



Arizona
Governor's
Commission
on **Service** and
Volunteerism



**Arizona Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism
Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 1:30 PM**

Virtual Meeting:

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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 August 11, 2021, in a hybrid 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 (10)	
Kim Rice	Donna Davis
Donna McBride	Thomas Winkel
Jennifer Manhoff	Michael Hammett
Donna Martin	Tori Carlson
Chris Gibbs	Robert Ashcraft
Members Absent (3)	
Lillian James	Alex Gabaldon
Helain Day	
Staff & Guests (3)	
Emily Litchfield	Kim Brooks
Ali Channa	

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION)

Meeting minutes from October 6, 2021 were reviewed. **Commissioner Hammett** moved to approve the minutes. **Commissioner Gibbs** seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. UPDATES

Commissioner Rice shared her experience touring a new AmeriCorps Program at ACCEL. This program is hosted at a school that supports students unable to attend traditional classrooms and will focus on professional skills development for para-professionals. This skills development will bring best practices of service for the students while also increasing economic mobility for the AmeriCorps members.

AmeriCorps Director Emily Litchfield reported on the AmeriCorps State & National programs. The FY22 National Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity is currently open. Four organizations submitted their applications early to participate in a feedback process. Thank you to the commissioners and members of the public who volunteered to provide feedback on how the applications can be strengthened. The final date for submission to GOYFF is December 23, 2021 to allow time for staff to prepare the portfolio for submission to the federal agency by January 5, 2022.

The National Public Health AmeriCorps NOFO closed last month. There were four Arizona applications proposing much needed services to high-needs communities. The federal agency should announce awards in the Spring.

There are a number of events coming up in the first quarter that will promote service and volunteerism: AmeriCorps Week (March 13 - 19, 2022), National Service Recognition Day (April 6), Governor's Volunteer Service Awards- GVSA (during National Volunteer Week) and the annual Summit (mid-May). Commissioners are encouraged to share announcements regarding the GVSA nomination opportunity, the Summit request for presenters and to 'like' and 'share' social media content as it becomes available.

Finally, the AmeriCorps team at GOYFF is seeking to add a new teammate. Interested parties may apply [online](#). There are 4 additional positions open at GOYFF as well.

Ex-Officio Commissioner Manhoff shared updates from the AmeriCorps federal agency. There is an open [NOFO for AmeriCorps Seniors](#), programs focused on engaging adults over 55 in service opportunities. The federal agency is interested in hearing more about projects supporting refugee resettlement and projects supporting Indian tribes; senior leadership will be visiting Arizona later this month to meet with tribal programs.

Commissioner Ashcraft provided an update regarding the Service Enterprise Initiative, an organizational change management model that increases efficiency and effectiveness of any organization engaging volunteers. Points of Light Institute (POL) provided a training of trainers recently and the ASU Lodestar Center is working on a business model to keep this opportunity accessible to any size organization. Fifty organizations have been certified in Arizona since 2016 and many of those are up for recertification; POL is maintaining flexibility during this transition so no organizations will be unduly burdened.

5. BUSINESS

GOYFF staff are currently working with the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions to renew the Executive Order (EO) authorizing the Commission on Service & Volunteerism. **AmeriCorps Director Emily Litchfield** shared that she is working with the GOYFF communications team and a release will go out to announce the renewed EO once it is approved.

7. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

January 19, 2022

Future Agenda items

- Commission Retreat
- State Service Plan development

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made for adjournment by **Commissioner Carlson**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Gibbs**. The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 PM.

Dated the 10th day of December,
2021

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Respectfully Submitted By:

Emily Litchfield

AmeriCorps Director