed to one of the three final options that are obviously paying homage to Somalia state flags?
2023-12-18 01:27:32 PM	I like the flag design 153A.
2023-12-18 01:30:24 PM	I like the design 1953A. I previously submitted the wrong number.
2023-12-18 01:33:32 PM	The original colors are better. Illustrates the coldness. More timeless
2023-12-18 01:34:08 AM	Hello, As much as matching the state makes sense, please leave the chevron symmetric! It looks much better. It's already too stylized for the extra bit to not be jarring. Any of the 2+ colors are good; I think the pure blue version looks like a mountain. The star is good, both symbolically and in appearance. Thank you for going through all these, and I'm glad there were so many good options!
2023-12-18 01:38:44 PM	I really do not like the more realistic MN chevron, it looks bad and misses the point in my opinion of it being abstract. Keep the MN Chevron symmetrical! I also thin that we should use the eight pointed star that was seen in F29 that sort of looked like a snowflake. It has true potential to stand out and become a state symbol. Just the other day I saw that exact geometric design on my friends snow sweater so it's not like it's out of nowhere. It's part snow flake and part star!
2023-12-18 01:55:20 AM	Please keep the A design with 3 colors, it reflects all parts of MN. 1953A design all the way. The one with the white on top in original order is also great. Love that this flag from the original options is chosen. SLP resident lived around MN my whole life.
2023-12-18 02:05:09 AM	You should keep the Original design of 1953, you can't just redesign the artist's work, especially with how bad the alternative designs are.
2023-12-18 02:08:51 AM	1953 A : It is unique without leaning so heavily into the qualities that make it that way. The white on the top helps break it away from many other tri-colors, while still capturing that timeless look. The "K" is balanced, representing MNs shape without becoming a gimmick, which seems an easy line to cross when seeing the offset versions.
2023-12-18 02:11:56 AM	The original star design was much better! Even if the new one symbolizes more things, I say it's better to have a symbol that looks recognizably like its referent than one with more history and this new star does not look like the North Star to me. The rest of the flag looks excellent, especially the simplified MN shape. I've heard talk of making the shape more realistic and that is a terrible idea, as a good flag is one that can be drawn from memory by a child.
2023-12-18 02:29:28 AM	The symmetry of the polaris tricolor flag is absolutely vital to its design. All versions of asymmetry where it looks "more like Minnesota" have looked childish and half-baked at best. The chevron is amazing and will look best symmetrical. The original color scheme is also an excellent design in both color choice and order. Changing it would detract from the design.
2023-12-18 02:43:51 AM	Please keep the left side symmetric. Less is more in symbolism and it'll look much more harmonious with the vertical symmetry

2023-12-18 02:48:22 AM	<p>The new star design is poor, the original is superior. The reverse chevron should remain symmetrical. The order of the colors should remain, from the top, white-green-sky blue. The new color order bears resemblance to the existing Douglass flag of Cascadia, and is thus less distinct. The new colors are good and should remain. The seal should remove the Dakota text and reinstate the founding year and motto. To do anything else is to play favorite to a single people group within the state. Loons eyes are red.</p>
2023-12-18 03:09:00 AM	<p>Aesthetically, the muted colors of the original F1953 are much more appealing, especially if the green is to be kept in the final flag. Additionally, at least some color variation in the stripes on the right seems best, as a blank blue canvas covering most of the flag leaves the flag looking barren and costs the flag the rich symbolism of the Minnesota landscape. And to keep the shape on the left horizontally symmetrical provides a much more pleasing look, perhaps less authentic to the appearance of the state, but nonetheless more visually pleasing, whereas the flags where the leftmost point is further down yield a flag that seems poorly balanced and fail to mesh well with any color combination to take place on the flag's right portion.</p> <p>Although keeping the original design for the star may cost the flag some Dakota and Ojibwe symbolism, the new seal is already rich in this aspect. Therefore, to return the more visually-interesting original star to the design would not strip Minnesota's state symbols of this crucial aspect of the state's history while making the flag both more attractive and more distinctive on a national scale.</p>
2023-12-18 03:13:17 AM	<p>Leave the flag proposal as it was and stop making it look like shit.</p>
2023-12-18 03:28:51 AM	<p>Do not change the flag.</p> <p>We do not need a Somali flag. The current finalists very closely resemble the the flag of Puntland, Somalia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_Puntland</p> <p>Somali people and other refugees are welcome to live here and strike an American balance between following our laws and customs and retaining their ethnic identity, as waves and generations of immigrants have done.</p> <p>I do not welcome the commissions' incitement nor their disrespect for the kind and tolerant people of Minnesota.</p>
2023-12-18 03:36:49 AM	<p>I think we need to keep all 3 colors for stripes...and why change the original star, the 1st one was more like the North Star.</p>
2023-12-18 03:47:30 AM	<p>Thank you for going with a version of F1953. I just wanted to say that I think that the tricolor design is important and that I generally prefer the slightly darker green from the original version of the flag. I understand the appeal of wanting to match the state tourism colors, but I think that it's more likely that those colors will change than the state flag will. We should choose colors for the flag based on what looks good for the flag. The other colors look good though!</p>
2023-12-18 03:47:54 AM	<p>I really like the original colors in F1953, but change the order to Top: white, middle: blue, bottom: green.</p> <p>Also much prefer the original star instead of the revised star</p>

Renew MN Flag Redesign Commission:

I am writing this comment to show my support for keeping the design of F1953A as it was shown on Friday. In my opinion, with its inverted chevron and horizontal tricolor stripes, F1953A is an incredibly clean and distinct design that represents Minnesota well. It does this by directly representing our land with the inverted chevron showing the outline of MN alongside its well color coordinated horizontal tricolor stripes. I just have a few comments I'd like to make for the final decision making process.

The inverted chevron on the left side of the flag should be symmetrical for the flag to have a balance in design when hung vertically. This unique design approximates the shape of Minnesota well with an inverted symmetrical chevron, I don't see a need to make the flag completely accurate to the shape of Minnesota at the expense of 1953A's simplicity and elegance. As for its color, the dark blue as shown currently is perfect.

The star sits great in the center of the inverted chevron as seen on the most recent public design drafts. I would like a star that is unique, not just a simple pentagram star, but something that makes Minnesota stand out above its peers. I think the octogram star that has been shown in 1953A already is a great choice that subtly stands out among other US state flags. The star should not be wider than the middle white horizontal stripe, the star's height and width should be 1/3 the height of the flag to make everything sit well. The 8 sided star has many nuanced connections to all aspects of MN history. It's also already presented prominently in the architecture of our capitol building in the rotunda.

As for the right side of the flag, I think that the horizontal tricolor stripes should be in distinct colors as shown on 1953A: light/sky blue, white, and green. This flag works well with 4 colors, they all compliment each other quite nicely when displayed together. For the order of the stripes, I will provide my interpretation for what I prefer in 1953A. In a descending vertical order, I prefer light/sky blue, white, then green. The blue at the top can be interpreted as the

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I think that the original 1935 design (with the original star was the best one. The new star is too round and I think it would look like a circle from afar. Additionally, the muted colors of the original worked very well together, and I feel like making any of the colors brighter (or changing them at all for that matter) takes away from the beauty of the design. Finally, please keep the symmetrical Minnesota shape on the side. Making it asymmetrical to more closely match the actual geography of the state is wayyyy to on the nose. The subtlety of the original is perfect. Main takeaway: please use the original F1935.

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You're so close! PLEASE DONT OVERTHINK THIS. Keep the original design submitted. Tricolor with the symmetry. Don't offset the "K" to make it more obvious that it's supposed to be the shape of the state. That's way too "on the nose" keep the green stripe. Keep the stripes in their original order.

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Scrap it! Start over! The flag Colors and Design are too close to various Somalian flags! Specifically Jubaland

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<p>2023-12-18 04:22:24 AM</p>	<p>Is this the only way I can contact the committee? It seems so. Please hear me out on the 'revisions' you're purposing to the finalist flag. I'm a Minnesota citizen, born and raised here, and went to Minneapolis College of Art and Design. I'm not a professional vexillologist but I've always been fascinated by flags and have taken years of art courses.</p> <p>The original finalist has a lot of heart to it, of course. I'd understand maybe changing the exact hue of certain colors for better usage in a working flag. However, I think the committee has overlooked the MEANING behind each color stripe and its placement. The blue is water, for example, and meant for the bottom. On the top, it seems to be mistaken as sky. The order has reason to it and looks good and cohesive. The revision looks slapped together.</p> <p>Also, the saturation of colors, the enlarging and reshaping of the star, along with cutting back the state shape are all changes that make the flag look more juvenile. Muted colors are often better to communicate nature, which the flag was trying to evoke. The new star doesn't look bad, per se, but the enlarging of it takes away from the state shape and overall much less elegant. Cutting the state shape from just past the mid-point, to the mid-point offends the rule of thirds. (Rule of thirds is a design and photography method of balancing out an image, if the committee isn't aware)</p> <p>Overall, this revision made me so frustrated that I actually went out of my way to look for a way to contact you guys. My friend group (all artists from MCAD) called this 'butchering' of the original design. Before you move ahead, I'd very much plead for you to please ask for opinions from the amazing artists we have in this state. There's no shortage of them and we're proud that our state has such a strong artist community.</p> <p>I just very much hope the committee hears my letter. I hope they can understand that they took so much out of what made the flag finalist a good design. I hope we can have a flag that looks nice and makes me proud to see it - like our state really does have the great artists we boast.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 04:33:59 AM</p>	<p>I strongly urge the committee to leave the original design as intact as possible. The muted colors are distinct without calling attention to themselves-how Minnesotan of them. Together, the tricolors represent what is best about Minnesota, that which is clear in the meaning of her name: the water, the sky, and between them where they meet, the land of 10,000 lakes.</p> <p>Further, I urge the committee to consider that the Minnesota shape in blue, with or without the star, makes an excellent branding symbol. Because of the powerful and memorable image created by the unique symmetry of the star and the state branding that it makes possible, the original star should be maintained as closely as possible. The design is timeless and elegant, appropriate at any point in our states' history, and suitable for long into our states' future. It looks great waving in the wind, and-equally important-is still easily identifiable when the flag hangs limp.</p> <p>A great committee must recognize the possibility that the choice to leave the design unaltered is still a choice that can be made, and does not mean that nothing has been done. On the contrary, I believe it would mean a great deal has been done, to look upon something and recognize its greatness on its own merit. Thank you for your consideration as your choices leave an indelible mark on the imagery and history best state in the Union.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 05:13:37 AM</p>	<p>I like the new flag as it was designed, please don't change it.</p>

2023-12-18 05:16:34 AM	The news says that the green blob on the left is supposed to be Minnesota. This is much too abstract. I suggest using the actual eastern boundary of the state. I have no idea what the colored stripes are, except that all the colors in the flag are cold colors. Why not just have icicles dripping from the star. At best the flag design is mediocre.
2023-12-18 05:18:45 AM	My strong preference for the final flag design is the original design. White green blue, top to bottom, with a symmetrical chevron. The asymmetrical designs and alternate colors are too literal. A flag is a symbol, not a map.
2023-12-18 05:30:05 AM	<p>Simply, the original 1953 flag is better than all revisions.</p> <p>The muted colors are preferable to the grating sharpness of the alternatives. The original white green blue tricolor is also better. Alternative color orders seem like a compulsive attempt to force symmetry where none is needed.</p> <p>Likewise, the new 8 pointed star is a detraction. I understand the symbology, but the original, with the asymmetric and longer points, is just better.</p> <p>However, the one place where symmetry is required is the inverse chevron. Changing it to more resemble the state is just awful.</p> <p>Again, the original 1953 flag, without changes, is superior to any edit made.</p>
2023-12-18 05:38:20 AM	Why are we making the most bland possible flag. No sense of history at all, and in its attempt to be non offensive, it's offensive to design and color.
2023-12-18 05:43:26 AM	Great job on selecting the flag. I think it's an iconic look that will fly high for years. I think the 1953A design looks best (B is second). The three stripes is just a much better look than 2 stripes. Please choose that!
2023-12-18 05:43:40 AM	<p>I like the original star better, it adds an elegance. The new one is very basic.</p> <p>I also like the green stripe, it adds depth to it and represents the state better than the light blue and white only.</p>

