



The **purpose** of the Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism is to enable individuals, communities and organizations in Utah to benefit from the service, power, skills, and passion of volunteers. Our **mission** is to strengthen Utah communities through the power of service and volunteerism. Our **vision** is vibrant, productive communities with active, engaged citizens.

Minutes

COMMISSION MEETING

Nov 15th, 2018

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Board Room

ATTENDEES

Commissioners

Jacob Murakami
Melissa Fromm
Alan Griffin
Karen McCandless
Lindsey Kneuen
Vikram Ravi
Kerri Nakamura
Debra Hoyt
Kris Hamlet
Nancy Basinger

Paul Leggett
Stan Penfold
Tyler Cain (LG. Rep)

Staff

LaDawn Stoddard
Greg Bates
Ruqia Qasim
Sara Dorsey
Jacob Johnson

Visitors

Jack Hobbs & Family
Ashley Engeler
Andrew Robertson

WELCOME/GOVERNANCE – PAUL LEGGETT

Paul Leggett welcomed everyone, and our new commissioner Nancy Basinger. Nancy is the Associate Director at the Bennion Center at the University of Utah.

Motion to approve September minutes made by Karen McCandless. Vote carried unanimous.

Motion to approve a consent agenda made by Alan Griffin, seconded by Lindsey Kneueven. Vote carried unanimous.

POWER OF SERVICE AWARD

Jack Hobbs nominated by Family Promise Salt Lake was awarded the Power of Service Award.

AMERICORPS PROGRAM REPORT

Ashley Engeler and her colleague Andrew Robertson presented the Playworks AmeriCorps program.

UPDATES- LADAWN STODDARD/PAUL LEGGETT

Commissioners Stan, Jake, and Debbie were the nominations committee for selecting the 2019 chair and vice chair for this commission. Paul was selected as commission chair, and Karen McCandless was selected as vice chair.

Motion to approve this decision made by Stan, seconded by Debra and Kris.

The UServeUtah Foundation: LaDawn presented a proposal to create “The UServeUtah Foundation”. The proposal stemmed from two main issues that our agency had faced: 1. since we’re the lead agency for donations management, we tried to determine a fiduciary agent for a Utah Disaster Fund. Many barriers have been identified with the various options that have been explored. 2. Efforts by our agency to attract sponsorships for various

initiatives are often obstructed by sponsor policies allowing for donations only to 501©3 charitable organizations. We are proposing to explore the option for a UServeUtah Foundation which would be organized as a 501©3 charity. This option could allow for funding donations which may be designated for either of the purposes outlined in the issues stated above. LaDawn asked commissioners approval to explore options. **Motion to approve this decision made by Stan, seconded by Debra.** LaDawn is going to send out a copy of the proposal, and asked if any commissioners are interested in being a part of the working group towards this initiative to let her know.

Commission Meetings 2019: Commissioners agreed to meet on the third Thursday of every other month starting January of next year. The next commission meeting will be a commission retreat scheduled for January 17th 9 am – 3 pm. LaDawn will send a calendar invite.

Dashboard: We are in green on all but two goals on the dashboard. The first is developing a toolkit of resources for businesses on volunteerism. Toolkit plan development is a more reasonable target for this year. A solid plan will be ready in 2019. The second is the distribution of 500 Lt. Governor's Volunteer Recognition Certificates. We don't think we will reach this goal by the end of this year. We will set a new goal for next year, and develop a different plan in creating more awareness around this program.

Federal Funding Update: An ominous budget was passed for two years. We received funding for AmeriCorps with a small increase in funding. LaDawn is working on putting together our training support grant, and administrative grant.

Staffing: Katrina Hruska- our Fiscal specialist- transitioned into a different position with the University of Utah. Ruqia has moved into that position. We're currently looking to fill her previous position at a part time capacity.

National Service: Greg gave an update on the development of a Utah Disaster Corps. The idea is to provide training on disaster preparedness for AmeriCorps members serving in all of our different programs. We'd like to recruit at least one AmeriCorps member from each of our programs to participate and be a part of the Utah Disaster Corps. Our AmeriCorps contract language and terms and conditions with CNCS will allow members to be utilized in disaster response and recovery if there's a state or federal declared disaster. Currently, we have an application live on our website for those who are interested in being a part of this initiative, and as of this morning we have fifteen applicants so far. The first training will take place on November 30th, and we plan on doing quarterly trainings for these members.

Community Engagement: Jacob gave an update on the Youth Council initiative. He gave commissioners a quick recap of what the youth council is about, then he talked about the recruitment process. We are recruiting youth ages 16-22 from different educational institutes throughout the state, as well as different demographics and backgrounds. The application is currently live on our website. Commissioners will be updated on the process of developing this council.

Business Power of Service Award: Sara amended the Business Power of Service Award with feedback that commissioners provided on our last commission meeting. Commissioners provided a few more suggestions, but a **motion to approve this initiative with reflecting new suggestions into the final draft was made by Karen, seconded by Stan.**

We will begin planning for a new three year strategic plan in future commission meetings.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Jake: Volunteering in America report was released earlier this week, and Utah is number one again.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Stan Penfold, seconded by Alan Griffin.