

Notice of Public Meeting
Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2025
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM (MT)

Attendees: [Emily Straubhar](#), Kimber Russell, Cara Neilson, Angela Lamb,

Welcome and Call to Order 9:02 AM

Kimber Russell

- Action Item: Approve February 13, 2025, Meeting Minutes
 - Cara approved, Amanda Seconded

Commissioner Appointment Process

Open Discussion

- Review Candidates and Make Recommendations
 - 4 members are up for reappointment
 - Received all paperwork from all four commissioners
 - Governors ask for two applications for every vacant slot
 - Write a letter that says this is what we strongly endorse and make a recommendation to the governor's office. Governor does have the opportunity to choose whomever they see fit.
 - Needing some clarification on some of the EO Positions filled
 - Becky is a tribal representation
 - Farhana is other/ local government
 - We need more applications, but there should be a list on Basecamp to look for others interested in applying. Kimber and Emily will meet offline to discuss the next steps further. Janie said that she would help follow through with this.
 - Kim Ellsworth to be stepping into the ex-officio and representative of the Idaho Nonprofit Center. She will be looped into the governance committee.
 - Kimber reminds us that we need to ensure that political affiliation.
- Recommendation to move forward - Cara moved, Kimber seconded. Farhana abstained. So moved.

Executive Order Debrief

Open Discussion

- Emily recaps where the Serve Idaho staff is with executive order
 - Five programs were flagged for noncompliance after further review - all of the programs seemed to have
 - Every program was asked to do a complete amendment on their current FY24
 - All grants came back as compliant
- Cara shares that she felt the team handled it with grace
- Kimber reminds us that we do not want to live in fear but feel prepared. Meet with the programs about what it might take to ensure stability with additional fundraising avenues. Create a place of collaboration.
- Emily said that this may come up in the upcoming in-person meeting.
- Conversations about sustainability should continue and despite the uncertainty with the future of AmeriCorps, keeping optimism.
- Kimber offered to participate in the conversation with programs around this topic.
- Emily is interested in opening up the state service plan process to program managers.

Document Review – Governance Committee SOP and Commissioner Manual

Open Discussion

- We are hoping to dive deep into our SOP and discuss by

- Looking for changes, updates, and feedback from the committee
- Hoping to review those recommendations at our next committee meeting
- Amanda mentioned a billboard she saw in Wyoming, which encouraged a conversation about the future of Serve Idaho and what recommendations could be made

Meeting adjourned @ 9:32 AM

Kimber Russell

Meeting Minutes approved on 7/17/2025.