



Arizona Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 1:30 PM

Remote Meeting

Virtual Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97017248149?pwd=MUF2M29Zc3Jmc2tvN2ZXbjB1NEJMQT09>

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Arizona State Capitol, Phoenix, Arizona

A general meeting of the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism (GCSV) was convened on May 26, 2021, in a virtual meeting space, Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the GCSV:

Members Present (11)	
Kim Rice	Robert Ashcraft
Donna McBride	Tori Carlson
Michael Hammett	Zanquette Gray
Donna Davis	Tyler Butler
Donna Martin	Thomas Winkel
Chris Gibbs	
Members Absent (3)	
Helain Day	Alex Gabaldon
Lillian James	
Staff & Guests (12)	
Emily Litchfield	Kim Brooks
Randy George	Ali Chana
Chandra Puvvada	Catherine Smith
DeeAnn Arroyo	Donna Bartos
Dezeray Miranda	Alyson Orr
Lora Pirzynski	Melissa Hosten

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. Quorum present.

2. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Davis welcomed attendees and asked the Commissioners, guests and staff to introduce themselves.



3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting minutes from March 24, 2021 were reviewed. **Commissioner Ashcraft** moved to approve the minutes with the addition of the missing names. **Commissioner Gibbs** seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. BUSINESS

- Two AmeriCorps State & National members, an AmeriCorps VISTA member and an AmeriCorps Seniors member discussed successes and challenges experienced during the pandemic. All programs identified the pandemic as a significant opportunity for growth including new and expanded community partnerships and new opportunities for virtual service delivery and training.
 - **Catherine Smith, AmeriCorps member with UA STEMM Program**, shared her experience as a tutor and how she was able to work with peers at her own high school to love math as much as she does. Catherine is looking forward to future terms of service in the future.
 - **Alyson Orr, AmeriCorps VISTA at BLOOM 365**, shared her excitement about capacity building with BLOOM 365. Alyson's service has increased the number of Lead Peer Advocates from 2 to 30, as well as 90 teen volunteers. Supervisor Donna Bartos shared that Alyson has been a great mentor to these middle and high school students!
 - **Lora Pirzynski, AmeriCorps member with Interfaith Community Services in Tucson**, term of service started with an inquiry into how her father could get transportation to a Covid vaccine clinic. She learned about what ICS was doing and signed up to help seniors in Tucson by transporting them to vaccine clinics. She has also supported operations at the food bank.
 - **Dezeray Miranda, AmeriCorps member at Pima Prevention Partnership**, serves at the Youth to Youth project. This is a youth leadership program that encourages peers to be drug-free as well as providing resources to parents. It was fun to learn new platforms and to support peers in adapting – creativity and flexibility were key principles. She has improved her public speaking skills and pushed outside of her comfort zone.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Davis announced that the commission would be entering into Executive Session to review and approve the list of AmeriCorps State Formula proposed awardees for the 2021 program year that will begin on September 1, 2021. **Commissioner Hammett** and **Commissioner Martin** abstained from voting and discussion.



6. PUBLIC MEETING RECONVENE

Chair Davis announced that the Executive Session discussion had concluded and the commission public meeting would reconvene. **Chair Davis** asked for a motion to exit Executive Session. **Commissioner McBride** made a motion to exit Executive Session at 2:56 PM. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Carlson** and approved unanimously.

7. UPDATES

- **AmeriCorps Training Administrator Randy George** shared an overview of the attendee survey outcomes from the 11th Annual Summit on Volunteerism & Civic Engagement. Over 90% of respondents responded favorably to all questions in the survey. (Slides are attached)
- **Zanquette Gray**, Senior Portfolio Manager at the AmeriCorps Mountain Region Office provided an update from the AmeriCorps federal agency. National Competitive awards have been announced. The Formula application package is due to the federal agency by June 7, 2021. Zanquette gave an update about the American Relief Plan funding. They are still awaiting guidance from the OMB in order to release those funds which would include administrative dollars, additional program funding and an increase to the member living allowance.
 - Two funding opportunities that can be promoted in Arizona:
 - AmeriCorps VISTA Project concept papers are due by June 1, 2021.
 - AmeriCorps Tribal Notice of Funding Opportunity has been announced with a submission deadline of July 23, 2021. Materials are available at: <https://www.americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2021-americorps-indian-tribes-grants>

8. NEXT MEETING

The Commission will meet again on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 1:30 PM. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made for adjournment by **Commissioner Ashcraft**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Gibbs**. The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 PM.

Dated the 26th day of May, 2021
Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism
Respectfully Submitted By:



Emily Litchfield
AmeriCorps Director

Links Shared

<https://americorps.gov/newsroom/americorps-awards-600-million-national-service-grants>
<https://lodestar.asu.edu/content/2021-forum-nonprofit-effectiveness>

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