

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
October 09, 2025
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM (MT)

Attendees:

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

Roll: Emily Straubhar, Farhana Hibbert, Cara Nielsen, Katie Mathias, Kimber Russell and Stephanie Taylor-Thompson

Welcome and Call to Order

Kimber Russell

- Action Item: Approve August 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes
- Katie made the motion to approve the minutes. Kimber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioners Interested in Leadership (survey results)

Emily Straubhar

We reviewed the results of the survey on commissioners who are interested in serving in leadership roles. We discussed in depth the process of elections. Some commissioners expressed concerns about our last elections, feeling that the process could be improved. Suggestions were made to improve the elections process, including having a commissioner only run for one position, having the current chair call individuals interested in serving, scripting the nomination and election process, selecting a nomination committee that reaches out to individuals and presents a slate of officers prior to the day of the election.

Commissioner Vacancies

Emily Straubhar/Kimber Russell

We discussed current vacancies and five upcoming vacancies on the commission. We discussed various ways to recruit and engage youth commissioners. Our current youth has completed two terms and is finished with her service. Three individuals have expressed interest in applying for the open youth commissioner seat. We discussed the three individuals who are applying. Each commissioner should be recruiting possible applicants within his or her circle of influence.

Meeting adjourned

Kimber Russell