



# Commission Meeting

Aug 11, 2025 | 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. | UVU Student Center SC 213C

[Zoom Link](#)

## 12:00 Welcome & Governance

- Overview of the agenda
- Approval of Minutes

## 12:15 Program Discussion

- Dashboard presentation + review: Katie + Yvette
- Budget update: Mike
- AmeriCorps State updates: Janessa
- Service to Career Pathways: Yvette
- Volunteer for Good: Judy

## 1:30 Chair/ Director updates

- Chair updates: Katie
  - Nominating Committee for a 2026 Vice Chair
  - Reminders
- Director updates: Loggins
  - United In Service Week updates
  - AmeriCorps Seniors updates

## Dates to Remember

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| • Sept 13, 2025 | United in Service project   |
| • Nov 8, 2025   | Generation Volunteer Summit |
| • Dec 5, 2025   | Utah Philanthropy Day       |

## Commission Meeting Schedule

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Jan 13, 12:00 - 2:00     | State Capitol, Hybrid   |
| • May 12, 12:00 - 2:00     | State Capitol, Hybrid   |
| • August 11, 12:00 - 2:00  | UVU, Hybrid             |
| • November 13, 9:00 - 2:00 | State Capitol in person |

# Minutes

Utah Commission on Service & Volunteerism

May 12, 2025 | 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. | Capitol Boardroom, Utah State Capitol

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## Attendees

Commissioners and Representatives: Katie Mazzie, Donna Law, Jake Murakami, Kim Hammer, Ben Trentelman, Joanne Brattain, Max Rogers, Ruby Vejar, Bethany Marker, Alexis Palmer, Cassidy Hansen, Melissa Huntington and DeLaina Tonks.

Department of Cultural & Community Engagement Staff and Guests: Loggins Merrill, Yvette Woodland, Greg Bates, Sara Dorsey, Valerie Thibault, Mike Moon, Laura Huefner, Judy Hut, Janessa Edwards, and Maryssa McNamara.

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## Welcome & Governance

### Katie Mazzie, Chair

Katie welcomed the commission members. Introductions of new commissioners Cassidy Hansen, new UServeUtah AmeriCorps State Program Manager Janessa Edwards, and new UServeUtah staff Maryssa McNamara.

Approval of Minutes from the Commission meeting on January 13th, 2025.

Motion to approve by Joanne Brattain and motion seconded by Ben Trentelman.

Unanimous approval.

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## Chair/Director Updates

### AmeriCorps Updates

Loggins discussed the changing landscape with AmeriCorps federal partners, including specific grant termination notices, affected programs, steps UServeUtah has taken in response, and anticipated next steps.

### Vice Chair Nomination

Katie discussed the need for Anna Smyth to step down as Vice Chair and highlighted Anna's contributions to the Commission. The nominating committee recommends Max Rogers to serve as Vice Chair for the remainder of the year.

Motion to approve by Ben Trentelman and motion seconded by Jake Murakami.

Unanimous approval.

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## Program Discussion

### Dashboard Presentation & Review

Mike discussed the format and updates of the dashboard, including the completed VISTA program goals, the new Special Projects goals, and the on track or completed progress status for all goals.



#### AmeriCorps Grant Award Discussion

Janessa discussed the grant committee review meeting, including consensus scoring completions, how grant terminations have affected the process of the grant awards, expected outcomes and anticipated next steps.

Loggins discussed the need for the grant committee to meet again and finalize recommendations for the commission. Two tentative dates were put in place for the commission to meet and vote on the recommendations.

#### Youth Mental Health Corps Updates

Yvette announced that UServeUtah was awarded the implementation grant with an August start date and discussed anticipated next steps.

Loggins emphasized that more direction will be shared once more information is available from the AmeriCorps State funding allocations.

#### Fellowship Updates

Greg discussed the achievements of the One Utah Service Fellowship during the pilot year as well as expectations for year two of the program, including funding, partners, and recognition events.

#### Volunteer for Good Updates

Ben discussed the pilot year for the five LEAs, including site visits and data.

DeLaina discussed the Mountain Heights Academy service project that took place, including service learning and reflections.

Judy discussed more upcoming site visits and highlighted some achievements, including service hours tracking, reflecting and student recognition.

Katie briefly discussed upcoming events and dates to remember.

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Motion to adjourn by Melissa Huntington and motion seconded by Joanne Brattain.  
Unanimous approval.

# Minutes

Utah Commission on Service & Volunteerism

June 30, 2025 | 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. | 3760 S. Highland Dr, Millcreek

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## Attendees

Commissioners and Representatives: Katie Mazzie, Donna Law, Jake Murakami, Ben Trentelman, Joanne Brattain, Max Rogers, Ruby Vejar, Bethany Marker, Cassidy Hansen, Melissa Huntington, Don Willie, and Anna Romero.