<p>2023-12-18 05:44:09 AM</p>	<p>The strength of 1953 as a flag design comes from its symmetry. As Andrew and others have pointed out, no state or country flag has yet to use a hoist-side swallowtail!</p> <p>This is a very exciting opportunity to use a common flag shape in a new and original way, and it avoids going the very literal on-the-nose route with an asymmetrical Minnesota shape. The beauty of this design is that it isn't a literal translation of Minnesota, it invokes Minnesota using only timeless flag design principles.</p> <p>The strongest and most appealing design revisions are the symmetricals with tri-color stripes.</p> <p>If we want the Minnesota flag to really stand out as a unique, I would love to see the original order of stripes on 1953A (white on top, then green, then blue). There are no State, region/territory, or country flags with this combination. There are however some flags with the blue, white, green trio and the blue white blue trio.</p> <p>With all of this in mind. These are my favorites in order.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) 1953A 2.) 1953B 4.) 1953C <p>I love all three of these options!</p> <p>Whatever you do, please do not make an asymmetrical Minnesota with/and uneven stripes. It looks like a very poorly drawn landscape. We don't want a literal representation of a landscape on our flag. It is the clean geometric symmetry that invokes the powerful symbology of our state.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 05:51:27 AM</p>	<p>I prefer 1953A with the green stripe on the bottom. I think this is a beautiful flag!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 05:58:20 AM</p>	<p>I like the original one best</p>
<p>2023-12-18 06:07:58 AM</p>	<p>Please keep all three colors on the flag chosen. The new seal chosen is beautiful but many of us in MN are struggling with the flag. Honoring the original design with the explanation of snow, water, land helps ease the disappointment.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 06:09:25 AM</p>	<p>For the flag design, the original stripe order is best with white on top by a wide margin.</p>

2023-12-18 06:12:32 AM	I want to voice my support for not changing to colors of the original submission for F1953 or if doing so only in a minor way that does not detract from the spirit of the choices made by the original submitter. Surely this commission must know that web-design and administrative branding are anything but permanent and basing design choices of a flag which will hopefully fly for centuries on what the current color trend in web design is, is not the proper course. Lime green and dark blue were cool when the Seahawks first implemented it in the early 2010s and it works fine for a state's website, but please keep it and that oversaturated sky blue away from something meant to look good 10, 50, 100 years from now. The choice of green, blue, and white was carefully made by the original designer and I fully agree with the inclusion of all three in the flag, but please consider the correct tone for each.
2023-12-18 06:13:12 AM	I think the symmetrical chevron for 1953 is the only way to go. The "Minnesota Shaped" chevron looks terrible. Please don't go that route. My preferred flag would be 1953A with Star from B. Either the Blue White Green or White Green Blue stripe orders are fine.
2023-12-18 06:13:57 AM	Keep the three stripes white, green and blue.
2023-12-18 06:22:14 AM	Could you please choose a different flag design?
2023-12-18 06:24:45 AM	I find this redesign completely out of touch with MN values and traditions, I'm honestly saddened by this. Can we put up for a statewide vote via ballot?
2023-12-18 06:26:49 AM	Please revert the star to the original design.
2023-12-18 06:28:03 AM	Please keep the original design of 1953. All of the modifications that have been made are simply butchering a perfect design.
2023-12-18 06:40:26 AM	I like the white stripe on top, green middle, and blue bottom. I like the symmetrical dark blue part to the left. I liked the original star better but would give that up in favor of the stripes in this order
2023-12-18 06:40:59 AM	The proposed changes made to 1953 have made it significantly worse. Please keep the original green and original star. These changes make the flag feel off balance. Additionally, I very much like the symmetrical Minnesota shape and tri color stripes.
2023-12-18 06:41:06 AM	I love the flag design and I believe it looks best when it's not taken too literally and kept abstract. The star should have a pointy top. The shape of Minnesota should be a symmetrical chevron. The lines should all be equal with green on the bottom, white in the middle and blue on top.
2023-12-18 06:44:58 AM	If you decide to go with the eight sided star (not a fan- it looks too heavy and loses distinctiveness at a distance), please rotate it so only one point is up, not two.
2023-12-18 06:47:01 AM	Please do not change the original design. The designers version with the true North Star is much better and more meaningful than the 8 pointed star that is meaningless to most Minnesotans. The North Star (4 deep points) us something Minnesotans identify with.

2023-12-18 06:53:10 AM	Hello, my name is Glen Gilbertson and I've been a professional graphic designer for 15 years for Foreword Co., here in St. Paul. It is important to me to have a symmetrical chevron on our flag, as well as three equal stripes of white, green, and light blue. To go with an asymmetric design would be a mistake. Thank you for all of your work, time, and consideration.
2023-12-18 06:55:26 AM	Please keep the original design. The star looks better than the redesigns. The symmetrical chevron looks better and the symbolism is clear enough. The three colors and their order look better. Please do not alter the design. It won because it's good.
2023-12-18 07:00:43 AM	Ok so the reason a star is on the flag, is to represent the NORTH Star... not the ethnic cultural star of one single indigenous group from our state. I really don't care what's on the rotunda floor or a handful of barns. The M star doesn't even look like a star, let alone stand as a symbol of the North Star. Google image search the term North Star, and if what you pick is not similar to the results you're failing your duties as the commission. Google ai is already showing you what the North Star looks like to most of the population and that was your directive. I fear the inclusion of the M star will subjugate the design to even more changes at the legislative level. Put it back to the original design, it's been favored in all social media comment sections compared to any of the tweaks the commission has made since choosing it as a final 6 flag.
2023-12-18 07:06:25 AM	Please return to the original design for F1953. The original color order make sense and look better. The star is better as well. The newly proposed star looks like a torq bit Thank you
2023-12-18 07:14:40 AM	If you absolutely must select the M star over a much more recognized North Star as exemplified by a simple Google image search, then I implore you to turn it slightly so a point of the star points to the top. When the M star is placed so that no one point aims towards the top, it doesn't even look like a star... it looks like an outline of a Christmas present ribbon. But please consider choosing a star that better reflects the symbol of the North Star than the M star. Again the reason a star is on the flag is because it was the only symbol allowed to represent all Minnesotans ie: exclusion of loons and pine trees. So if its to symbolize the North Star why not use a star that is recognized by a overwhelming amount of people as the North Star.
2023-12-18 07:15:30 AM	I'm thrilled that the Commission has decided to move forward with submission F1935. It is, of the three that were selected as finalists, the design that best portrays Minnesota while simultaneously maintaining the principles of excellent flag design. However, I'm disappointed by the design changes that the Commission is considered. I, as well as everyone who I've spoken to on the subject, much prefer the original colors, the stripe order, and more than anything, the star. The most recent changes have fundamentally detracted from the appearance of the flag, and while I understand the reasoning behind the changes, I believe Minnesotans will much more readily embrace the original design. Please consider approving F1935 as it was originally submitted.
2023-12-18 07:16:53 AM	Please vote to use 1953 A as the new flag but keep the original stripe order! Thank you.
2023-12-18 07:22:21 AM	I'm submitting my preference as a citizen for the design 1953A to be the final flag. I wish that the original star was still present but If we must change it, at least keep the white/green/blue color order from top to bottom.

2023-12-18 07:22:28 AM	I know you are making final decisions tomorrow, but I wanted to give the comment that the 8-pointed star with chevrons/V's at the cardinal directions looks awful. I realize there is history in that look, but it ceases to look like a star and more a geometric pattern. I think 1953 is a great choice, please don't make it ugly.
2023-12-18 07:25:26 AM	Please adhere as closely as possible to the original 1953 design: three stripes of equal width with a symmetrical chevron. I prefer white at the top as in the original but the shift to the lighter lime green has substantially damaged the aesthetics of that design. The two blue stripes design with white in the middle (1953B) is acceptable but a blander and weaker design.
2023-12-18 07:26:04 AM	Why did you decide to ruin the star of F1953? I don't care what you do with the stripes but the equal length star you are looking at now is something you can make in clip art and looks ridiculous. Please go back to the Polaris star used in F1953. Or consider other options because you all are choosing to ignore the creative opinions of the people that matter. The MN citizens.
2023-12-18 07:27:34 AM	I would prefer F1935 unmodified. But If you do modify it please for the love of all that is holy do not change the inverted Chevron on the left. It looks exceedingly unique and classy as is and any change to it will be tacky.
2023-12-18 07:28:20 AM	1953 A is the best of the revisions because it is closest to the original. That being said, I think you should leave the original star as well. Consider how this flag has risen as the best among so many others, and now you're wanting to change it to 'make it better'. It was the best as is, so please leave it as is.
2023-12-18 07:31:11 AM	If the selburose/Dakota star is used as the star, it needs to be fixed from the example that's currently displayed on this webpage, which is asymmetrical. The outline should be a regular octagram (https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Regular_star_polygon_8-3.svg), which preserves the right angles, parallel lines, and the "M" shapes, but with 8-fold symmetry. I also think it looks better with a rotation by 22.5° so that the points match the points of the 8-wind compass rose.
2023-12-18 07:31:33 AM	<p>Feedback on the latest flag options. I'm strongly imploring the committee to not alter the design of the stripes from the original, or to change the shape of the reverse chevron in any way. 1953 A with the original stripe order is an excellent design that contains elements in an order that best-represent the state. The blue under green under white represent the order in which water, land, and snow sit on our land respectively. The chevron being symmetrical maintains the beauty of the design, plus changing it to an asymmetric shape to more closely resemble the shape of MN will not only look horrible from a design standpoint, but it will be unrecognizable as the shape of the state when hung vertically anyways. The design stand on it own as-is, and I strongly support keeping 1953 A with the same stripe order. The only other design worth considering is the other 1953 A (with altered stripe order), but it's not as good in my opinion, as the symbolism of the snow sitting atop the earth is lost.</p> <p>The other designs shouldn't even be considered in my opinion, and having talked with this to most of my friends, that's a pretty widespread opinion. The citizens of the state have been feeling like their opinions haven't been heard by the committee throughout this process, and sticking with the original design is a good way to give some of that control back to the people of the state.</p>

2023-12-18 07:31:52 AM	Please retain the symmetrical flag, the symbolism is much stronger and more aesthetically pleasing. This flag is beautiful and memorable now, don't make this mistake and be remembered for tripping over your feet at the one yard line!!! Please also keep the white stripe, this flag needs to remain unique and it would be a disservice to the meaning of the colors to remove it.
2023-12-18 07:35:42 AM	Please retain the ORIGINAL 1953 design. Modifications published since the last meeting make the flag less timeless and make me less proud of what we're getting from this group. Please please please maintain rules of symmetry (no oddly shaped left side pentagon), the muted colors of the original (they were that way on purpose, including the pentagon), and the star oriented with a point towards the pentagon point next to it (see original 1953).
2023-12-18 07:40:05 AM	I feel the star should be like the one on the seal. Why can't our state bird and flower be on it? I love the idea of the shape of the state and I agree with the colors representing lakes, snow and farming but if you're spending all this money I feel it could be more. He did a good job I just feel it could be more.
2023-12-18 07:41:31 AM	The original iteration of the finalist flag was the best, the white on top was unique and looked nice and the muted colors, helped highlight the beautiful winters you see in Minnesota. The star change is fine, but please keep the color scheme. It's timeless and looks really good.
2023-12-18 07:44:10 AM	The original F1935 colors are much better than modifying to match the Minnesota website ones. Also, please keep the "Minnesota shape" from the original. The versions where it is modified to be more accurate to the shape does not look proper when hung vertically. Thank you and good selection.
2023-12-18 07:49:27 AM	As a life long Minnesotan I will not acknowledge the new flag. Nobody voted for this, so why are you doing this?
2023-12-18 07:51:35 AM	I am happy with the final flag selected, but feel that all the changes made detract from the original. The change in star shape I can go either way on, but brightening the colors and reordering the stripes doesn't sit well with me and in my opinion looks significantly worse. Still glad to have a new flag for our state, but prefer the duller, more muted colors and white-green-blue stripes of the original design
2023-12-18 07:53:27 AM	Don't change the flag any more! Original stripe order is perfect! We need all three colors on the right.
2023-12-18 07:55:24 AM	Please don't pick the flag where the star looks like a quilt. Our state should be the north star state, not a quilting state. The origin star on this design was pefect!
2023-12-18 07:56:14 AM	Why was the Star on Flag design 1953 changed? The original looked much nicer, please change it back.
2023-12-18 08:00:42 AM	For the state seal, instead of saying the great seal, why can't it say the great state? So it would say "The Seal of the Great State of Minnesota"
2023-12-18 08:05:02 AM	I like F1953A, good pick! Please keep the symmetry of the chevron and the three equal bars. I like the symbolism. I think the design is clear and will be easy for my kid to draw. While I like the original muted colors more, I understand if the bright colors will look better when it is actually a flag flying outdoors. Thank you for all of your work on this.

