



Minutes

Utah Commission on Service & Volunteerism

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

Attendees

Commissioners and Representatives: Katie Mazzie, Donna Law, Jake Murakami, Kim Hammer, Ben Trentelman, Joanne Brattain, Max Rogers, Alexis Palmer, Cassidy Hansen, Anna Romero and DeLaina Tonks.

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

Welcome & Governance

Katie Mazzie, Chair

Katie welcomed the commission members and thanked Alexis for hosting everyone at UVU.

Approval of Minutes from the Commission meeting on May 12, 2025 and June 30, 2025.

Motion to approve by Jake Murakami and motion seconded by Kim Hammer.

Unanimous approval.

Program Discussion

Dashboard Presentation & Review

Yvette discussed the format and updates of the dashboard, including current initiatives for each team.

Loggins discussed the upcoming NGA in-person summit in Utah. He also shared updates on the Housing Access subcommittee, including the need to re-assess and re-engage following uncertainties with funding.

Yvette discussed updates with the YMHC programs and efforts, including upcoming member recruitment and future updates to lookout for.

Service to Career Pathways

Yvette discussed the Service to Career Pathways efforts to set members up for lifelong service, including specific pathways and resources to support members before, during and after their term of service.

Open discussion on who and where these resources would focus on.

Budget Updates

Mike presented the proposed fiscal year 2026 budget and discussed the switch from a calendar year to a fiscal year.

Open discussion about the specific details of the budget.



Motion to approve by Joanne Brattain and motion seconded by Alexis Palmer.
Unanimous approval.

Open discussion about when to approve budgets moving forward. A decision was made to approve the next budget at the August meeting.

Mike discussed the CIF administrative grant being held with no indication as to when or how that is going to be funded along with what is being done to move forward without those funds. Loggins clarified that this is happening across the country and not just in Utah.

AmeriCorps State Updates

Janessa shared that the 25-26 formula grants were awarded on August 1, allowing for an on-time start for programs. Competitive grants are still being held and therefore programs have begun operations at the Plan B funding levels until the release of competitive funds.

Janessa discussed the decision not to reinstate terminated AmeriCorps programs. She also shared the possibility to credit terminated members for hours that would have been served if the program had not been terminated and the process to do so.

Volunteer for Good Updates

Judy shared an overview of the first year of the Volunteer for Good program and shared some reflections from the participating students. Some challenges include a customized tracking system, team buy in, and varied participation by demographic. The focus for the upcoming year will be service learning opportunities and elevating recognition.

DeLaina discussed how VFG has helped Mountain Heights Academy create accountability measures and student access to service along with plans for the coming year.

Chair/Director Updates

Commission Structure and Membership

Katie discussed vacant positions in the commission structure and the outstanding need for the governor to fill the open seats.

Katie shared the need to form a Nominating Committee for a 2026 Commission Vice Chair and laid out the timeline to express interest.

Katie briefly discussed upcoming events and dates to remember.

Power of Service Updates

Sara discussed the Power of Service Recognition in November along with the timeline and expectations from the commissioners to nominate candidates.



United in Service Week Updates

Loggins discussed the new United in Service Week initiative, including the specific opportunities to either showcase the commission's work or engage in a meaningful service.

AmeriCorps Seniors Updates

Loggins gave an update on the growth of the AmeriCorps Seniors programs since 2021 and some upcoming events.

Motion to adjourn by Max Rogers and motion seconded by Joanne Brattain.
Unanimous approval.