



January 2025 Commission Meeting

Friday, January 17th, 2025

1:00pm-2:00pm

Locations

Virtual Meeting Via WebEx

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Agenda

1. Call to Order – Natalie Furlett, Chair
 2. Roll Call
 - a. **Commissioners Present:** Natalie Furlett, Crystal Young, Scott Clarke, Marcie Johnson, Stephanie Willding, Gwyndolyn Moss, Carolyn Roberts, Amy Rueff, Laura Stukel, Rosie Drumgoole, Brooke Jones
 - b. **IDHS Staff Present:** Cory Blissett, Andres Fernandez, Barbara Hobrock
 - c. **Guests Present:** N/A.
 3. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Approval of 2024 Minutes for Quarter 1, Quarter 2, Quarter 3, and Quarter 4
 - b. Stephanie Willding motioned to approve.
 - c. Amy Rueff seconded.
 - d. All voting members present went around the room and agreed with “aye.”
 4. Serve Illinois Executive Director Update - Andres Fernandez
 - a. We have funds to bring in America’s Service Commissions (ASC) to provide training and retreats.
 - b. Looking to hold a Q2 board meeting and commissioner retreat simultaneously in Bloomington, IL in May 2025
 - i. ASC staff will fly in to facilitate.
 - ii. Looking at possibly May 21st to May 22nd, 2025.
 - iii. An opportunity for collaboration and an update on the strategic plan
 5. Commission Bylaws and Approval
 - a. Reviewed updated bylaws.
 - b. Bylaws should align with subcommittees, the strategic framework, and the strategic plan.
 - c. Current bylaws suggest executive committee reviews the bylaws every 2 years.
 - d. Legislation changes can also impact bylaws.
 - e. Amy Rueff made motion to approve bylaws.
 - f. Natalie Furlett seconded.
 - g. Each voting commissioner went around and approved with “Aye.”
 6. Subcommittee Restructuring
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- a. Two commissioners (chair and co-chair) and a staff member on each subcommittee.
 - b. Inclusion of virtual option for subcommittee meetings in the bylaws.
 - c. Andres will send out an email to board to identify any interest in subcommittees.
 - d. Each Chair and Co-Chair of a subcommittee should be voting members.
 - e. Four committees – Executive, Relational, Programmatic, Operational:
 - i. Executive**
 1. Oversight of subcommittees and board.
 2. Comprised of Commission Chair, Vice-Chair, Chair and Co-Chair of each subcommittee, and staff.
 - ii. Relational**
 1. Chair and Co-Chair of subcommittee and a member of staff.
 2. Celebrating volunteerism and good will to others.
 3. Building relationships with stakeholders.
 4. Oversight of volunteer recognition and public relations.
 - iii. Programmatic**
 1. Chair and Co-Chair of subcommittee and one member of staff.
 2. Help with approval of grantees.
 3. Identify funding priorities.
 4. Oversight of AmeriCorps programming.
 - iv. Operational**
 1. Chair and Co-chair of subcommittee and one member of staff.
 2. Goal is to help improve processes and help address barriers to create efficient and effective grantmaking.
 3. Oversight of governance and public policy.
7. Virtual Attendance of Meetings
 - a. In person quorum must be met first before deciding on virtual attendance.
 - b. Once in-person quorum is met, then in-person members can vote to allow virtual members to participate.
 8. Programmatic Update
 - a. Governor's Volunteer Service Awards (GVSA) Save the Date sent out for April 24th, 2025.
 - b. Two volunteer readers from the commission for GVSA apps (John Gremer and Tiffany Holmes).
 - c. Governor's Hometown Awards (GHTA) will be on Wednesday, August 13th, 2025.
 - d. Double checked each commissioner is on the listserv email group- following up to ensure Crystal is receiving emails.
 - e. We will use the May 21st, 2025, meeting to discuss Formula Traditional applicants.
 9. 2025 Meeting Dates
 - a. Wednesday, February 26th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm
 - b. Wednesday, May 21st from 3:00pm to 5:00pm
 - c. Wednesday, August 27th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm
 - d. Wednesday, November 5th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm
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10. Adjourn

- a. Natalie Furlett motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Amy Rueff seconded.