2023-12-18 08:05:07 AM	Keep the original star! It looks so much more "north" than the one with eight equal points. Kids should be able to get close to drawing it, not be able to produce an exact replica. And keep the original colors. The lime green is nasty.
2023-12-18 08:06:18 AM	I have a comment on the flag design. Please keep to the original design as much as possible. Please keep the three stripes as there current colors and order. Also, please do not change the chevron to "mimic" the state shape, this will just look odd when the flag is displayed vertically. The current shape still symbolizes the shape but allows the flag to hang vertically and not look odd. It also allows the star to remain centered.
2023-12-18 08:07:16 AM	Hello, I do not think the final design represents any MN creative. 4 plan blocks and a star. The design with the flowing river and clouds had some creative design. A block design seems to fit more foreign country flags. I like the new seal and being the state flag features the seal, our new flag should feature our new seal! Thank you for letting me comment!
2023-12-18 08:09:19 AM	I think the tricolor is the best option, with the symmetrical state outline. This allows the flag to look great when hung vertically and when waving and viewed from virtually any angle, making it asymmetrical would detract from this. Additionally, for the colors, I support the original color choices. These look great in real life and on print/on the web. Using saturated colors would be too much and could wind up clashing with the other colors on the flag, and it's overall an eyesore without the originals. Using all three also makes it a tricolor, staying true to the original design, and has the 3 key elements of Minnesota: snow, nature, and water. As an environment scientist I have studied all three and their effects on our great state and they all play a deeply instrumental role in the functioning of our ecosystem. Including all 3 stays true to our shared state identity. As Minnesotans we've all seen and experienced all 3, that is a universal shared experience. Thank you to the committee for all their hard work.
2023-12-18 08:09:48 AM	Please keep the symmetric chevron for the flag design and all 3 colors in the banner portion.
2023-12-18 08:11:25 AM	Please keep the Minnesota shape symmetric. I like the 8 point star but keep the point pointed north. I think the original tri-color muted colors looked better than the state branding redesign version, but they aren't horrible. I personally feel like white on top looks better in the tricolor stripes. The blue-white-blue stripes actually looks pretty good too.
2023-12-18 08:15:02 AM	I prefer the original design not the modified ones. From among the modified ones I like the ones that are symmetrical and the ones that change the flag the least - moving white to the middle. Please do not make up your own flag. You are consulting with designers for good reasons.
2023-12-18 08:17:43 AM	Please keep F1953 as original as possible. I like the original colors and stripe order, with white on top.
2023-12-18 08:18:50 AM	Hi, just wanted to voice my opinion as a lifelong Minnesotan! I love the final design choice, however I think the "Minnesota" on the left side should remain centered (not moved off-center to look more like the state's actual shape). The star choice, while I understand the symbolism, just does not look good. It turns into a blob from a distance, and it's just not a distinguishing feature. I think the original star looks much better and even fits in better with the star on the new state seal (similar shape, extra points). The green in the flag is distracting and I think the option with the white stripe in the middle surrounded by lighter blues looks very nice. Thanks for taking the time to read this!

<p>2023-12-18 08:20:17 AM</p>	<p>I am very pleased that the commission chose F1935 as the finalist for the state flag, and I appreciate all of the discussion and careful consideration that has gone into the selection process. I see that all of the proposed revisions to F1935 reorder the colors of the flag, and that the colors are adjusted to be brighter. Is there a reason that the original colors and stripe order of F1935 must be adjusted? The original submission is unique, very well composed, and evokes the colors and feel of Minnesota beautifully. If we are able to voice our support here I would like to endorse the original flag as-is!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 08:23:33 AM</p>	<p>Please keep the original design, star and colors. This committee is frankly horrific at the redesign process. It's been a circus show when watching the zoom meetings.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 08:24:02 AM</p>	<p>I will preface with a simple statement - I agree with your selection of 1953. It is a wonderful flag choice that would serve as an iconic flag for MN.</p> <p>Why do you feel the need to change the original star and reorganize the coloring across the three stripes? I recognize your right to "tinker", but these proposed changes are frankly ludicrous. It's quite depressing to see the committee take a wonderfully designed flag and reduce its appeal. Please leave the coloring of the stripes and revert back to the originally proposed star. I simply do not understand why you all feel the need to modify this design. Please make the correct choice and revert the poor changes made by the committee. Thank you.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 08:26:40 AM</p>	<p>1953 C would be an elegant and respectful flag that Minnesota's could be proud of. We would truly have one of the best flags in the country.</p> <p>Thank you for your work!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 08:27:27 AM</p>	<p>Hi, I've been a Minnesotan all my life. Born in St. Paul, grew up in Afton, and now reside in Minneapolis. I also graduated from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.</p> <p>I just wanted to give my opinion the flag chosen is excellent though it shouldn't be altered. It doesn't need the extra saturated colors.</p> <p>Also I do like the all blue design with the white in the center, but you're losing all the greenery representation of Minnesota. The forests, the plains, the farmland. I don't care for green as a color but I feel it is necessary for the flag.</p>

<p>2023-12-18 08:28:48 AM</p>	<p>I have quite a few critiques regarding the flag redesign submissions. I fear that the committee is a bit too much in their own bubble with the design modifications.</p> <p>The redesigned North star is far more difficult to be read as the north star, I understand it's the Dakota North Star, and that it even appears in the capital building rotunda. However to someone that doesn't work in the capital building it looks more like a cog, or a ninja star, or if it's oriented horizontally it's similar to the financial institution HSBC.</p> <p>The design should be immediate to comprehend to anybody, for those that do not work in the capital building, and to people from out of state which is why I believe that the original North star on the 1953 flag design should be kept.</p> <p>The stripes on the flag should remain from top to bottom white, green, blue, changing it to have blue as a top stripe muddles the meaning that Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes in place for blue skies.</p> <p>Finalist 1953A, with strips from top to bottom (Blue, white, green) gets rid of the identity of 10,000 lakes and represents blue sky instead.</p> <p>Finalist 1953B, with strips from top to bottom (Blue, white, blue), does not represent the forests and farmlands present in Minnesota.</p> <p>Finalist 1953C, single bold blue block, far too bold and a rather unaesthetic design, Minnesota is more than just the lake state.</p> <p>Please listen and take into consideration the opinions of outside voices.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 08:31:23 AM</p>	<p>I propose using the 1953 variant with the minnesota star oriented where the M is horizontal (allowing it to be recognized easier) and using the original White-Green-Light Blue stripes in the original order. From a distance the stronger color in the center looks more balanced and clearly looks like the sky, land, and lake. Please use original darker green (matching State Seal) and not the bright green.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 08:32:32 AM</p>	<p>Please stick to the originally submitted flag design. The symmetrical star is ugly, even if it matches designs in other buildings... the North Star submitted is far more aesthetically pleasing and more easily recognizable to folks who aren't Minnesotan. While flags are symbolic, they get diluted when you have to write a novel to explain what each color or how many lines or shapes mean. The original design was more obvious on the start-front. Please do not change star.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 08:33:06 AM</p>	<p>Hi, as a proud Minnesotan, I've been very invested in this flag redesign. Unfortunately, the changes that were proposed to the original flag "F1953" detract from its design. The new, brighter colors look dated and cheapen the flag's appearance; the new star looks bulbous and odd; and the original order of the three stripes was unique. I was delighted that F1953 was chosen as the winner of the contest, but now I implore the committee: use the original flag design, and do not proceed with the revisions proposed on 15DEC.</p> <p>The new state seal looks great! Let's have a great flag, too!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 08:37:05 AM</p>	<p>The flag should be the unmodified f1953. The muted colors are better than the bright green which would look hideous. The original star is better than any of the redesigned stars. Most importantly, it is the flag that was created by the citizens of the state of Minnesota. The committee should honor the creativity of the flag's creator. Look at every online forum and you will see that the changes are unpopular</p>

2023-12-18 08:38:22 AM	I like the basic design for the chosen flag. I like the symmetric nature of the basic outline of the shape of Minnesota. I like the original design, but also appreciate the white stripe in the middle. I like the 3 colors of stripes (light blue, white, and green). I prefer the shape of the star on the design that was submitted, but don't mind the "revised" star. (It sounds like there is some history to that version of the north star.
2023-12-18 08:38:33 AM	Hello. I am very much in support with keeping the symmetrical Chevron design and the original intent of three horizontal lines. To be frank, the original design for 1953 was already quite appealing and did not need any revisions. Preferably with original stripe order as well.
2023-12-18 08:39:39 AM	1953 - please keep the color order (white green blue), keep Chevron symmetrical, and use the 8 pointed SIOUX star! These are my opinions, thank you
2023-12-18 08:44:59 AM	I would like to provide an opinion on the different versions of the F1953 designs. First, I think we should stick to the symmetric chevron, instead of the off center that tries to better match the state shape. I think the symbolism still comes across, but also keeps a timeless design if it is symmetric. I also prefer the three strips that can be seen in 1953-A. I think the white on top version (originally proposed version) helps set the flag apart from other flags around the world. I don't believe there is any other flag with a white strip on top. I think when paired with a lighter blue at the bottom, there will still be a color balance. My only concern would be that the white might be had to see when the flag is flying on overcast days, in which case, I would understand moving it to the middle.
2023-12-18 08:48:17 AM	You have done a great job choosing a flag! But please do not change the original design too much. In particular, the symmetrical chevron is important to be a timeless flag, and the muted colors are much better than the bright version currently on the state's website. Timelessness is important! Among the many options, the Michaletz revision looks really good. Thank you.
2023-12-18 08:49:05 AM	I love the new design of the state flag! Please keep the original design of the stripe colors. It makes sense with water (bottom), land (middle) and snow (top). Thank you!
2023-12-18 08:50:04 AM	I have an idea for a revision to F1935, how do I submit my idea?
2023-12-18 08:51:45 AM	SUNKEN COST FALLACY — This committee by design has already sunken too much time and energy into this redesign that they've double downed on all their ineptitude rather than just admit this process has gone astray. Has ANYONE (other than those who directly know someone on the committee) expressed genuine agreement on the decisions this committee made? It's time to fix this sunken cost fallacy and just ADMIT this committee by design has failed. F1953 is a decent flag, but out of the final 6 designs only F1953 and F29 should have made it that far. The fact the committee even dragged the others over many other better designs is just a slap in the face to so many people. And now y'all want to change F1953 so you can tell yourselves you've had a personal impact in the final design rather than just let the original designer's work show for itself. Your committee has failed nearly every step of the way and it's been sad to watch. At this point, hire a design firm to take over the process and take a few steps back in the process.

2023-12-18 08:55:05 AM	For the state flag please keep 1953 A with original stripe order and color. This is a beautiful flag that represents the state perfectly.
2023-12-18 08:55:45 AM	I prefer 1953's original design with the darker green and the original star. I understand that the new star relates to our history but the idea of creating a new flag is to create something that becomes a symbol, not the other way round.
2023-12-18 08:55:48 AM	Will you please keep the current symmetrical design and the three different-colored bars?
2023-12-18 08:56:30 AM	I have a few critiques on the proposed final designs for the state flag. I am not sure why the flag colors are being rearranged/omitted since they all have a place and are to represent the snow (at the top since since snow falls), green (for the land, forests, and farmlands) and the blue representing the land of 10,000 lakes. I would be fine if the colors had a little more intensity since that would help the readability of the flag. The other thing that was a major change in the flag redesign is regarding the North star. I understand that that Dakota star has meaning but I think that this is a miss. I think that the original twinkling north star should have been left on the design because it is clear as well as it looks like a stylized snowflake. This would further represent the pride that Minnesotans have in their state as well as representing their love for the snow and outdoors, and is easily understood from people outside the great state of Minnesota.
2023-12-18 08:59:08 AM	Will 1953A with blue stripe at the top look too close to Uzbekistan? Will 1953B look too close to Argentina?
2023-12-18 08:59:20 AM	Very happy with the choice of 1953! Please don't make the inverted triangle shape asymmetrical! It would look terrible when hanging vertically. The flag doesn't need to have an accurate shape of MN to function as a symbol of our state, making it asymmetrical would detract more than it would add. Keep the three stripes on the flag! The examples of the flag with 2 stripes look so bland and boring and the flag with a solid color (no stripes) looks even worse. Taking away stripes loses the symbolism of the flag. I like the white stripe on top as it makes the flag stand apart from other flags that have a white center stripe. I don't like the idea of matching the colors to state branding colors which could be subject to change in a decade or two, I also don't like the look of the brighter colors on the flag as opposed to the original design with muted colors. The change to the star shape is fine.
2023-12-18 09:03:37 AM	Please use the original version of F1935, the colors of the stripes and the shape of the star are better than any of the revisions.
2023-12-18 09:06:18 AM	First off, I very much appreciate your choice of F1953 as the basis for the design going forward. It was not initially my preference, but it has grown on me to the point where I would be proud to fly it as my flag. I am, however, a little concerned with some of the proposed revisions. The tricolor (along with the inverted chevron) is the cornerstone of this design, and to eliminate it in favor of one or two colors seriously damages the balance and appeal of the design. Additionally, while the more muted colors of the original may look initially less exciting, they ground the design with a certain sense of maturity that I believe the brighter colors proposed lose in pursuit of an unnecessary pop. One more minor change that I would suggest is to tilt the star so that one of its points is facing up. This would allow the flag to have both the dynamics of the original star and the valuable history and symbolism of the eight-pointed capitol star. To finish off, I love the new color order for the tricolor posted in the December 15 update, I really feel that it is superior to the original design and lends a better sense of balance to the flag.

