



# Minutes

Utah Commission on Service & Volunteerism

Jan 12, 2026 | 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. | Capitol Boardroom, Utah State Capitol

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## **Attendees**

Commissioners and Representatives: Katie Mazzie, Joanne Brattain, Max Rogers, Jake Murakami, Cassidy Hansen, Kim Hammer, Bethany Marker, Donna Law, Melissa Huntington, Charity Rowberry, Chauma Kee-Jansen, David Francis, Julie Rich, Amanda Morton, Ruby Vejar, Maylin Carter, and Carla Nunez

Department of Cultural & Community Engagement Staff and Guests: Greg Bates, Mike Moon, Laura Huefner, Sara Dorsey, Janessa Edwards, Yvette Woodland, Judy Hut, Valerie Thibault, Lesha Kirkwood, and Paula Lozano.

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## **Welcome & Governance**

### Max Rogers, Chair

Max welcomed the commission members. Introductions of new commissioners David Francis, Charity Rowberry, Amanda Morton and Julie Rich.

Approval of Minutes from the Commission meeting on November 13th, 2025.  
Motion to approve by Kim Hammer and motion seconded by Jake Murakami.  
Unanimous approval.

### Commissioner Activity

Melissa and Chauma led an activity asking the attendees to share an item important to them and share the story of its importance with everyone.

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## **Program Discussion**

### Dashboard Presentation & Review

Max introduced the strategic plan dashboard outline and a few highlights, including exceeding goals in partners for the United in Service events and outreach events.

### Strategic Plan Process Overview and Ways to Engage

Greg discussed the mandate of the commission to put in place a strategic plan every 3 years. He went over the 2026 timeline and goals for the upcoming 2027-2029 strategic plan. The new strategic plan will be reviewed and approved at the November 2026 Commission Meeting. Greg also discussed the need and expectations for a steering committee and requested volunteers.



### UServeUtah Day on the Hill

Yvette discussed the upcoming UServeUtah Day on the Hill event, including a service project putting together car comfort kits and requested commissioners attend the event if possible.

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### **Chair / Director Updates**

#### Commission Engagement

Max discussed the engagement expectations for new and ongoing commissioners. He discussed subcommittee options and expectations along with opportunities for attending upcoming events.

#### AI and Bridging Discussions

Mike discussed how previous AI and bridging discussions have been built into current programming and the plan to incorporate them both into the 2027-2029 strategic plan.

#### 2025 Accomplishments

Mike discussed the importance of reflection and went through significant events that happened in 2025, including community engagement, AmeriCorps Seniors, and AmeriCorps State events. Open discussion and questions and upcoming goals for 2026.

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### **Committee Breakouts**

Max introduced the committee breakouts and asked the program managers to give an overview of their committees and expectations. Max briefly discussed upcoming events. Commissioners were excused, and the following committee breakouts took place.

- Breakout 1: Judy discussed the Community Engagement Committee with interested commissioners in the Board Room (Main Capitol Building).
- Breakout 2: Janessa discussed the AmeriCorps State Committee with interested commissioners in Room 170 (Main Capitol Building).

After the Committee Breakouts, the meeting was adjourned.



# Commission Meeting

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[Zoom Link](#)

- 12:00 Welcome & Governance**
  - Commissioner Introductions
  - Approval of Minutes
  
- 12:20 Commissioner Relationship Building**
  
- 12:40 Program Discussion**
  - Dashboard presentation + review (Max)
  - Strategic Plan process overview and ways to engage (Greg)
  - UServeUtah Day on the Hill (Yvette)
  
- 1:15 Chair/ Director updates**
  - Chair updates: Max
    - Commission Engagement
  - Director updates: Mike
    - AI and bridging discussions
    - 2025 accomplishments
    - 2026 vision
  
- 1:30 Committee Breakouts**
  - AmeriCorps State (Janessa)
  - Community Engagement (Judy)

## Dates to Remember

- January 19, 2026 United in Service: MLK Day of Service, Thanksgiving Point
- February 11-12, 2026 Volunteer Management Training, Lehi
- March 4, 2026 UServeUtah Day on the Hill, Utah State Capitol
- March 18, 2026 AmeriCorps Member Gathering, Utah Cultural Celebration Center

## Commission Meeting Schedule 2026

- 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