

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2026

9:00 am MST

CALL-IN INFORMATION

<https://teams.microsoft.com/join/21906114675642?p=AFjUr7w0grNUtbqcp1>

Meeting ID: 219 061 146 756 42

Passcode: XK2Lo9YC

MISSION: To inspire and recognize volunteers and empower communities through service and AmeriCorps to address Idaho's unmet needs.

In attendance:

- Becky Martin
- Katie Mathias
- Kimber Russell
- Cara Nelson
- Emily Straubhar

Welcome and Call to Order:

- Becky Martin called the virtual meeting to order at 9:03 am MST.

Review and Approve 2-19-2026 Meeting Minutes

- Katie Mathias made a motion to approve the February 19, 2025, meeting minutes
- Kimber Russell seconded the motion
- All approved

Review Nominations for Second Vice-Chair

- 3 commissioners were nominated to fill the vacancy of second vice-chair.
 - o Ciera Davis
 - o Farhana Hibbert
 - o Kelsey Nelson
- Becky inquired if a commissioner can serve as both a committee chair and second vice-chair, as Ciera is chair of the Member Support & Outreach Committee and Kelsey is the chair of the Program Committee. Kimber replied that both Ciera and Kelsey reached out to her with that question, and Kimber told them it was fine. Emily further noted that a previous commissioner (April Durrant) served as both the commission vice chair and chair of the Program Committee.
- The committee requested that Emily email the interested commissioners and let them know that they will be on the ballot for election at the March 24 Special Commission Meeting. Emily will provide them with a word limit to write a final statement of interest that will accompany the ballot. Serve Idaho staff will facilitate the process at the meeting.

SOPs Standardization

- There is a discrepancy in the committee SOPs regarding how committee chairs are selected. Emily informed the committee that she was going to update the SOPs to align with the Commissioner Policy Manual that was approved at the October 2025 Commission meeting. Committee had no issues with this.

Serve Idaho Executive Order

- The current Serve Idaho Executive Order expires in November 2026. Emily and Kimber will work with Jani Revier to begin the process of getting the EO signed by Gov. Brad Little, hopefully before the 2026 gubernatorial election. Emily also shared that they would work to add language to the EO that supports workforce development and career readiness. Emily will share updates with the committee on the process.

Updates

- Still waiting to hear back from the Gov.'s office about commissioner reappointments/ appointments. The commissioners who are up for appointment may attend the commission meetings; they can't vote, however.
- Emily shared that Amy Ridenour met with Eric Anderson's suggested replacement; Kimber confirmed the conversation was promising, and Amy supports moving forward with the interested commissioner.
- Kimber is engaging with ASC to explore advancing Serve Idaho's youth commissioner engagement and involvement with Senior Corps. Kimber would like to see Idaho's Senior Corps representation in some capacity serving on the commission.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:31 am MST.

** Minutes submitted by Emily Straubhar**

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