2023-12-18 09:10:36 AM	I prefer the flag with white, green, and blue equally sized stripes, a symmetrical chevron, and an eight pointed star. I prefer the order of the stripes to be white, green, and blue;from top to bottom. It will be flying or hanging and not on a screen;therefore, the white stripe on top will not be out of place. There are many world flags that have a white stripe on the edge of their flag and they look great.
2023-12-18 09:10:57 AM	The original 1953 flag is best. Don't change the colors at all. Changing the star design is fine, a snowflake would be enjoyable instead of a star though. Keep the white stripe on top, not in the middle. For all that is holy, keep the K chevron symmetrical
2023-12-18 09:11:17 AM	I prefer that we leave the left section of the flag as being symmetrical. The implied shape of the state is enough and doesn't need to be exact. Also, please keep the white stripe on top. This will create further uniqueness to the flag and make it distinctly Minnesotan.
2023-12-18 09:11:35 AM	When tweaking the flag design, will you PLEASE consider adding the Northwest Angle to the state graphic? The Northwest Angle is the northernmost point of the United States;it differentiates MN from the all other northern boundary states. When kids look at a map of the USA, it's the NW Angle that helps them find MN. Please don't forget about the Angle! Call it the chimney, the top hat, the bump - It's what makes MN stand out. And it's on a great big lake! How much more MN can ya get? Thank you.
2023-12-18 09:12:44 AM	Pleas use the original star. I understand the symbolism of the new design, but this flag won against all others and I believe it should remain as submitted;1954 A. These last minute changes ruin the nature of a selection process that brought the flag to the top of the pack. To change it now would not only undermine the process and people involved that brought this flag to the top, but also all those great flags that didn't make the cut as well. Please, respect the process and use 1954 A with the unaltered star. If thisstar was really so important, you should have made it a requirement from the beginning. This change at the last minute feels like a knee jerk decision and makes the committee seem unsure and disjointed rather than unified and confident.
2023-12-18 09:13:59 AM	I prefer the version where the white is not in the middle, where the star has different sized points.
2023-12-18 09:15:21 AM	I think the white on top, green in the middle, and blue on the bottom in the original colors looks the best. I do like the original star the best. The chevron should be a symmetrical shape. I think 1953 A with original strip order is a winner.
2023-12-18 09:16:24 AM	I love the design of the F1953 flag. I am sincerely hoping we can keep the symmetrical chevron in the design as well as the tri colored stripes, with white being at the top. I think white not being in the center gives the flag a very distinct look from other flags with similar colors and the white stripe in the middle. And I like to imagine teaching the color order to kids by saying "white is on top because snow always falls on *top* of lakes, rivers, and forests". :D
2023-12-18 09:17:00 AM	Great choice on the seal and moving forward with F1935. My comments are thus: On the flag: I prefer the flag in its original colors as the new colors are a bit garish and will become outdated quickly. I strongly support keeping the original shape and the tri colors true to the authors intentions. I believe its a fantastic flag to represent this state.
2023-12-18 09:24:11 AM	Please keep the original tricolor order and colors, with the symmetrical hoist. It is such a classic-looking design, and having a unique tricolor combination helps it be so immediately recognizable, even in extremely abstract forms (like in emoji: 🇺🇸🇺🇸)

2023-12-18 09:24:17 AM	I like the three colors on the flag. It would be nice as a Minnesotan if we could say they symbolized things. For example;Green stands for community. White stands for environmentally conscious, Blue stands for peace, & the star is a beacon of hope—a shining light that guides the way.
2023-12-18 09:25:05 AM	I know it's just my opinion, but I much prefer the original starflake design rather than the new uniform star for the tri-color flag. Great work with the seal redesign, by the way.
2023-12-18 09:25:28 AM	The original design of f1953 is the best concept! The new star and too bold of colors aren't as representative as the committee seems to think, and I think the new star won't be well recognized from afar. Additionally I like the suggestive K rather than a proportional representation of the state. It's a flag don't get too weird with it.
2023-12-18 09:26:32 AM	If the new 8-pointed star is decided on, then I VERY strongly prefer one of the versions of **1953A** over 1953B, 1953C, etc.
2023-12-18 09:27:00 AM	How do I comment on the state seal design? You should keep the french motto. Do I just contact my legislators or will the voters get to choose on the ballot? Thank you.
2023-12-18 09:27:02 AM	On the final design, please rotate the star so one of the points is "north." The other versions strongly resemble a cross. Please also keep the original colors, as the lime green--while it matches the state "branding"--doesn't look good and doesn't invoke anything Minnesotan or natural.
2023-12-18 09:30:48 AM	Suggestion for the final color scheme: 1: show the "water mirrors sky" on the right side, dark blue on top (sky), light blue on bottom (water/lake), remove green on the right side;2: change the "Minnesota abstract" to green, to represent land/agriculture, the shape of Minnesota makes more sense to represent the "land" 3: use the M-shaped/eight-pointed star, this is a good choice as it also has indigenous culture in it. Keep it white, as it would be "star/snow above the land" of Minnesota
2023-12-18 09:35:05 AM	Who's idea was it to design it to resemble the Somali flag?
2023-12-18 09:37:55 AM	The star having half the points that are slightly longer than the others would make the flag look more like a north star. Minnesotans don't care if the star matches the one on a floor of a government building
2023-12-18 09:38:15 AM	Hello, I'd just like to submit a comment: I really like the proposed flag design 1953 A with the original stripe order (blue on bottom, green in the middle, white on top). I think it's logical to have lakes at the lowest elevation, forests in the middle, and a snowy sky up top. Thanks for your time, Jacob.
2023-12-18 09:39:28 AM	The chosen flag to work with looks too similar to 2 flags of Somalian States - We are not Somalia. Puntaland & Jubaland. If I were to make a suggestion - the white should be on top to represent the sky/snow - the green should be thinner to represent the land - 1/2 the thickness of the other bars - blue should be on the bottom to represent the waters. The overall design has a real generic feel to it though. just by overall look, the 3rd flag pictured up above is considerably better. Instead of a commission picking out the flag ... why not the state of minnesota next election? check out this: https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/the-united-states-is-losing-its-identity-new-minnesota-state-flags-resemblance-to-jubaland-in-somalia-sparks-controversy-online/ar-AA1IEY7b

<p>2023-12-18 09:46:52 AM</p>	<p>Regarding the flag design, I believe the original F1935 should be used. The use of Polaris unites all of us as Minnesotans, no matter if you are someone who was born here a few years ago, a few decades ago or a few hundred years ago. Polaris guides us all and is an everlasting symbol of our state. The colors that accompany it in the original flag work with that design because they do not try to be flashy or say anything its beauty isn't already saying for itself. To me, that represents Minnesota. The beauty of our state does not need to be overstated, it is something you simply experience and something that stays with you all your life, even if you're just visiting or you choose to move elsewhere. I say this speaking as a Minnesota native now following this flag redesign process very closely from my home in New Mexico.</p> <p>F1935 is the right flag design. The revised flag design takes away from the everlasting beauty and uniting symbolism that this flag should represent.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 09:46:53 AM</p>	<p>If the old flag was offensive it should have been changed slightly. Why scrap the whole thing? There were no salvageable historical features. No date motto or lady slipper? I always liked thinking of the deep blue as a union flag. The proposed replacement is boring. The generic stripes and a star symbolize very little without reading up on the design. I see North Star/ snow. And water? That said if I had to pick one, 1953 B Please try again!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 09:46:57 AM</p>	<p>I really prefer the original 1953A design vs. some of the possible revisions. Please don't mess with the symmetry too much of the original design! Thank you, looking forward to the new flag. :)</p>
<p>2023-12-18 09:47:54 AM</p>	<p>I love the flag update: I have a preference for three striped in color order from top to bottom: Blue, White, Green. Thank you.</p>

<p>2023-12-18 09:49:12 AM</p>	<p>I understand the symbolism of the new star proposal (Native American, Scandinavian, Snowflake, compass, capitol building inspirations), but I prefer the original star for various reasons.</p> <p>(1) I think placing already-existing influences into our Minnesota flag takes away from our flag. We should create a flag that symbolizes *Minnesotans* and *Minnesotans* only. I'm Chinese and I grew up here; I love Minnesota and I'm proud to be here. But do I feel true and authentically proud to fly a symbol from Native American or Scandinavian culture? No. I can pretend and wear an empty smile flying it around; but it'll never be authentic pride because my identity and bloodline has nothing to do with it. I want to wear and fly something I can truly say "This is me and this is my home, our home".</p> <p>(2) Maybe I'm missing something but I'm not sure why the capitol building symbol should have any influence on our flag. I haven't seen that symbol anywhere and it was my first time learning about it. I'm sure I'm not the only one confused where it came from and its significance relative to MN identity.</p> <p>(3) The compass symbolism, in my opinion, is stronger with the original flag because it's in the shape of the rose compass and can also symbolize a glistening Polaris star.</p> <p>Thank you for listening. Honestly great job on finding this flag out of the huge pile of general submissions. I missed it initially and wouldn't have found it otherwise without your eyes.</p> <p>Jack</p>
<p>2023-12-18 09:49:29 AM</p>	<p>I support 1953A with the original stripe order!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 09:50:07 AM</p>	<p>I still vote for F1953 with the three equal stripes and changing the white to the middle as a revision. I loved the original star for its captivating symmetry. It drew the eye up and down emphasizing the connection to the earth and sky. An 8 pointed star, which I can appreciate, also can work but the solid white makes it look so blocky, clunky, and not as beautiful as the original submission. Can you play with the star some more and make it more artistic? Thanks for letting me comment. My seven year old daughter has even taken interest in the redesign. We would love to see a flag that represents everyone who lives here and the collective resources that brought so many people together.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 09:51:28 AM</p>	<p>Please please please do NOT make the "Minnesota 'k'" asymmetrical to match the actual outline of the state. It would ruin everything about this design. I also would strongly recommend keeping blue, white, and green stripes. A solid field would not be 1953, it would be something else no one wants. If the final design goes that far from what we have now, I will firmly move to the camp that would call to veto the entire thing. Please don't do it.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 09:51:33 AM</p>	<p>Please do not use the asymmetrical designs. They are horrid and look broken. Please bring back the original star.</p> <p>I find it short sighted to use the colors from state agency branding. That is already outdated and will probably be changed in 5-10 years. Very tail-wagging-the-dog decision.</p> <p>If the original green stripe color scheme is a no-go, I do enjoy the blue/white/blue and really enjoy the context of the Dakota phrase about waters reflecting sky.</p>

<p>2023-12-18 09:52:17 AM</p>	<p>I've already submitted thoughts on the design itself, but I just wanted to add a reminder that the only and true vexillological rule is that the flag unites the people and they identify and rally under it. Number of colors or rule of tincture be damned, they are more like guidelines. When it comes to the Coco Chanel quote of "remove one thing", consider that the original submission may have already done so. Pay heed to popular opinion in the comments coming in, and resist the urge to make unnecessary changes in the final stretch.</p>
	<p>I'm a Saint Paul citizen and vexillology nerd who has been closely following the flag redesign process, and I would like to state my strong preference for the original F1953 design, with no modifications to the star or colors. My concerns are both principled (regarding inclusiveness of a flag) and aesthetic. If the committee decides to make changes to the original submission anyway, I hope there would be as few modifications to the original design as possible.</p> <p>I feel most strongly that the original star should be retained. I am a microcosm of the diversity of this state, and a signal of the diversity that will continue to grow in the future: I'm the son of a Kurdish dad who fled from Saddam Hussein's genocide in the 1980s and a Norwegian-American mom whose family has lived in Minnesota since the 19th century. Just a few months ago, I got married to an incredible woman from China who attended Macalester College and is in the process of getting her green card. My dad, my mom, my wife, me, our future children – all are equally Minnesotan and all will be equally Minnesotan. It is because I feel so strongly that this state belongs to all of us, both now and for posterity, that I object to specific ethnic symbols on the flag.</p> <p>I understand that the eight-pointed star is a Dakota symbol that is also a motif commonly found in Scandinavian quilting. But, to specifically call out ethnic symbols on a flag draws attention to the absence of other symbols – why are there no Ojibwe symbols? Why is there nothing for German, or Hmong, or Irish, or Somali, or Latino, or Vietnamese Minnesotans? Decades ago, we had no idea how enriched our state would be by new groups of Minnesotans. In the same way, we have no idea today what Minnesotan identity will look like decades or centuries from now. We owe it to future generations to have an enduring symbol that is capacious enough to be meaningful for people of all backgrounds.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 09:52:48 AM</p>	<p>Aesthetically, I also prefer the original design. The original star is far more balanced with the design. It both resembles a compass rose, evoking imagery of the North Star, and the smaller</p>
<p>2023-12-18 09:54:32 AM</p>	<p>I strongly support the flag design with 3 equal stripes and the symmetrical chevron. Please focus on good flag design by listening to the experts & the designer & re-designers!! This will help the flag be appreciated for years to come. I'd hate for all the hard work done by this committee to go to waste by not listening to citizen feedback - or worse, to have to go through this process again in less than 100 years!!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 09:54:48 AM</p>	<p>Hello! I love this design, but I don't think the green represents Minnesota very well. For many reasons, including that green, especially this green, is a more aggressive tone which takes away from how we're such a laid back and kind state. It also doesn't look good - that blue doesn't match the green in any way. Design 1953B looks incredible with the striped pattern, but I would be happy with design 1953C as well. The blue is a very nice color, and if you had to do green, maybe a more teal color would be good. Thank you!</p>

