

Minutes

Utah Commission on Service & Volunteerism

Nov 13, 2025 | 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. | Utah State Capitol Seagull Room (East Senate Building)

Attendees

Commissioners and Representatives: Katie Mazzie, Joanne Brattain, Max Rogers, Jake Murakami, Don Willie, Cassidy Hansen, Kim Hammer, Bethany Marker, and Donna Law.

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

Welcome & Governance

Katie Mazzie, Chair

Katie welcomed the commission members. She recognized outgoing commissioners Deneiva Knight, Anna Smyth, Alexis Palmer, and Ben Trentelman for their terms of service.

Vice Chair Nomination

Jake discussed the nominating committee meeting and discussing candidates. The committee nominates Kim Hammer as Vice Chair for 2026.

Motion to approve by Don Willie and motion seconded by Joanne Brattain.

Unanimous approval.

AmeriCorps Updates

Don and Janessa discussed the draft of 2026-2027 priorities. Janessa explained how the priorities have changed from the previous year and the implications for application scoring.

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 priority areas and priority components by Don Willie and motion seconded by Jake Murakami.

Unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes from Commission meeting on August 11th, 2025.

Motion to approve by Joanne Brattain and motion seconded by Max Rogers.

Unanimous approval.

Federal Funding Updates

Loggins discussed the end of the federal government shutdown and the implications for the commission. Loggins emphasized that the shutdown did not impact the Commission's ability to draw down funds. He discussed anticipated next steps and the need for continued monitoring.

2026 Strategic Planning Process

Loggins discussed the strategic planning process, including the plan for development and timeline over the next year.

Recent Events Updates

Mike discussed the National Governor's Association Service to Career Pathways, including how UServeUtah was involved during the Utah summit and the service project component.

Loggins discussed the Generation Volunteer Summit, including the engagement of the attendees. Mike emphasized the fundraising and philanthropic component of the event being highly successful.

Commissioner Activity

Cassidy Hansen led an activity asking the attendees to discuss a memory that happened during a specific year with another commissioner or staff, changing partners after each round to discuss multiple years.

Program Discussion

Loggins introduced the overview of each 50 minute breakout group and split the commissioners into two groups. Commissioners were excused, and the following breakout sessions took place.

- Breakout 1: Mike and Janessa led a discussion about how to embrace and leverage AI in the Seagull Room (East Senate Building).
- Breakout 2: Greg and Laura led a discussion about bridging divides through service in the Beehive Room (East Senate Building).

After commissioners attended each breakout session, the commissioners attended the Power of Service Recognition where Virginia Ann Meldrum Maw was recognized for her long-term commitment to volunteerism in Utah.

After the Power of Service Recognition the meeting was adjourned.

Commission Planning Retreat Meeting

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9:00 Welcome & Governance

- Approval of Minutes
- Board business
 - Outgoing commissioner recognition
 - Vice Chair nomination
 - AmeriCorps State 2026 updates
 - Federal Funding updates
 - 2026 Strategic Planning Process

9:30 Commissioner Activity

10:00 Program Discussion - Seagull & Beehive Rooms (East Senate Building) (breakouts: 10:00 - 10:50, 11:00 - 11:50)

- Director overview
- Breakout groups
 - AI: How to embrace and leverage this in our work? (Mike Moon/ Janessa Edwards)
 - Seagull Room
 - Bridging divides through service (Greg Bates/ Laura Rothlisberger)
 - Beehive Room

12:00 Lunch + Mingle - Board Room (Main Building)

1:00 Power of Service Recognition Gold Room (Main Building)

2:00 Adjourn

Commission Meeting Schedule 2026

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| • Jan 12, 12:00 - 2:00 | State Capitol, Hybrid |
| • May 18, 12:00 - 2:00 | State Capitol, Hybrid |
| • August 10, 12:00 - 2:00 | UVU, Hybrid |
| • November 17, 9:00 - 2:00 | State Capitol in person |