



## **Quarterly Commission Meeting**

Thursday, November 17, 2022

3:30pm-5:00pm

### Locations

Virtual Meeting Via WebEx

### Virtual Meeting Credentials:

*Meeting credentials made available to meeting invitation or request the meeting link at [dhs.serveillinois@illinois.gov](mailto:dhs.serveillinois@illinois.gov)*

### Minutes

**Commissioners Present:** Allison Angeloni, Bridget Hayman, Carolyn Roberts, Curtis Peace, David Christensen, David Gremer, Laura Davis, Natalie Furlett, Nisan Chavkin, Scott Clarke, Andres Fernandez, Brandon Bodor, John Gremer, Benjamin Kagan, Rosie Drumgoole, Cathy Leonis, Rachael Diekus, Shefali Trivedi, Sean Gunnoe, and Tiffany Holmes.

**Staff Present:** Ayoka Samuels, Helen Williams, Jacob Jenkins, Katrina Ellis, Toni Terry, Allison Miller, Raja Banerjee, Teesha Pendleton, Cecilia Maciel, Cory Blissett, Kimberley Doyle, and Andrea Spellman.

### Agenda

1. Call to Order – Natalie Furlett, Chair
  2. Roll Call – *please type in your name in the chat*
    - a. *Welcome New Board Member: Benjamin Kagen, Youth Representative*
  3. Approval of the Minutes of the August 2022 Meeting – Scott and David approved.
  4. AmeriCorps Update – Shawn Gunnoe
  5. Serve Illinois Foundation Update – Brandon Bodor
    - a. Foundation updates – The Serve Illinois Foundation received our renewed charitable determination
    - b. Foundation account - \$25,185.10 in account as of 11/17/2022.
  6. Executive Director Report – Ayoka Samuels & Serve Illinois Staff
    - a. Calendar of Events (Cecilia Maciel)
    - b. Volunteerism and National Service Days Updates (Jacob Jenkins)
    - c. DHS Staff and Leadership Update
      - i. New Staff Introductions (Cory Blissett and Kim Doyle)
      - ii. New Encore Fellow Introduction (Helen Williams)
      - iii. Review of Organizational Chart
  7. Committee Reports
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- a. Finance & Governance – Scott Clarke
    - i. Internal audit is done but as far as pay integrity, have yet to be financed.
    - ii. Bylaws need to be updated.
    - iii. Legal and & Compliance Onboarding for Commissioners (2023)
      1. Issues with getting to the required trainings.
  - b. Public Policy – Tiffany Holmes
    - i. Hill Day Meetings – Education Award tax reliefs – Possibly Sen. Turner to be a sponsor; need one more sponsor. No meeting planned yet.
    - ii. Congress now developing an omnibus appropriations bill for December which includes final FY23 funding for CNCS.
  - c. Public Relations – Cathy Leonis
    - i. Under development
      1. Newsletter
        - a. Annual report
      2. Website
      3. *Please see PowerPoint for additional information*
  - d. Recognition Committee – Jacob
    - i. Governor’s Hometown Award (August 18<sup>th</sup> in Springfield, IL)
    - ii. Governor’s Volunteer Service Award (Spring 2023)
  - e. AmeriCorps – Ayoka Samuels
    - i. Illinois AmeriCorps Grant Administration – Stronger and more efficient.
    - ii. National Service Funding Opportunities –
      1. Public Health AmeriCorps
      2. ARP Educational Success Grant
      3. Planning Grant (Formula funding)
    - iii. AmeriCorps Committee to compete AmeriCorps State Service Plan
      1. Goal of submission date timeframe: February 2023.
    - iv. Grants for 2022-2023 Program year
      1. Continuation grants for existing program providers (about 35)
      2. 10 new agencies to be a part of the planning grant cohort for FY23
    - v. *Please see PowerPoint for additional information.*
  - f. Executive Committee – Natalie Furlett & Nisan Chavkin
    - i. AmeriCorps Committee Chair Opening
    - ii. Board recruitment and transitions
    - iii. Meeting with Secretary Hou
  - g. Strategic Planning – Allison Angeloni
    - i. Strategic Plan considerations
8. Public Comment
- a. No one from the public on this call.
9. 2023 Meeting Dates
- a. Ayoka sending these dates out via email.
  - b. Time needs to change for future meetings so Benjamin can attend the meetings.
10. Adjourn
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- a. Nisan – first motion to end.
- b. Allison – second motion to end.