2023-12-18 09:56:37 AM	I submitted thoughts previously but after further consideration, 1953B is a great design (with the original star please) and should be the pick. It drives home the idea of sky reflected waters, where the white represents the horizon separating the water and the sky. It is wonderful when vertically hung (unlike the green ones that looks like a Christmas tree).
2023-12-18 09:57:02 AM	Please use the original 1953 design with no revisions. It's far superior to any of the modifications presented. The original color choices and order are more pleasing and distinctive. The star shape and position are better in the first version. Whatever you do, please keep the triangle area symmetrical. You had a really good thing with the 1953 design, don't diminish it. Thank you.
2023-12-18 09:57:31 AM	Just wanted to throw out some last minute feedback... 1) Keep the original Minnesota shape, don't go with the literal shape, it's ugly and too on-the-nose. You know it doesn't look right with that shape and the tricolor, don't throw away the tricolor aspect for this weird alteration. 2) Keep original color shades, do not commit to using colors from the style guide. 3) Personally I like the slightly tilted 8 point star, I think the straight up and down star is too horizontal alongside the stripes also being horizontal.
2023-12-18 09:58:15 AM	I would like to add my voice in support of design 1953, namely with the symmetrical design for the chevron and not the asymmetrical design proposed towards the end of the meeting on Friday the 15th. As one Minnesotans opinion, I believe the symmetrical design is more visually appealing even if it isn't the exact "shape" of Minnesota. I would also like to VEHEMENTLY say that adding the word "Minnesota" to the flag in any capacity, or any writing for that matter, should be avoided, as when the flag is hung from the side, or on a flag pole when the wind is still, the writing becomes illegible and as such, takes away from the base design. As for specific designs, I believe a variation of 1953 A or B would get my vote. While the C variation is fine, I feel like stripes are more able to symbolize the state in an abstract manner than the solid color to the right of the chevron.
2023-12-18 09:59:05 AM	Can I submit a flag design based on the final chosen flag design?
2023-12-18 09:59:29 AM	This flag is a disgrace to MN and it's people. It doesn't represent MN in anyway shape or form but rather instead resembles state of Somalia flag with some tweaks. Sad day in MN. Do better!
2023-12-18 10:00:03 AM	F1953 is a great choice as a basis of the new flag. My preference is for the originally submitted design (with the cozy colors, and the white stripe on top, and the original eight pointed star), but I am open to some of the revisions by your professional graphic designers. Of those, my preference is for 1953A with the original stipe order. I recognize the importance to the committee of the historic eight pointed star, but would urge you to have a point (no a trough) in the vertical direction.

<p>2023-12-18 10:07:49 AM</p>	<p>Keep the 1953A design as is shown. (blue, white, green) I like the revisions of Tyler and Jenae. Their revisions stayed true to the artist, Andrew's, vision. We need to keep all 4 colors. This order is more pleasing to the eye and the white is not lost at the top of the flag. Green needs to be in there to represent all the farmers and agribusinesses in our great state. Our state is not just about pine trees, water, resorts, and loons. This design represents all of Minnesota. We have snow for winters, lots of lakes, and precious farm land. Keep the current shape of the Minnesota and the dark blue.</p> <p>My second choice would be 1953 A with the stripe order of white, green, blue. This shows the blue as water and not the sky.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:07:58 AM</p>	<p>I would like to voice my support for the original #1953 flag design, and I would be proud to fly this flag as a symbol of MN. The alternative designs do not add anything more than the original does, but in some cases detract from the overall aesthetic. The most egregious of which are the proposals to move the "point" lower to more literally match the shape of MN, which in my opinion is sacrificing design for the sake of trying to be clever. It is the equivalent to explaining a joke to a room of people who already understood the punchline.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:08:02 AM</p>	<p>I greatly prefer the muted colors of the initial submission to the proposed changed colors.</p> <p>If you are changing to the Sioux star (which is a reasonable change, even if it is unnecessary), it should be a muted gold, not white.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:09:42 AM</p>	<p>I think that 1953A with Star from B and equal stripes is the way to go for a classic flag design. I think retaining the green on the bottom is important, as it grounds the image with the sky blue above and the lightness and whiteness of our Northern climate in Winter. The green on the bottom does not pull the viewer's eye like it does with the middle design. This creates a feeling of equality and logical order to the flag, giving it a truly classic design.</p> <p>1953B is aesthetically appealing, but I feel it might cut short the idea that we have very green Spring/Summers, and foliage is a huge part of the state in general.</p> <p>I don't feel the other flags measure up. Unequal stripes look awkward, resembling a design where green becomes the main eye component, and that's definitely not a good thing here. Balance and aesthetics are key. 1953A with Star from B is the only logical decision for a classic flag design representing all that Minnesota gives to its citizens.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:12:21 AM</p>	<p>First off, I'm so glad F1935 was chosen as the concept for this flag! I wanted to it's important to me to celebrate Minnesota's green spaces, and I think also to our image across the country as not just being a tundra. I prefer 1935 A with the original stripe order, but also like the alternative order!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:12:57 AM</p>	<p>Please keep the symmetrical shape of the K! Leaning too hard into the "it should look like Minnesota" thought will make the flag look sloppy and kitschy. It evokes the shape of Minnesota plenty strong even with the symmetry!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:17:01 AM</p>	<p>Hi, I'm from New Ulm and I want to get my comments on the new flag out there. It is my opinion that the chevron should be kept symmetrical. Regarding the stripes, I prefer the 3 color design, either using the original order (white, green, blue), or the modified version (blue, white green).</p>

<p>2023-12-18 10:18:15 AM</p>	<p>What has happened to the seal? I was under the impression that the writing on it was rather obviously going to be the state motto and the founding year as is to be expected for a seal of the state. It's now a Dakota phrase that seems to be in direct violation of the committee's directions. I personally love the state's french motto which stands for all of MN, not just for its tribal history that while regrettable, is not something that should be apologized for in the state seal or flag. After all, tribal lands is technically sovereign from the state regardless.</p> <p>As for the flag. I'm incredibly disappointed in the loss of F29 (and its official update according to concerns) which I still consider to be the best design of a symbol for our state. That being said, the "starflake" still has an obvious potential purpose in F1953 who's original star is an okay north star representation, and whos current star looks kinda terrible. The starflake is a great symbol that could still be used everywhere like many think it would have been had F29 been adopted. Additionally, it, like the original star for F1953, better represents the north star with its elongated compass -esq directions. Turing the current star on it's side doesn't achieve the same impact as either other star.</p> <p>Other than that I would like to say that I actually quite like the asymmetrical idea coming late in the last meeting. I think that F1953 would still need to be a tri-color or to have the MN K next to a single background rather than the "landscape" concept that did not look good at all. I personally did not like the original F1953 because I could not see the outline of Minnesota in it until I was expressly told of the gimmick. The asymmetry solves this issue for me. I still hope, either way, that the starflake can make its way back into the flag as I want it to be plastered on every water bottle, laptop, and bumper sticker in the entire state.</p> <p>Thank you and good luck with your choices.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:21:43 AM</p>	<p>I would like to voice my support for the original design of Flag Design 1953. I believe the order of the tricolors from top to bottom should be white, green, and blue. Blue for the lakes, green for the forests, and white for the snow and cozy overcast days.</p> <p>Blue represents Minnesota's imagination, boldness, and openness. Green represents progress and prosperity. White represents the state's ideals of fairness and equality.</p> <p>Thank you and God bless the Star of the North.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:22:16 AM</p>	<p>I really like the original design and stripe order. No changes necessary!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:22:34 AM</p>	<p>The inverse chevron on the flag needs to stay symmetrical or it looks ridiculous. It already evokes the shape of our state very well. There should be 3 stripes in white blue and green to represent our land/forest/prairies/crops, plentiful natural bodies of water, and ice and snow each in turn. The order is less critical than having each of those symbols, plus it is a simple and balanced flag aesthetically with three stripes. Consideration should be given to making the star or part of it yellow/gold. This would nod back to the old flag and the famous North Star alternate. It would also stand out from other similar flags with white stars on blue. I think using the star from F1154 with the center 4 point compass part in gold/yellow would make for a great north star.</p>

<p>2023-12-18 10:22:40 AM</p>	<p>Greetings all,</p> <p>I would like to thank the committee for their work so far on creating a new seal and flag for Minnesota. The seal looks fantastic, and it appears we are very close to creating one of the most iconic state flags in the nation, along with Texas, New Mexico, and a few select others. Like those states, I can see people in the near future proudly waving the flag in their yards, displaying it on bumper stickers, and adding backpack patches to proudly share their love of Minnesota.</p> <p>On that note, I did want to express my concern to the committee over the biggest threat I see to this becoming a timeless icon: the recently-introduced asymmetric revision to the "K" that makes the design more clearly mimic the shape of Minnesota. While I understand the desire to make this a more uniquely-Minnesotan flag, that design would do so at the expense of the inherent beauty of the symmetrical flag, while making it a more "fashionable" interpretation that will look dated in a matter of decades, if not years.</p> <p>The symmetrical design already clearly represents Minnesota (and not Manitoba, as was confusingly argued last week), and would be a unique "reverse chevron" that is simultaneously radical (I haven't seen any other flag use this shape) and instantly timeless (as simple, symmetrical shapes are). It also will look great when hung vertically, or when hanging from a flag on calm days or during official press conferences. The asymmetrical shape will fail under these circumstances.</p> <p>The symmetrical shape looks great on its own. It doesn't need the explanation that it's the literal shape of Minnesota to work, which the asymmetric design does. Like the arrow hidden in the FedEx logo, the "31" hidden in the Baskin-Robbins logo, and even the compass pointing NW in the old Northwest Airlines logo, you don't need to be aware of them for the image to work. Instead, these details add depth and meaning to inherently-iconic visuals.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:22:48 AM</p>	<p>I love the originally submitted 1953, and besides changing the star (which I liked), I think the tweaks have only made it worse. Please keep the three different color stripes!</p> <p>Great choice to select 1953 in general though!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:28:23 AM</p>	<p>I want to encourage you to look at what you were doing with the iterations on the winner of this flag. Are you improving the flag or are you putting your fingerprint as the board on the flag? Do you want a good flag or do you want to point to the star and say I changed that? The flag is perfect the way it is. Your part in all of this can be elevating the correct flag and leaving it be. Please do not change the design</p>

<p>2023-12-18 10:28:34 AM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The tri-color or blue-white-blue stripes definitely look best. - The symmetrical chevron version makes for a cleaner-looking and professional design worthy of our state. The asymmetrical version looks clumsy and uneven. I get it's supposed to look more like MN but it does not look great as a flag. - I love that it can be flown horizontally as a flag or vertically as a banner. - I was not a fan of newer version with the "M" star at first but it is now my favorite star style taking cultural symbology and uniqueness into account. It looks good oriented either way. -These are all my personal opinions. Best of luck taking all of the comments and critiques into account when making your final decision. Happy holidays!
<p>2023-12-18 10:28:51 AM</p>	<p>Preference for final flag variation would be 1953 B.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:29:16 AM</p>	<p>Are we going to be able to vote for the flag? I am not a flag designer, but I simply do not like the final flag colors or design that is at the top of this website. I may still have to fly the original flag at my residence.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:30:31 AM</p>	<p>I would love to see the original slightly faded colors and keep the tricolor as white, green, and blue (from top to bottom). Very excited about the change!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:32:28 AM</p>	<p>Please consider again the Starflake design from F29 as the star image on the F1953 canvas.</p> <p>F1953 is a great flag design, but F29s Starflake has potential to be a true Icon for the state. It is dignified, attractive, versatile, and resonated deeply with many who have followed this redesign process closely.</p> <p>Other 8-pointed star designs are simply not unique enough, and ultimately not brand-able enough. F29 resonated with so many people because the Starflake motif is unique, adaptable, and remixable independent from the flag itself. That symbol can be lifted from the flag and used in infinite applications, in infinite color combinations - all while being instantly recognizable as meaning "Minnesota" - a true logo for our state.</p> <p>Use colors from the F1953 flag to create the new Starflake, so that the overall color palette is simplified (no need to add new colors).</p> <p>*Embrace the Snowflake imagery!!* - dealing with the cold, ice, and snow is part of our culture, and it is part of every Minnesotan's reality, regardless of race, creed, geography, or socioeconomic class.</p> <p>The eight divided diamonds, with their 4 points each (totalling 32 points) symbolizes our place as the 32nd state in the Union. This is lost with other star shapes.</p> <p>The separate diamonds coming together, from various directions of the compass, to form a selburose also symbolize the idea that different unique cultures have come together to form something greater than the sum of their parts. A unity and beauty from diversity. This is lost with other star shapes.</p> <p>To not use a symbol such as the Starflake would be a missed opportunity to establish a genuine iconography for our state - a singular, beautiful image is an amazing thing: just ask Ireland and their clover leaf, or France and their fleur-de-lis, or Canada and their maple leaf. We have an</p>

