

**Serve Idaho Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**October 12, 2023**  
**9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (MT)**  
**SpringHill Suites by Marriott**  
**424 Parkcenter Blvd., Boise, ID 83706**

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

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m.

In attendance:

- ~~—Alina Rahim~~
- Amanda Gardner
- Amy Busch (online)
- Amy Little (online)
- April Durrant
- Becky Martin
- Cara Nielsen
- Charlette Kremer
- Chelsea Weeks (online)
- Eric Anderson
- Farhana Hibbert
- Jani Revier
- Destinie Hart
- Jennifer Hensley
- Julia Hopper (online)
- Karma Metzler Fitzgerald
- Katie Mathias (Represented by Chris Mathias proxy until 10 a.m.)
- ~~—Kevin Bailey~~
- Kimber Russell
- Kristi Keeler
- Mat Erpelding
- Mike Wilkson
- ~~—Rebecca Wood~~
- Stephanie Taylor-Thompson (online)
- ~~—Susan Potucek~~

Motion to review and approve October 12, 2023, Serve Idaho Commission agenda:

- Motion: Char Kremer
- Second: April Durrant
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to review and approve July 20, 2023, Commission meeting minutes:

- Motion: Farhana Hibbert

- Second: Kristi Keeler
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to review and approve August 21, 2023, Commission meeting minutes:

- Motion: Farhana Hibbert
- Second: Kristi Keeler
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Introductions & Opening Question

AmeriCorps member moment provided by Bob Stern.

Motion to elect Kristi Keeler for the 2024 Serve Idaho Commission Secretary.

- Motion: Farhana Hibbert
- Second: Mat Erpelding
- Approved by unanimous vote.
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Motion to elect Stephanie Taylor-Thompson for the 2024 Serve Idaho Commission Second Vice Chair.

- Motion: Katie Mathias
- Second: Mat Erpelding

Motion to elect Amanda Gardner for the 2024 Serve Idaho Commission Second Vice Chair.

Motion: Char Kremer  
Second: Karma Metzler Fitzgerald

Secret ballot submitted for second vice chair. Majority in favor of Amanda Gardner.

Motion to elect Katie Mathias for the 2024 Serve Idaho Commission First Vice Chair.

- Motion: Kimber Russell
- Second: Mat Erpelding
- Approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to elect Charlette Kremer for the 2024 Serve Idaho Commission Chair.

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

There was discussion regarding commission meeting restructuring.

Two in-person meetings per year- April and October 6 hours meetings that will focus on training.,  
2 virtual meetings in January & July -two hours each. We will vote on required items & updates from committees and staff. Committees will have the option to meet for an additional hour, if desired.

- January 18, 2024
- April 18, 2024 (in-person)
- July 18, 2024
- October 17, 2024 (in-person)

Motion to approve the commission restructure recommendations for one year, then revisit.

- Motion: Katie Mathias

- Second: Karma Metzler Fitzgerald
- Approved by majority vote, one nay.

#### 2022 – 2023 AmeriCorps Program Presentations

- Ampact/Idaho Reads provided by Lindsay Dolce, Stephanie, Erin, & Lizzy (Reading Corps)
- Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute provided by Courtney Warner & Amanda Miner from Moscow.
- Student Conservation Association provided by Tim Carroll.
- Idaho State University Institute of Rural Health Idaho HealthCorps and Gem State Health provide by Jana Bodily-Roan

Lunch volunteer activity facilitated by Karma Metzler Fitzgerald. Contributed items and made cards to create goodie bags for veterans.

#### 2022 – 2023 AmeriCorps Program Presentations

- University of Idaho provided by Natasha Tienhaara & Yosele Leon Perez. 5 for Five activity. Member recruitment through Indeed, career fairs and Zoom interviews.
- Teach for America provided by Marisa Wong - America's Opportunity Crisis. 20 years of learning loss attributed to pandemic. Has partnered with AmeriCorps for almost 30 years.

#### Committee Breakouts

#### Committee Report Outs

- Program Committee report provided by Mat Erpelding. April will serve as chair for clear policy for state competitive grants. Will work on revise policy change or decrease funding for grantees to January meeting, Reviewing grants next month. Commission meeting November 16<sup>th</sup> to review/approve grants.
- Outreach Committee report provided by Farhana Hibbert. Committee will identify goals and work on them at next outreach committee meeting.
- Governance Committee report provided by Amy Little. Updates provided on reappointments for 2024 as well as targeted outreach for the business and youth positions will take place.
- Idaho Department of Labor report provided by Jani Revier. She was not present at the time of presentation.
- AmeriCorps report provided by Amy Busch. She was not present at the time of the presentation.
- America's Service Commissions report provided by Charlette Kremer. Continuing resolution regarding budget November 17<sup>th</sup>, shutdown may happen. 1% cut in all programs beginning of year. Even if senate # passes, there will still be a huge loss in funding. Watch for ASC advocacy letter from Char. November 28<sup>th</sup> is AmeriCorps symposium
- Bill is in the works from Senator Semmelroth to remove the state tax from Segal award.

- Serve Idaho Executive Director report provided by Renee Bade.

A motion to conclude meeting made by: Katie Mathias

- Motion seconded by: Mat Erpelding
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting dismissed by Vice Chair Char Kremer at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristi Keeler.

Minutes approved by commission on January 18, 2024.