Department of Cultural & Community Engagement Staff and Guests: Loggins Merrill, Yvette Woodland, Greg Bates, Valerie Thibault, Mike Moon, and Janessa Edwards.

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## Welcome & Governance

Katie welcomed the commission members and Greg introduced the meeting format.

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## AmeriCorps State Program Updates

### Overview of the Grant Review and Funding Process

Greg discussed which programs received competitive funding and therefore withdrew their application from the formula funding. Greg explained the competitive funding notification for the AUSI program being approved contingent on the pending release of FY25 appropriation dollars. Due to this contingency, the funding allocation requires a Plan A and a Plan B that includes or excludes this program based on the release of funds. Additionally, Greg discussed the need to redistribute the funding that would have gone to the Welcome Baby program after a late withdrawal of their application.

### AmeriCorps State Programs and Funding Levels Review and Discussion

Greg discussed Plan A, which would occur if the funding for the AUSI program gets released. The recommendation from the committee is to fund all applications that scored above 125 cumulative points, increase funding for high scoring programs that operate below the maximum cost per MSY, increase the YMHC grant to 10 MSY per UServeUtah policy, and decline new applications and new increases for all applications that scored below the 125 point threshold.

To reallocate the funds that would have gone to the Welcome Baby program, the recommendation is to increase the OUSF program to a \$650,000 grant based on state priorities, a high application score and a low cost per MSY. The remaining \$278,474 would be placed on the placeholder grant and held over for the 26-27 grant competition.

Greg discussed Plan B, which would occur if the AUSI program funding is not made available. The committee recommends approving that program at \$425,000 and then using a decreasing scale, increase the YMHC program to 10 MSY minimum per



UServeUtah policy, and decline new applications and request for increased funding for all applications below the 125 cumulative points.

To reallocate the funds that would have gone to the Welcome Baby program, the recommendation is to place \$243,500 in the placeholder for the 26-27 grant competition and allocate the remaining \$36,233 to the highest scoring application program.

Open discussion about the implications of increasing funding beyond what is asked, leaving money in a placeholder grant and the process of submitting a Plan A/Plan B program.

#### Approval of AmeriCorps State Program and Funding Levels

Motion to award the funding outlined under Plan A, conditional upon the release of the competitive funding for Boys and Girls Club of Utah County. If the competitive funding is not released, motion to award the funding formulas outlined under Plan B.

Motion to approve by Cassidy Hansen and motion seconded by Joanne Brattain.

Ben Trentelman and Max Rogers abstain from voting.

Unanimous approval.

#### Youth Mental Health Corps Funding Update and Discussion

Yvette discussed the context of the Youth Mental Health Corps funding and the 2 year implementation grant award. Yvette discussed the two programs and total amounts to be allocated along with the MSY requirements.

The recommendation is to stay within the \$ 300,000 allocation by awarding both applicants \$1,554 per slot amount.

Open discussion on details of flexibility on the allocation of the funds.

#### Approval of Youth Mental Health Corps Funding

Motion to award Boys and Girls Club and the Utah Service Fellowship for the Youth Mental Health Corps under a \$1,554 per slot amount, for a total of \$299,922 in funding for both programs across both award years.

Motion to approve by Joanne Brattain and motion seconded by Melissa Huntington.

Max Rogers abstained from voting.

Unanimous approval.

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Motion to adjourn by Joanne Brattain and motion seconded by Donna Law.

Unanimous approval.

## UServeUtah CY25 Strategic Plan Dashboard

Team	Strategy	Time Frame	Annual Target	Actual	Progress
<b>Mental Health Goal 1: Research and share information on the positive mental health benefits of service and volunteerism</b>					
CE	Gather insights into the mental health benefits of youth volunteerism by using Golden Software to track and analyze reflections submitted by high school students in the Volunteer for Good program.	Jan 2025-July 2025	100%	100%	Complete
<b>Mental Health Goal 2: Improving physical, mental, and behavioral health through service</b>					
AC State	Prioritize grant funding opportunities for those that promote mental health.	January 2025	100%	100%	Complete
AC State	Improve social integration and healthy connections of youth and young adults by promoting opportunities for service in high school and higher education.	Ongoing	10	9	In progress: on track
CE	Improve social integration and healthy connections Utahns create through service by hosting United In Service Events throughout the state. Develop partnerships to enhance education on the benefits of service.	Jan 2025, April 2025, Sept 2025, Nov 2025	3 partners	8 partners	Complete
MarCom	Improve social integration and healthy connections of youth and young adults by promoting opportunities for service in high school and higher education.	Ongoing	6 outreach events Monthly (12) social media posts	13/6 outreach events attended 7/12 social media posts	In progress: on track
AC Seniors	Decrease isolationism and increase connections with older adults throughout the state through service.	Ongoing	2 surveys	1 survey	In progress: on track
<b>Mental Health Goal 3: Increase types of and reach of mental health resources to those engaged in service and volunteerism</b>					
AC State	Provide mental health counseling services to those engaged in national service and volunteerism.	August 2025	100%	100%	Complete
VISTA	Offer mental health counseling and other support services to members to the VISTA program.	Ongoing	9	9	Complete
Special Projects	Increase mental health resources to rural Utah through service-centric programming.	Ongoing	100%	45%	In progress: on track