2023-12-18 10:33:15 AM	Symmetry of the chevron is very important to me. I also think the three equal stripes is the most compelling design with the color order of the original design. I believe this is called F1953A. I believe the original design from the designer was best, but that flag with the new star is the strongest option.
2023-12-18 10:36:39 AM	I think the chevron and the 3 stripes should be symmetrical. Also the 3 stripes should be the 3 different colors (white, green, and blue).
2023-12-18 10:39:10 AM	<p>Please use 1953-A with the original tricolor/stripe pattern as three equal stripes! I love the colors as is, and really like how the white is at the top — I think it's really unique and unlike most flags out there.</p> <p>Can't wait to fly this flag high and stitch it onto every article of clothing I own — hopefully with my preferred stripe colors;)</p>
2023-12-18 10:39:39 AM	In the final flag redesign, please consider keeping the 3 stripes! I feel it perfectly depicts MN, with a blue sky on top, white snow and the always dependable green of summer on the bottom. Thank you for your consideration.
2023-12-18 10:39:42 AM	I think the original design for 1953 is the best and there should be as little modification to it as possible. White stripe on top, more muted colors.
2023-12-18 10:40:11 AM	I like the new revision with green on bottom. Coming from farming area of the state, green needs to be on flag.
2023-12-18 10:41:08 AM	<p>I really love the design you've chosen, it's been my favorite throughout the process! Some of the proposed adjustments to it I think make it not so good though :(</p> <p>Please keep all three colors in the stripes and please don't make the shape of Minnesota asymmetric! The original was really well balanced and looked good from different angles and I think those changes would ruin that.</p> <p>I'm so excited for our new flag!</p>

<p>2023-12-18 10:42:31 AM</p>	<p>Not sure if this is the proper feedback form, but using this as a feedback form.</p> <p>I applaud your choice to move forward with F1953 as the base design. I am in several flag communities and discussions, both MN-based and global and of the 3 finalists, F1953 was far and away the preferred choice after the elimination of F29.</p> <p>I appreciate both the use of the 8-point star and the use of the inverted chevron ("K" shape) on the hoist side which is, to my knowledge, unique in flags.</p> <p>I would like to offer feedback on 3 areas: star, "K" shape, and colors</p> <p>I want to request that the star be oriented so that the single point points north. My reasons are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Clash of angles. The angles of the right-most edge of the star and of the "K" clash to a degree that distracts from the rest of the flag. Meanwhile, rotating the star so it has a single point pointing to the right at the corner of the "K" provides great symmetry and angles. A single point of the star points to the corner of the "K" while the star points above and below have an almost identical angle to the angle of the "K." See what I mean and the comparison the two versions here: https://imgur.com/a/EJXxFXl. 2.Current way looks like a cross as much as a star. Perhaps it's just me, but I see a thick cross with wedges cut out of the four arms more than I see a star. When it's rotated, it actually looks like a star. 3.Rotating allows single points pointing north, south, east, west. Not only does this bring in the "north" aspect of the North Star more clearly, it also allows it to be seen as more akin to a compass rose. <p>I understand there is a desire to keep the M shape prominent, however I think this comes at too high a cost for the overall visual appeal.</p> <p>Secondly, while I appreciate the asymmetrical Minnesota shape introduced toward the end of</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:43:31 AM</p>	<p>I've been watching the flag process with interest and have reviewed options for redesign of 1953. I would 100% advocate for 1) maintaining the symmetry of the dark blue Minnesota shape, to preserve the integrity of the design whether it is hung vertically or even upside-down;2) returning to the original "north star" which is more unique to Minnesota, though if the "8 pointed/quilt star" is ultimately chosen, it must have a point centered at the top/bottom rather than the "v" between 2 points;3) returning to the 1953 original stripe order and colors, which were INSTANTLY recognizable to me as lake at the bottom, trees/land in the middle (and the green of which makes the star "pop" better"), and a snow-filled sky at the top. If the flag is hung upside-down (as it surely will be sometime, by accident), it still feels like Minnesota to me! The white stripe in the middle negates the effect entirely and makes the star lose visible interest. Thank you for considering my thoughts as you reach the end of this process.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:44:42 AM</p>	<p>I would like to express an opinion of liking 1953 A with the original stripe order. I do not like version B or C. Thanks for your consideration.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 10:49:42 AM</p>	<p>PLEASE stop changing the flag from the original artist's design. The way it was created was perfect, the changes to the colors, ordering, and especially the star are terrible. It was great as designed, stop trying to change it just because you can. At least revert the star to the original if nothing else, the 8-pointed star looks so generic and bad.</p>

2023-12-18 10:50:52 AM	The colors are terrible. The star (is that...a star?) is laughable. You guys...no.
2023-12-18 10:55:31 AM	For the flag design 1953, please leave the symmetrical chevron at the left as it is. This is a subtle reference to the state shape, but does not need to be so literal as the asymmetrical alterations that were being made recently. Good design should reference but not imitate. Thank you
2023-12-18 10:56:47 AM	does no one realize that Minnesota is no longer the "star of the north"? when Alaska became a state almost 65 years ago, it became the north star state! you need to change the state motto. why show a star on the flag and seal when it is no longer correct. why not show a glacier or a tropical sea, if you want to show something from the past that is no longer relevant?
2023-12-18 10:57:59 AM	Please reconsider removing the redundant Dakota term from the proposed state seal. It is obviously divisive, even within this committee. The state of Minnesota deserves a seal that unites rather than divides.
2023-12-18 10:58:08 AM	1953 A !
2023-12-18 10:58:13 AM	Please keep with the original design of F1953! Make it three stripes with white on top, and the Minnesota K symmetry intact!
2023-12-18 11:00:54 AM	The proposed revisions to 1953 are all worse than the original. While I understand the significance of the star it is far less visually appealing than the original design. Using the Minnesota branding colors which are already beginning to look dated is inferior to the more timeless muted colors in the original. The unsymmetric Chevron is the worst offender of all the changes. The symmetric Chevron is a nice nod to the shape of Minnesota that still looks great on a flag while the unsymmetric is just too much.
2023-12-18 11:04:14 AM	As a resident of the state, for the final design I strongly support a variant of F1953 with a symmetrical "Minnesota" shape. The abstract symmetrical shape represents the state while also maintaining a visually pleasing balance. Also, when the flag is hung vertically, the symmetrical shape will point directly to the North Star, emphasizing a key identity of the state. I also think that green should be in the flag, since from the farmlands of the south to the woodlands of the north, our state is filled with that color. Thank you!
2023-12-18 11:04:21 AM	Considerations involving changing the "Minnesota" shape to an asymmetrical design should be thrown out. The symmetrical shape does more than enough to evoke the shape of our state, without threatening the natural balance and beauty of the overall design. The uniqueness of the inverted chevron among national, state, provincial, and regional flags is a cool opportunity - please don't overthink it by making it unattractively asymmetrical.
2023-12-18 11:07:48 AM	I do not support changing the design for the flag so that the chevron on the left is asymmetrical. Having a flag that is symmetrical is more aesthetically pleasing and is more appropriate for a flag design. Also, including the Dakota language on the state seal implies that the Dakota are the only Native American tribe in the state (or the most significant) and is not inclusive of others such as the Ojibwe. We should not set that precedent when trying to be inclusive of the state's native american population.

2023-12-18 11:10:18 AM	I like the flag design that was settled on what I am thinking is that the dark blue "MN" should have the angle further down as some of the renderings have shown. This is more representative of the state shape. I also like the green to be on the bottom and be a darker pine color. I also like a white stripe to represent snow and a lighter sky/water blue stripe
2023-12-18 11:10:34 AM	I am in favor of 1953 C, with a simple light blue field to the right of the dark blue symmetrical chevron. This design is simple and striking and visually arresting. It puts the focus on the unique chevron shape and lets the star shine. Eliminating stripes lets the flag use less to say more and results in a unique and compelling symbol of our beautiful state.
2023-12-18 11:13:29 AM	Seal and flag designs must not contain symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized. This is your own rule and the committee would be breaking that rule by including the Dakota word for Minnesota on the seal and the Dakota star on the flag.
2023-12-18 11:14:23 AM	I think the flag should be closer the original f1935 design with the muted colors. The eight pointed star should also be like the one displayed at the capitol
2023-12-18 11:14:34 AM	Please do not do the asymmetrical Minnesota shape. . . it looks really bad (in an "unintentional" sort of way) and takes away from the simple genius of the base design. I also think that a "forest" green looks better than the lime green, but that grievance is far below the asymmetrical plain considerations. More voices do not necessarily make a better product. Thank you for your hard work, this is a tough task!
2023-12-18 11:16:16 AM	I want to voice my support for the symmetrical chevron design and the original ordering of the colored stripes on the F1953 flag design. The asymmetrical shape proposed at the end of the last meeting is taking the design of the shape too literally. Having an ugly shape that makes people double-take is not a good design for a flag. Also, moving the blue stripe to the top of the flag removes the meaning of it representing water. We are the land of 10,000 lakes; it says so on all of our license plates. Having the blue on the top seems to represent blue skies, and many midwest states can be represented by the green/white/blue of fields/snow/sky. The lakes and rivers are what make Minnesota stand out. Lastly, I understand the desire to have the colors match the current Minnesota government-branded colors. However, I feel that the very bright green will easily become dated and does a poor job of representing natural green. I wouldn't eliminate the green, as it adds a great contrast, but maybe use the original green or something in between. Thank you for taking on this process. I'm sure you are getting much criticism, but we are heading towards a great new flag!
2023-12-18 11:18:21 AM	Great job narrowing it down to these few designs! Of the remaining designs I think 1953 A with the original stripe order is a good choice. I think not having white in the middle helps to keep the stripes from looking too much like a traditional tricolor. I also think that keeping green on the flag keeps it from being too dull. Good luck with your selection!
2023-12-18 11:18:35 AM	New flag was not needed. Old flag was historic. New flag sucks. Just another National Socialist waste of time and money.

<p>2023-12-18 11:20:58 AM</p>	<p>NO QUESTION! I have the answer.....NO NEW FLAG BS. Who the hell is wasting more time, money and resources on this? Go fix a pot hole or better manage the budget. Maybe protect the assets "WE" have. Police precinct that is vandalized and burned to the ground! Give Service or get a real job to provide for yourself. This is a national embarrassment and waste of time. . Not a thing wrong with the current flag/emblem. Show the respect to the flag!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 11:23:07 AM</p>	<p>Please keep the original star design and the original stripe order. The "fat" 8-point star with even points looks too much like an asterix. The original stripe order ensures we aren't confused for uzbekistan. Also, please avoid blue-white-blue...that belongs to Argentina.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 11:23:36 AM</p>	<p>You should keep F1953's original star, it's far more attractive than the 8-way rotationally symmetric version. If the 8-way rotationally symmetric version must be kept then please align it as compass points.</p> <p>Do not under any circumstances change the symmetry of the chevron. It's a gloriously unobtrusive allusion to our state's unique shape and this is a flag, not a map.</p> <p>The order of the colors can change from the original - this is a flag, not a landscape - and blue/white/green is fine for contrast purposes, though not a necessary change. But avoid blue/white/blue or all-blue: we might be noted for our frequently frosty weather but having so much blue overemphasizes it.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 11:26:19 AM</p>	<p>Please keep the original 3 colors of the design in order. The white (snowy sky) on top, the green (land) in the middle, and the blue (lakes/waters) below. It just makes sense, looks awesome, and differentiates our flag from others of similar design.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 11:29:01 AM</p>	<p>You should use the star from 1953 B and the original stripe order</p>
<p>2023-12-18 11:34:05 AM</p>	<p>I really love the flag design 1953 A with the original stripe order. I hope you take comments into consideration. Thank you!!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 11:34:06 AM</p>	<p>I like the visuals of the original star better than the 8 point star, but understand the additional significance behind it. I can get behind the updated star, but I think the original chevron symmetry is perfect. Do not make it more realistic, flags are not pictures.</p> <p>I also prefer the original stripe pattern with 3 equal stripes of tricolor. The original colors are beautiful and represent Minnesota so well.</p>

<p>2023-12-18 11:34:59 AM</p>	<p>Please consider, for the tricolor portion of the F1953 flag the following: light blue on top, white in the middle, and light blue again on the bottom. Preferably each of equal height.</p> <p>This will evoke, in a simply, conceptual way. the Dakota meaning of “Minnesota”: a land whose waters reflect the color of the sky above.</p> <p>The white between them at the same time reminds one of the cloudy nature of that sky and that water in the original meaning, but also can evoke images of a frozen lake surface, the spray and foam of any of our iconic waterfalls, or the whitecaps on Lake Superior.</p> <p>The vertical symmetry which this will provide for the overall flag means that nobody can fly the flag up-side down, whether intentionally or not. Also, there will be no need to clarify a proper vertical orientation, since the flag will read the same no matter which way it’s hung.</p> <p>Centering the white will eliminate the problem of a long white edge on a flag sometimes has when displayed on a white background.</p> <p>Also eliminating a color will simplify the profile of the flag, without robbing the flag from its potential for meaningful symbolism.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 11:36:52 AM</p>	<p>Please keep the symmetry of the original "1953" flag design, it looks nicer from every angle and still symbolizes the shape of our state without being too on-the-nose about it or sacrificing aesthetics the way the asymmetrical variants do. Please also consider keeping the 3 stripes, I see no need to reduce their number, as each band of color represents a core element of our state's natural beauty and I believe this design will best stand the test of time.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 11:48:50 AM</p>	<p>I like 1953A with original stripe order</p>
<p>2023-12-18 11:50:36 AM</p>	<p>I am really happy the commission went with the 1953 design. That being said, I do hope they keep the symmetrical design with the star in the center. The shape will always be an approximation of our great state, and I don't think it is worth breaking the symmetry to bring it slightly more inline. I think the asymmetric design especially fails when hanging the flag in the vertical orientation. Lastly, I think it is important to keep the stripes. I think at least one of the stripes should be green. I also hope that the commission decides on a darker green, and not the near neon version in the branding outline. Honestly, the colors in the original design look really good already and do not need to be tweaked. Lastly, I hope the star has one of its points aligned north/south. Thanks for your consideration and all of your work during this process. I am really exciting we are getting a new flag and I am looking forward to flying it proudly!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 11:54:50 AM</p>	<p>Please keep the flag symmetrical and use three equal stripes. Having a blue white blue design or the original stripe order looks best. The symmetry is essential to the flag’s overall appeal and having an offset chevron would ruin that. I would also like to see the 8 pointed star slightly smaller.</p>

