



Serve Idaho Special Commission Meeting Minutes

Location: Idaho Department of Labor – 317 W Main Street, Boise, ID 83735, 3 West Conference Room

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM (MT)

Roll Call:

~~Alex Mills~~

Amy Ridenour

~~Becky Martin~~

Cara Nielsen

Charlette Kremer

Chelsea Weeks – ex-officio

Cieara “Cara” Davis

Farhana Hibbert

Jani Revier– ex-officio

Katie Mathias

Kelsey Nelson

Kim Ellsworth – ex-officio

Kimber Russell

Kristi Keeler

~~Lindy Garland~~

Michael Strickland

Natalie Hui

Stephanie Taylor-Thompson (Kimber Russell is serving as her proxy)

Guests/ Serve Idaho Staff:

Emily Straubhar, ~~Angela Lamb~~, Micaela de Loyola-Carkin, Annie Ponce Mejia (in the process of being appointed to commission)



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Agenda Item	Presenter	Discussion
Call to Order	Kimber Russell, Chair	Called to Order at 1:01 p.m. MT
Roll Call	Kristi Keeler, Secretary	Roll call was completed. See above.
Meeting Agenda	Kimber Russell	Call for any revisions to the March 24, 2026, meeting agenda Farhana Hibbert moved to approve. Kelsey seconded. Motion carried.
VISTA Host Site	Micaela de Loyola-Carkin, Serve Idaho	Review VISTA Host Site Application One application received. Program committee recommended approval with clarification. Micaela would like to move forward with this as long as they ensure all feedback and clarifications are addressed. Char moved to approve with clarification. Michael seconded. Motion carried.
Competitive Grant Application Review	Emily Straubhar and Kelsey Nelson	Discussion: -ISU, Gem State Public Health -114 members- asking for \$988k- applied last year and did not receive funding- additional clarity needed regarding training, etc. -ISU, Idaho HealthCorps-114 members, asking \$892k, applied last year and did not receive funding asking them to condense program data



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		<p>-University of Idaho-applied last year and did not receive funding-asking for \$847k (53 members)- how does STEM tie in with 4-H Thriving Model?</p> <p>-Student Conversation Association- asking for \$250k -20 members, fixed amount grant- expand on skill transferability for members, etc. These four programs are asking for \$2.7 million, we have \$1.7 million in budget. Should we look into fixed-amount grants in the future due to the complexity of</p> <p>Applications are due in eGrants by March 31, 2026. Successful applicants will be notified mid-June 2026. If not awarded competitive funding, Serve Idaho absorbs them into the formula review process. Formula applications will be voted on at the May 1st Spring Commission Meeting.</p> <p>Michael Strickland moved to approve competitive grant application review as presented by the GARP, Char seconded. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Second Vice-Chair Election</p>	<p>Serve Idaho Staff</p>	<p>Review of Nominees and Election of Second Vice-Chair</p> <p>Cieara Davis, Farhana Hibbert, Kelsey Nelson were nominated prior to meeting. Nominees were moved into private room and discussion ensued. New second vice-chair is Kelsey Nelson.</p>



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Adjourn	Kimber Russell	Kristi moved to adjourn at 1:57 p.m. MT. Natalie seconded. Motion carried.
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Minutes submitted by Kristi Keeler.

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