

## **Serve Idaho Governance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**February 8, 2024 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM (MT)**

Meeting called to order at 9 a.m.

In attendance: Kevin Bailey, Kimber Russell, Cara Nielsen, Kristi Keeler, Katie Mathias, Amy Little & Renee Bade.

Motion to approve January 11, 2024 meeting minutes: Kristi Keeler  
Cara Nielsen seconded.

Approve meeting minutes as presented. Passed unanimously.

### **Commissioner appointment process:**

Ciera Davis, Renee has spoken with her on several occasions. She is very involved, and Renee feels she would be a strong candidate. Originally from the Shoshone area.  
(Democrat)

Kate McAlister – Amy has known her since 2007 and she does not feel that she would be a good candidate. Cara joined a meeting with her as well. Originally recommended by Karma. Volunteers in the Boise area in many areas. Working on her BA. No longer representing a business sector.

Gina Cabrera – Dan Cabrera's wife is interested in being considered. She would represent community-based agency. There are not any current openings in community-based agency. She has a lot of grant experience so she may be an asset. See if she is interested in serving on the GARP review to begin with?

Kevin Bailey mentioned the owner of Matchwood Brewing Company.

<https://www.idahophilanthropy.org/stories/beer-that-gives-back> They may be someone that could represent from Northern Idaho.

Katie Jones - American Critic Acceptance. Renee will follow-up with her regarding a resume. Make it contingent upon her representing the business sector. (Independent)

Kelsey Nelson – former BSU alum. Leadership coaching, good value in background and skillset. Works with career services at BSU. Might be a good fit for helping to organize conferences, etc. (Unaffiliated)

Michael Strickland – Renee met with him last year. Recommended by Farhana. Lives in Pocatello. NAACP, human right collective, career and teaching under-served people. Grant reviewer in the past. African-American man to help increase diversity. (Republican)

The Serve Idaho Commission currently has 9 republicans, 9 democrats and 4 non-affiliated. With Mike Wilkinson, Susan Potucek & Rebecca Woods terming off we will be at 6 republicans, 9 democrats and 4 non-affiliated.

Amy has a couple recommendations from the Northern Idaho area and can chase those down. Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> to apply for commission.

Katie Jones – diversity standpoint, business experience, move forward with recommendation. Kevin Bailey moved, Cara seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cierra Davis – move forward with recommendation. Katie Matthews moved. Cara Nielsen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kelsey Nelson – #2 recommendation to move forward in the higher education position.

Michael Strickland – recommendation to move forward. #1

Kevin moved. Amy Little seconded.

Motion carried unanimously to move Michael Strickland through as #1 as well as Kelsey Nelson as #2 in higher education sector.

Reviewed Serve Idaho Commission orientation. Governance committee thinks it looks great! Thanks Renee! No changes.

Exit Survey review - #9 elaborate on this. If they click yes, list options where they can be involved i.e. grant reviewer, philanthropy day, committees, mentor, etc.

Kristi will email Mike Wilkinson, Susan Potucek and Rebecca Wood exit surveys as they are terming off. Kevin will reach out to Matchwood Brewing Company. Amy will reach out to Litehouse to try to identify other candidates from those areas.

Scheduled next governance meeting to discuss any additional candidates for Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> (if needed). Renee will send out Zoom invite.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Kristi Keeler.