<p>2023-12-18 11:55:58 AM</p>	<p>Thank you for your work. I would like to comment that I believe any design adopted should retain the three stripe design and not have an asymmetric chevron. I would also like to comment my support for the final flag design to possess the original star proposed by the initial submission number F1953. Other color and line changes are visually pleasing and accessible to everyone, but the original star design would be more visually distinctive and accessible to those viewing the design from a distance and viewing it online. Thank you.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 11:56:50 AM</p>	<p>I love the choice of F1953 for the new state flag, but the original colors and order on the tricolor are superior to the current iteration. Personally, I prefer the original version of F1953 over the redesigns but I understand that the new star has important historical and symbolic significance and is a good choice. Keeping the Minnesota-shaped field on the flag symmetrical is better than making it more Minnesota-shaped because it creates an arrow pointing towards the North Star when the flag is hung vertically. I can see this flag being displayed next to the US flag at the Xcel or Target Center and having the tricolor pointing up (symmetrically) at the North Star will be far more visually appealing than having an offset arrow pointing slightly to the side of the North Star.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
<p>2023-12-18 11:57:13 AM</p>	<p>https://i.imgur.com/H6LQ89g_d.webp?maxwidth=1520&fidelity=grand</p> <p>Please consider these flag alterations: but specifically the second one from the top in the left-most column.</p> <p>A dark-blue swallowtail, or inverted chevron, design evoking the shape of Minnesota, adorned with a “Starflake” icon - with an eight-pointed star in white, atop a light blue Polaris star. The remaining fly of the flag is made up of a light blue top and bottom horizontal thirds, with a pure white third in the middle.</p> <p>This flag evokes the distinct character of the state, while applying meaningful, lasting symbolism of a) The North Star b) the selburose design notable from several diverse artistic traditions evoking the snowflake of our wintry climate c) a vexillologically unique application of a swallowtail design which also doubles as a conceptual image of the geographical shape of our state itself and d) the conceptual representation (in tricolor form) of the original Dakota term “Mni Sota Makoce”: water whose clouded color reflects that of the sky above.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 11:57:43 AM</p>	<p>I was prompted by the creator of the finalist to submit any opinions and had the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The chevron design on the flag should remain as is (symmetrical). I understand the thought behind the asymmetrical design appearing more like the outline of the state, but I feel the symbolism doesn't need to be taken so literally and the asymmetrical design unfortunately looks atrocious. - The green color on the flag should remain the same (darker/subdued color). Lime green doesn't reflect the symbolism of trees/nature as accurately as a more natural, darker green. The brighter lime green is another change that would be a downgrade from the original design. - If the star is changed, the eight-point star variant should have a point that points up. This looks better than the other variant by far. - Having the stripe colors be white between two blue lines would be a good option as well. The symbolism behind it is a good touch.

2023-12-18 12:00:46 AM	Great choice. But please do not use the 8 pointed star. It is the "Ohio Star" quilt block pattern. It is a very common and recognizable pattern.
	<p>I'm excited for a new flag, and I have the following comments!</p> <p>Minnesota being a symmetrical chevron is important to me. It does not need to be realistic.</p> <p>The original 'north star' looks better than the new 8-pointed star, but I'm OK with it because of the significance.</p> <p>I prefer the original stripe order and colors, and I feel most strongly about this idea out of all my comments. The white stripe on top is distinct compared to other tri-color flags, and I love it so much. The muted colors help make the flag FEEL like a classic that represents my midwest values. Changing the colors to be more bright feels corporate and hollow.</p> <p>The original 'north star' looks better than the 8-pointed star, but I'm OK with it because of the significance.</p>
2023-12-18 12:01:13 PM	Thank you for reading, -Matt
2023-12-18 12:02:57 PM	Submission 1953A is the best of the available, please use that one. I do with we could just use the original iteration with polaris star and slightly muted colors. It felt so cozy, and i was going to buy one to fly. Now im not sure ill feel proud of the new flag.
2023-12-18 12:03:46 PM	<p>Thank you for selecting an excellent design as the basis for Minnesota's new flag. The symmetrical chevron and three equal stripes are a beautiful design choice that will stand the test of time. I hope that any further revisions maintain this symmetry as well as the stripes.</p> <p>I understand the committee's desire to use Minnesota's official branded colors in the updated flag. In my personal opinion, the green stripe clashes in this color palette. I prefer the variation with the two blue stripes on either side of the middle white stripe. This has the added benefit of further distinguishing Minnesota from other states with tricolor flags.</p>
2023-12-18 12:03:48 AM	Thank you for all your work giving Minnesotans a classic, timeless flag that we can appreciate for years to come.
2023-12-18 12:03:48 AM	Your revisions are ugly. Please change it back the original. You're making it to the point that I would not purchase any merchandise with it on it simply because you've taken the charm away from it. Also, F29 was gorgeous and it's a shame that it did not make it further.
2023-12-18 12:05:51 AM	The options being considered are being "over thought" to the detriment of the design. The chevron should stay symmetrical, not adjusted to "look more like the state silhouette." You don't need to hit people over the head with the intended symbolism. The original star was much more unique and representative of the state. I'd wear a MN themed hat with the original star, no one would wear a hat with the current star (I understand the significance). The goal should be to create something timeless that people are proud to represent and would want to show off. Please consult some actual designers and artists and avoid the too many cooks in the kitchen dilemma. This is a once in a life time opportunity to create something iconic, don't let it suck.

2023-12-18 12:06:07 AM	Hello, I would just like to voice my opinion that the original flag design of 1953 needs no modification. The committee is greatly over thinking this and risking turning something timeless and unifying into a joke. Please keep the symmetrical chevron and original order of white, green, blue strips. The star, while I'm partial to the original, I can understandably see being modified.
2023-12-18 12:09:06 AM	<p>I like the original F1953 design better than any of the alterations. If you must make changes, I think the star is the best place to do them. I really liked the star from submission f29, called the "Starflake." I think it incorporates the right symbolism- it evokes our state's traditions with the 8-sided star without prioritizing one group, while also giving the flag a visually pleasing splash of bright color.</p> <p>I don't know if links are allowed, but just look at this beauty: https://krikienoid.github.io/flagwaver/#?src=https%3A%2F%2Fi.imgur.com%2FtWwNupM.png</p> <p>Above all: Please keep the chevron symmetrical. It looks way better when hung vertically.</p>
2023-12-18 12:09:11 AM	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I would like to voice my strong preference for the original stripe order of white, green, blue (from top to bottom) on the 1953a flag. I feel like it does a much better job of representing our vast waters, green wilderness, and snowy winters. The white stripe on top is unconventional, but looks great after being used to it and would stand out better on a blue sky than the top stripe blue version.</p> <p>Best,</p>
2023-12-18 12:10:25 PM	I hope the commission keeps the chevron symmetrical and opts for option B as it looks much better when flying.
2023-12-18 12:15:42 PM	For the final design of 1953, please keep the shape of the state symmetrical. The asymmetrical version is truly so incredibly ugly. The original symmetry and tricolor look the best. Any arrangement of the three colors looks great.
2023-12-18 12:16:53 AM	I am most fond of the 1953 A version of the flag with the stripe order being white, green, blue.
2023-12-18 12:17:39 PM	Why change the stripe color/order? The designer chose that arrangement for specific, symbolic purposes. Personally, F1953A looks best with the original order - white, green, blue - blue for lakes, green for the forests, white for the snow cover. I hope you take this into consideration.
2023-12-18 12:18:27 PM	Please select the original 1953 design and not one of the variations!
2023-12-18 12:18:35 PM	I prefer the original Polaris star the designer submitted for the 1953 state flag, with the tricolor pattern in any configuration on the right.

I have a comment for the committee that I hope can be forwarded to them ahead of tomorrow's meeting.

I realize how thankless this job/process has been and I thank you for your role in bringing this important new part of our state to life. As a lifelong Minnesotan and someone who has worked in the graphic design world for much of my career, I've kept a close eye on the process. And I must say I, like many, was thrilled with the decision to choose flag 1953.

But I was dismayed by the 11th-hour push to materially change the design that had garnered so much support. I hope you'll consider staying with the original design with a more abstract Minnesota shape vs. the more literal interpretation of the shape proposed at the last minute for the following reasons...

- 1)The best design doesn't spell out concepts/hit people over the head with them, it allows the audience to draw its own inspiration from its elements. Look at the Minnesota Wild logo. It's consistently lauded as one of the best logos in sports. People are blown away by the subtle but clever representation of the bear's head. It's not a graphic drawing of an actual bear--it's much more complex...and so much better than that.
- 2)By making the Minnesota shape much more of a literal representation, you're much more intentionally signaling out/marketing a certain part of the state as the "star" of the state—something that I think goes against what the committee is trying to accomplish with this.
- 3)It just doesn't work vertically, which is how it will often hang.

And I have to say, it felt really uncomfortable to have the chairperson pull out this new design at the 11th hour. The design that the artist submitted is the one so many Minnesotans had gotten behind and supported. I understand that tweaks will be made, but that felt much more like a new flag that had been held back from view and which did not reflect the unique work of that designer.

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<p>2023-12-18 12:21:55 PM</p>	<p>I just want to provide some feedback on the final proposed flag designs before the next meeting. I like the direction we're going and feel that the 1953-based flag will look really nice if we keep it simple.</p> <p>First, I really like the symmetrical chevron shape on the left. I know there has been some discussion about making the chevron asymmetrical to better reflect the state's shape, but I think that would be unnecessary and detract from the appeal of the flag. The chevron is already unique among flags and instantly iconic because of its visually-pleasing symmetry. It does not need to be made less perfect just because Minnesota is slightly differently shaped.</p> <p>Also, the star on the chevron looks best when it's oriented like a compass star (with point bits N, S, E, and W).</p> <p>As far as the color stripes, I've heard there was also discussion about making those unevenly sized? I think that would also be a mistake — three equal stripes of sky blue, snow white, and green are already great and making them unequal would detract from the appeal of the flag. As far as the order of the colors, blue-white-green has a very nice balance that I like better than the original white-blue-green. I like the presence of the green, since it gives the flag some nice pop, but stripes of blue-white-blue also look nice. A solid sky-blue field doesn't quite have the same appeal to it.</p> <p>I think we're on a great track for an iconic new state flag. The 1953 design is simple and distinctive, the kind of thing I would love to get on a bumper sticker, patch on a backpack, or even as a tattoo. I think the right move is to keep it simple with pleasing symmetry, and it can be a design that the state is happy with and proud of for 100 years and more.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:22:32 PM</p>	<p>The final seal design is wonderful and represents the state very well. On the other hand, I hate what the final flag design may be. Looking at it, I can't immediately understand the symbolism and instead got a sense of the Eastern European bloc (the shape of the star and straight block designs). We shouldn't have to read about the symbolism to understand the flag; it should be clear at first look, which I don't think it is. In your final tweak, at least change the star to one of the previous designs that looked more slender and like a mariners compass. I appreciate the committee's work, but this final design does not make me proud of Minnesota and who we are environmentally and culturally.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:24:35 AM</p>	<p>The original colors for F1935 are perfect please do not use the other proposed colors for the redesign. I also still think the original star was better but if you need to change it to a Dakota star please orient one of the points vertically.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:25:02 AM</p>	<p>Please stick close to the original design of F1953 for the new flag! Offsetting the angle of the dark blue section throws off the symmetry, comes across too heavy-handed as an image of MN, would be harder to accurately reproduce, and just doesn't look as good. The stripe colors work well as they are too, with the white, green, and blue all symbolizing important aspects of our state's natural beauty. Getting rid of any of them would detract from the symbolism and recognizability of the new design. The redesigned star is alright, although I prefer the original Polaris design (we are the North Star State, after all).</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:25:20 AM</p>	<p>My 1st choice of the 4 options would be 1953 A with the original stripe order. The 4 colors offer more to the design and in a more logical way.</p>

