



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 individuals.

Minutes

COMMISSION MEETING
September 22, 2020
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
State Capitol Board Room

ATTENDEES

Commissioners

Paul Leggett
Nancy Basinger
Karen McCandless
Alan Griffin
Melissa Young-Fromm
Kelly Riding
Tyler Cain
Debra Hoyt
Richard Gonzalez
Jill Love
Judy Watanabe
Brian Yazzie

Staff

LaDawn Stoddard
Mike Moon
Jacob Johnson
Sara Dorsey
Sarah Keady
Jared Nilson
Alex Salima

Guest

Carrie Schonlaw

WELCOME/GOVERNANCE – PAUL LEGGETT

Paul Leggett welcomed everyone.

Anchor Meeting Location Letter was read by Paul Leggett.

Motion to approve a consent agenda and committee reports made by Debra Hoyt, seconded by Tyler Cain. Vote carried unanimously.

Motion to approve July minutes made by Alan Griffin, seconded by Karen McCandless. Vote carried unanimously.

LT. GOVERNOR COMMENTS – TYLER CAIN

Tyler Cain expressed her gratitude to have participated on the Utah Philanthropy Day Selection Committee on behalf of the Lt. Governor's office. She shared a study that was released by WalletHub that says Utah is ranked #2 on the happiest and best wellbeing when being compared to all other states in the nation. The state of Utah also ranked #1 in volunteerism. For better or for worse we are helping our communities and there's a lot to be derived from that. As a state, trying to maximize our existence by helping our communities remains important and that is clear in the results of the study.

POWER OF SERVICE AWARD – THE COMMISSION

The Commission presented the Power of Service Award to recipient Gayle Haas (Unable to Attend). Gayle Haas has been a volunteer at Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Washington County. Although she was unable to be present at the meeting, Paul Leggett read highlights of her volunteerism and the commission recognized her as the recipient.

AMERICORPS PROGRAM REPORT – JACOB JOHNSON & CARRIE SCHONLOW

Three new programs started during this program year, one being Five County Association of Governments. This program will allow the organization to better serve rural Utah communities. These rural communities include Beaver, Iron, Garfield, Kane and Washington counties. Carrie Schonlaw (Deputy Director of Five County Association of Governments) shared the main objectives and mission of the organization. The program provides non-biased, person-centered support to address risk factors and improve the long-term health and wellness outcomes for low-income, older adults, individuals with disabilities and minorities.

COMMISSION UPDATES – PAUL LEGGETT

Commission welcomed and introduced four new staff members to the UServeUtah team.

Sara Keady – Community Engagement Coordinator

Dolly Ames – AmeriCorps Program Specialist

Alex Salima – Program Support Specialist for Digital Media and Marketing

Jared Nilson – Program Support Specialist, Office Manager, and Other Initiatives

DIRECTOR UPDATE- LADAWN STODDARD

Strategic Plan Dashboard – LaDawn reviewed this year's Strategic Plan Dashboard for UServeUtah. Due to extenuating circumstances including the COVID-19 pandemic, the numbers are not reaching the current targets. There are plans in place and efforts have been made in adjusting outreach and training virtually such as AER and more trainings in the fourth quarter. Goals have been refocused and reimagined to be met in 2021.

Working with consultant through the national association for continuity planning. Staff have been completing playbooks for each position. Executive Committee will review current policies and bylaw to then present updated/revised pieces to the commission for review and approval in January 2021.

Federal Grant Applications – Applications for Commission Support Grant and Commission Investment Fund due in October. Motion from Commission to allow Executive Committee to approve budgets as part of the submission process made by Nancy Basinger, seconded by Debra Hoyt. Vote carried unanimously.

AmeriCorps Competitive Applications Process – calendar item for the end of the year.

Noted UServeUtah's participation in this year's Festival of Trees.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – MIKE MOON

Active Engagement Retreat – This year's retreat will be virtual and will take place on October 15 & 16, 2020. Mike went over the agenda and goals of the upcoming retreat. Invited commissioners to participate and invite others to attend.

THE NEW AMERICORPS – LADAWN STODDARD & PAUL LEGGETT

Discussion on the rebranding of AmeriCorps. The rebranding of AmeriCorps is aiming to create a clear and compelling story that educates more Americans about their opportunity to serve. Many members associate themselves with a program without recognizing that said program is a part of AmeriCorps (i.e. Boys and Girls Club). Official brand launch will be September 29, 2020. Commission discussed and shared ideas as how-to better market AmeriCorps in the state of Utah.

COMMUNITY UPDATES: COMMISSIONERS AROUND THE TABLE

Commissioners shared their updates.

Community Action – Rent assistance money up to \$2,000/month through December. Link: rentrelief.utah.gov

Next Commission Meeting – November 19, 2020

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Kelly Riding, seconded by Alan Griffin. Vote carried unanimously.