## UServeUtah CY25 Strategic Plan Dashboard

Team(s)	Strategy	Time Frame	Annual Target	Actual	Progress
<b>Housing Access Goal 1: Prioritize expanding access to housing through UServeUtah programming and initiatives</b>					
AC State	Prioritize grant funding opportunities that expand access to housing as well as those providing support to vulnerable families facing housing challenges.	January 2025	100%	100%	Complete
VISTA	Prioritize intermediary VISTA placements with organizations working to expand access to housing and support to vulnerable families facing housing challenges.	February 2025	4	4	Complete
AC State	Support nonprofits and community organizations to enhance their ability to serve individuals facing housing challenges.	August 2025	2	1	In progress: on track
<b>Housing Access Goal 2: Increase services aimed to support and stabilize families and individuals to remain in housing and divert them from homelessness</b>					
VISTA	Partner with housing agencies and organizations to identify areas that service and volunteerism can serve as a solution and support housing navigation with Utahns.	August 2025	2	3	Complete
AC State	Use service to support housing navigation.	Ongoing	5	11	Complete
<b>Housing Access Goal 3: Increase the amount and types of housing available through service and volunteerism</b>					
AC State	Identify partners in this space and collaborate to find ways that service can be a solution to housing availability.	Ongoing	5	7	Complete
VISTA	Help families and individuals find permanent, stable housing	December 2025	25	75	Complete

UServeUtah CY25 Strategic Plan Dashboard					
Team(s)	Strategy	Time Frame	Annual Target	Actual	Progress
<b>Institutionalizing Service Goal 1: Provide opportunities for young people to participate in national service and community engagement, and recognize them for the impacts they make through service</b>					
AC State	Increase awareness of AmeriCorps State and the benefits of participating in national service.	Ongoing	15	12	In progress: on track
VISTA	Increase awareness of AmeriCorps VISTA to Utah organizations as an option to meet community needs and offer national service opportunities.	Ongoing	5	3	Complete
MarCom	Increase awareness of AmeriCorps and the benefits of participating in national service.	Ongoing	6 community events Monthly (12) AmeriCorps social media posts	5 community events 7 posts	In progress: on track
CE	Recognize the contributions of youth participating in Lt. Governor's High School Volunteer Program (Volunteer for Good) by developing formal recognition program.	Jan - June 2025	100%	50%	In progress: on track
AC State	Recognize the contributions of AmeriCorps members through formal recognition.	Ongoing	100%	100%	Complete
<b>Institutionalizing Service Goal 2: Provide opportunities for Utahns age 55+ to participate in national service and community engagement, and recognize them for the impacts they make through service</b>					
AC Seniors	Increase awareness of AmeriCorps Seniors and the benefits of participating.	Ongoing	5 strategies	4 strategies	In progress: on track
AC Seniors	Recognize the contributions of seniors in Utah through formal recognition.	Ongoing	4 events	2 events	In progress: on track
<b>Institutionalizing Service Goal 3: Increase collaboration and partnerships with government agencies, educational institutions, faith based organizations and nonprofits to identify ways to institutionalize service throughout the state</b>					
Special Projects	Support workforce development opportunities for those engaged in national service programs to facilitate the transition to education and employment.	Ongoing	100%	35%	In progress: on track
CE	Evaluate the Leading for Impact corporate training pilot by collaborating with stakeholders to determine its feasibility and value in supporting corporate service and nonprofit partnerships through volunteerism.	January - March assessment, roll-out August if applicable	100%	100%	Complete
AC State	Promote opportunities for service that bring people together to address and solve community issues.	Jan-Dec 2025	100%	50%	In progress: on track
VISTA	Support Statewide AmeriCorps VISTA Collaborative Group that sponsor VISTA members with training, networking, and collaborative connection opportunities.	December 2025	12	5	Complete
<b>Institutionalizing Service Goal 4: Identify and address barriers to participation in national service and volunteerism in order to increase rates of participation</b>					
AC State	Increase benefits to serving as an AmeriCorps member to increase members serving in Utah.	September 2025	100%	80%	In progress: on track
VISTA	Maintain enhanced benefits for AmeriCorps VISTA members to retain those serving in the UServeUtah intermediary program.	Ongoing	100%	100%	Complete
AC State	Innovate new ways people can serve while navigating known challenges and barriers.	Ongoing	5	3	In progress: on track