2023-12-18 12:27:54 PM	Please keep the original design, layout and colors, The original star is elegant. The new star is too basic. The original colors and layout are better. The changes have watered down the design and make the flag bland. The flag should be beautiful and unique. The alterations make it look like a kmart bedspread from the 90's.
2023-12-18 12:28:37 AM	For the love of god put the white stripe at the top I cannot tolerate a middle white stripe, and DO NOT change colors just to match government website colors, the original F1953 is perfect the way it is, UNDO ALL REDESIGNS TO F1953!!!
2023-12-18 12:28:39 AM	I like F1953A. The symmetrical inverted triangle already subtly references Minnesotas shape, I dont think that should be tweaked at all. The water/snow/land colors are great and I favor putting white in the middle. It really makes the flag stand out when that white stripe is in alignment with the 8 pointed white star. The colors have great balance and the white does great to make it pop. I think changing the dark blue to anything else lighter or brighter would be a mistake. Thanks
2023-12-18 12:29:11 PM	Please keep the design for F1953 symmetrical. I like option 17.
2023-12-18 12:30:09 PM	Please do not make the flag asymmetrical!
2023-12-18 12:31:19 PM	I like design option 17 or 18 for flag 1953. Keep it balanced and symmetrical.
2023-12-18 12:31:33 AM	I must emphatically implore that the committee keep the original tricolor design for the finalist flag. The faded colors, the symmetrical chevron, all of it is perfect as it was originally submitted. It would take courage to admit that a singular artist's vision is better than design by committee but that is how I and (I truly believe) most Minnesotans feel. Please resist the urge to include your own personal touch from a flag which affects all of us. I say again, it's perfect as it was submitted.
2023-12-18 12:33:20 AM	Please use F1953!!! It's the best design out of all I've seen!
2023-12-18 12:35:56 AM	Howdy folks, As someone who's going to be represented by this flag, I'd like to drop my opinion into consideration. I really liked the original design and it seems like these changes have been made just for the sake of making changes and are to the flag's detriment. I think the original stripes and color order looked much better, and the proposed asymmetrical chevron would be disastrous visually. Obviously this is anecdotal and relates only to my social circle, but everyone I've talked to about it feels the same way. Hope you'll take our opinions into consideration! Wishing you all luck with this important decision and of course, happy holidays!
2023-12-18 12:36:02 AM	Please select 1953A with the original stripe order. The original design and order is a classic look and encompasses a lot of important parts of our state.
2023-12-18 12:36:56 AM	1953 A is superior! My family loves it and I think everyone else will too. Great work!!!

<p>2023-12-18 12:39:06 PM</p>	<p>I think the original version of 1953 should be chosen as the state flag. The alterations to the original design take away from the design. The 8-pointed North Star on the original is unique and eye-catching. The more muted color palette is also unique among flags and evokes muted northern colors. Finally, the white bar should be on top of the flag. No other tricolor flag places white on top. The original design is far more unique than the variations and would best distinguish Minnesota's flag. Thank you.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:39:35 AM</p>	<p>Please choose F1953 B (blue-white-blue stripes). It's an objectively beautiful flag, it represents our state effectively, and it reflects the symbology of Minnesota's name in Dakota.</p> <p>When looking through the most recent mock-ups circulating online, 1953 B stands out as being exceptionally well-balanced. The blue stripes on the top and bottom are aesthetically pleasing and memorable. The white stripe in the middle aligns with the white star and ties the flag together perfectly. All Minnesotans can relate to the sky, the snow, and the water (10,000 lakes). This flag also recognizes the origins of our state's name by depicting "sky-tinted-water" without being too literal. The only thing I would change would be the star; I preferred the "Polaris"-style north star, which is more attractive, relatable, and discernible from a distance.</p> <p>In "real world" mock-ups, 1953 A (with the white stripe in the middle) looks better than I previously thought; it would be my second choice. The green stripe is eye-catching, but the green stripe doesn't feel as Minnesota-specific as the white and blue.</p> <p>1953 A (original design) was a great starting point, but the design feels unbalanced with the white stripe at the top, and the white would get lost against the sky.</p> <p>1953 C is too much of a deviation from the original design that the public supported. And in "real world" mock-ups, the massive section of light blue gets lost against the sky.</p> <p>Please choose 1953 B (or, if you must keep the green stripe, then choose 1953 A with the white stripe in the middle).</p> <p>Thank you! Have a great day! I'm so excited to see the final design on Tuesday!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:41:08 PM</p>	<p>The abstract Minnesota on the flag being symmetrical is essential to making the flag look pretty. It doesn't need to look more like Minnesota for people to understand the idea. Likewise, having the stripes be equal width is vital to ensuring the flag remains timeless.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:41:33 PM</p>	<p>Please keep F1953 as it was originally submitted. If the star must change, please keep everything else the same.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:43:49 PM</p>	<p>The state seal should not favor one ethnic group, the Dakota, over any other ethnic group. There are hundreds of ethnic groups in Minnesota like the Ojibwe. We can't accommodate them all on the seal. The state motto should be returned to the seal instead of the Dakota phrase</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:43:54 AM</p>	<p>I think the original order of the stripes should stay - white, green, blue. Otherwise it could resemble Uzbekistan's flag or other existing flags (white green blue isn't a known country flag). The star is nice, although the original looks better to the eye for some reason.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

2023-12-18 12:45:42 AM	Flag 1953A should be used as it keeps the similar stripping to the original artists design and pls keep the symmetrical design not asymmetrical which will ruin it.
2023-12-18 12:45:58 AM	The flag sucks go back to the old one
2023-12-18 12:46:05 PM	Please keep the F1953 flag as it was originally submitted, especially the muted colors!
	<p>The original design of the flag was great I don't know why you thought you had to change it AT ALL!</p> <p>The new 8 pointed star is stupid. The Polaris star was perfect. The new 8-pointed "butthole" star is terrible and I don't know why the committee had to go and mess up something that was fine to begin with.</p> <p>The flag should remain 3 colors and AGAIN should have not been changed from it's original design. The only blue one is the WORST of the bad redesigns. We are also NOT Argentina the blue and white one is also terrible. After all the submissions and voting to arrive at something that everyone was generally happy about and have it messed with at the last minute is ridiculous.</p>
2023-12-18 12:47:10 PM	TLDR: Approve the original design of the flag. The modified versions all suck. Everyone especially hates the changes to the star.
2023-12-18 12:47:55 PM	PLEASE bring back the original Star and colors to the F1935. The original looks far more timeless and appealing. The unsymmetrical star in the current revision looks horrible and the colors are far too high contrast. The North Star, evenly shaped "Minnesota" outline, and colors of the original are far better.
2023-12-18 12:49:49 PM	<p>Hello, my name is Donald Richards. I have been a lifelong resident of Minnesota. This is less of a question and more of a comment. I would like to advocate for the original 1953 tricolor flag. I am not necessarily against the change in the star shape as much as the change of the inverted triangle. At the last meeting, the committee discussed about changing it to look more like the state of Minnesota. I for one do not believe that it is necessary and actually make the flag look significantly worse, especially in the vertical position. I know there some in the committee that believe there is a need to have a bold symbol that shows it is a Minnesota flag but given time the flag itself will be that bold symbol. The shape of the inverted triangle was inspired by the shape of the state, it was not supposed to be a literal interpretation. If we wanted the flag to blatantly show it was the Minnesota flag, we may as well write the name on the flag like the last one (PLEASE DONT DO THIS). I also believe that having the white stripe is needed also. It represents our winters. Which whenever I encounter a non-Minnesotan, is what first pops in their heads when they hear about the state of Minnesota. I also suggest we keep the white stripe on the top like the original instead of the middle. Most (if not all) tricolor flags have the white stripe in the middle. This gives it a distinction that the other flags around the world do not have and would be distinct to our state. Plus the fact that the blue stripe is supposed to represent water not the sky and would be best represented on the bottom. I thank you for all your hard work. Donald Richards.</p>

<p>2023-12-18 12:50:30 PM</p>	<p>After much reflection, and mockups posted on the Minnesotans for a better flag group on Facebook, F 1953 A (or really F1953-18?) as posted on the SERC website Friday Dec 15, is my favorite flag variation, with the 8 pointed star balanced on two points, and stripes in blue-white-green. I retract my former enthusiasm for the blue-white-blue stripe variant. Please keep the symmetry! The symmetrical abstract Minnesota (swallowtail, capital K, rotated M) is enough, and it's more subtle. An asymmetrical abstract Minnesota is overly literal, in your face, and loses its integrity vertically where it looks like a snowy mountain with a star to the east, and in the reverse (opposite side of the flag) it looks backwards rather than elegant and symbolic.</p> <p>In fact, I think Andrew Prekker's original proportions for F1953 A (bold Minnesota) are better than the F1953-18 ("skinny" Minnesota) for our new flag. Bolder deeper blue stripe above and bolder green stripe below better reflect the identity of this northern state, and having colors that directly correspond to the new state seal would be a big win. Perhaps in both flag and seal the green could be a little lighter in hue so the deep green contrasts adequately with navy, as they both touch. In Andrew Prekker's version the size of the star corresponds to the width of the white band, which allows the star to be less cramped, more free like in the sky. As another commenter somewhere said, the star then looks like a cutout of the white stripe that extends under the navy to the hoist. "Skinny Minnesota" as Chair Fitch calls it, is too skinny, and the enlarged star feels crowded. The F1953A wider Minnesota feels more solid, "stately," grounded, spacious...and provides more space for the Star of the North. The swallowtail is wider, giving a more balanced look to the overall flag.</p> <p>I think F1953 A best represents all of us across the state, and with the green includes southern agricultural regions and northern pines, as well as the references to water, sky, and snow, and is most distinctive when compared to US state flags and international flags. Positive features of this flag variation with green-white-blue stripes: the Minnesota North Star, especially in this grounded Dakota star/Scandinavian selburose orientation, a unifying star to call our own; star matches the Capitol rotunda, and more; an elegant abstraction of Minnesota; 5 embedded M's (one is in the navy MN shape); 10,000 lakes and the origin of the Mississippi River; sky blue</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:50:31 PM</p>	<p>The original design is my favorite option. I still like the current design, but I really hope the asymmetric design is not selected. Among numerous conversations with different social groups, everyone has agreed the symmetric version is preferred.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:51:41 PM</p>	<p>I really like the original north star in the F1953 design - I understand the significance of the 8 pointed star but it does not feel unique, whereas the north star would be easily identifiable and could be symbolic on its own. I do not think the green should be lime, but rather a more traditional green color, and I love the shape of the blue symmetrical Minnesota in the shape it has been since the original submission. I'm very glad this was the submission that was chosen!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:51:47 AM</p>	<p>I prefer submission F1953 without any revisions. I especially like the colors and order of the stripes</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:53:26 PM</p>	<p>Please do not move the center of the chevron to be offset of the flag's center.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:53:32 PM</p>	<p>Do not make the flag asymmetrical to mimic the Minnesota shape. It looks horrible. Have some subtlety. Don't ruin this, you're so close to making a good choice.</p>

<p>2023-12-18 12:56:09 PM</p>	<p>Why did you choose to put Dakota language on the state emblem when the criteria specifically stated you should avoid singling out one group? Especially considering other native American tribes in Minnesota are not included?</p> <p>What is the rationale for suggesting changing the colors of F1953 to include the current branding colors of the state government? This color palette seems arbitrary and the lime green in particular does not look good on the flag as compared with the original F1953 proposal.</p> <p>Finally, if you choose to use the 8 point star on the flag, please make sure to orient it so that it points upright, and actually looks like a star</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:56:57 AM</p>	<p>I am very happy to see that the SERC chose F1935 as the basis for the next MN state flag. It is a beautiful flag that I would proudly fly as a born and raised Minnesotan.</p> <p>The original design of F1935 is striking and beautiful. I understand (and even prefer) the changes to the star. The new "Minnesota Star" is interesting with its hidden "M" element.</p> <p>However, The Minnesota chevron on the left side of the flag is much better when symmetrical. Flags are not graded by their verisimilitude but by their symbolism. Simple and easy shapes are timeless. Please don't over complicate things in the name of "realism".</p> <p>I also strongly prefer the original flag colors and order of the stripes. I understand if you chose to re-order the stripes but please stick with the 3 original colors and having each stripe equally sized. Again this is not about realism but symbolism.</p> <p>Thanks for reading my comment.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:57:13 PM</p>	<p>Hi!</p> <p>I think you should keep the green stripe to represent the land and agriculture.</p> <p>I heard a rumor that the shades of the colors will be changed to match government websites. Please do not do this! Let an artist with knowledge of color theory determine the colors. Government websites are famously depressing and drab.</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:59:19 PM</p>	<p>Please keep the original stripe order and keep the Minnesota shape abstract for flag 1953A!</p>
<p>2023-12-18 12:59:51 PM</p>	<p>Dear SERC: While I do applaud the Commission for picking a great design (for lack of better terms: it's very flag-like without trying to do too much) that will age well into the future, I do harbor reservations about some of the design 'tweaks' that have been made. The original design is great - the tweaks and 'updates' the Commission has made are not great. Please keep the design as originally submitted, a flag we can all be proud to fly.</p>