

**Serve Idaho Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**April 13, 2023**  
**9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (MT)**  
**TownePlace Suites by Marriott – Boise Downtown**  
**1455 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83706**

Staff Present: Renee Bade, Dan Cabrera, Micaela de Loyola-Carkin, Kim Empey, Penelope Larsen, Heather Uhi

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

In attendance:

- ~~Alina Rahim~~
- Amanda Gardner
- Amy Little
- April Durrant
- Charlette Kremer
- Donald Lovejoy (online)
- Farhana Hibbert
- Julia Hopper
- Karma Fitzgerald
- Katie Mathias (online)
- Kevin Bailey
- Kimber Russell
- Kristi Keeler (online)
- Kristyn Carr (online)
- Mat Erpelding
- Rebecca Wood (online)
- ~~Susan Potucek~~

Visiting: Steve Adkins, Caleb Hibbert and Senator Carrie Semmelroth.

Motion to review and approve agenda:

- Motion: Amy Little
- Second: April Durrant
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to review and approve previous meeting minutes from January 19, 2023:

- Motion: Farhana Hibbert
- Second: April Durrant
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Introductions & Opening Question: What does community engagement mean to you?

AmeriCorps member moment provided by Steve Adkins.

Committee breakouts.

Presentation on formula funding process and grant committee recommendations provided by Kim Empey.

Motion to approve formula grant recommendations as recommended by the GARP committee:

- Motion: Mat Erpelding
- Second: Amy Little
- Farhana Hibbert abstained.
- Motion approved.

Outreach Committee Power Point Presentation. Farhana Hibbert gave an introduction. Karma Fitzgerald showed how she has used the Power Point to give four presentations in her community.

Lunch volunteer activity facilitated by April Durrant.

Program Committee report provided by Charlette Kremer.

Outreach Committee report provided by Farhana Hibbert.

Governance Committee report provided by Amy Little.

Idaho Department of Labor report provided by Kristyn Carr.

- Working on pending appointments
- Legislature update: House Bill 170- state agencies have to get approval to be involved with nonprofits. Didn't pass the house but may come back next year.
- House Bill 97- requires the controller's office to create a site that shows all agreements, effective in January.
- Idaho Launch expansion was approved.

AmeriCorps report provided by Donald Lovejoy.

- President's Budget for 2024: \$1.4 billion for AmeriCorps, which is a 17 percent increase.
- Tatiana Floyd was hired as portfolio manager. Working on filling Rio O'Neal's position.
- Commission support grant awards will be made mid- May.
- Volunteer Generation Awards- offered originally to city commissions, now also available to nonprofits.

Serve Idaho Executive Director report provided by Renee Bade.

- Use of ARPA dollars. Formula dollars and competitive funding.
- Outreach: Idaho Fish and Game, Idaho Association of Counties, Idaho Department of Commerce (will speak with 18 regional), One Stone
- Capital for a Day: Commissioner will give remarks and Governor will present a certificate.
- AmeriCorps Weeks: Proclamation signing by the Governor and Secretary of State.
- Volunteering in Civic Life Report is available.

American Service Commission Leadership Convening updates provided by Kimber Russell, Char Kremer and Renee Bade. Met with other state leadership to network and best practices. Asked legislators to serve on the National Service Caucus.

Serve Idaho Conference updates provided by Micaela de Loyola-Carkin.

- Conference was successful. Highlights included the conference committee, QR codes for session description and presenter information, Pete Grady provided professional headshot, hands-on service project.

AmeriCorps recruitment efforts updates provided by Micaela de Loyola-Carkin.

How to outreach to our networks including elected officials. Charlette Kremer gave a presentation on Working with Lawmakers 101, gave tips on contacting elected officials, and things to avoid.

- Senator Carrie Semmelroth asked us to include: How does the work you are advocating for add value? How can you stretch out investments? Talk dollars and cents. Things to consider: Who would lead the bill? Build support for the legislation. Include as many people as you can in the discussion.

Meeting dismissed by Chair Kimber Russell at 3:33 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Farhana Hibbert, Acting Secretary.