



UServeUtah

Commission Meeting

Aug 10, 2026 | 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. | UVU Student Center SC 213C

[Zoom link](#)

12:00 Welcome & Governance

- Welcome
- Approval of Minutes

12:15 Why I Serve

- AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers (Laura)

12:30 Program Discussion

- Dashboard presentation + review (Max)
- AmeriCorps State fund update (Don/ Janessa)
- State Service Plan updates/ next steps (Greg)
- Power of Service recognition design input (Loggins)

1:15 Chair/ Director updates

- Loggins
- Max

Dates to Remember

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| • Sept 11 | Meal Kit assembly service project, SLC |
| • Sept. 30 | Utah Nonprofits Association Conference, Layton |
| • Oct. 6-7 | Volunteer Management Training, Brigham City |
| • Nov. 12 | Utah Philanthropy Day, SLC |
| • Nov. 13 | Generation Volunteer Summit, Sandy |

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 |



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Minutes

Utah Commission on Service & Volunteerism

May 18, 2026 | 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. | Capitol Boardroom, Utah State Capitol

Attendees

Present Commissioners and Representatives: Max Rogers, James Ostergar, Bethany Marker, Donna Law, Jake Murakami, Melissa Huntington, Cassidy Hansen, Amanda Morton, Maylin Carter, Charity Rowberry, Julie Rich, Ruby Vejar, David Francis, and Carla Nunez.

Absent Commissioners and Representatives: Lt. Gov. Deidre Henserson, Commissioner Geoffry Landward, Katie Mazzie, Molly Hart, DeLaina Tonks, Don Willie, Joanne Brattain, Kim Hammer, and Chauma Kee-Jansen.

Present Department of Cultural & Community Engagement Staff and Guests: Logging Merrill, Greg Bates, Mike Moon, Laura Huefner, Janessa Edwards, Yvette Woodland, Judy Hut, Valerie Thibault, and Elliott Clark.

Welcome & Governance

Max Rogers, Chair

Max welcomed the commission members. Introductions of new commissioner Maylin Carter.

Approval of Minutes from the Commission meeting on January 12th, 2026.

Motion to approve by Cassidy Hansen and motion seconded by Ruby Vejar.

Passed unanimously.

Open and Public Meetings Act Training

Annual OPMA Training

Elliott Clark went through the mandatory OPMA training.

Mike asked a clarifying question about roll call votes.

James thanked the Attorney General's office for the training and emphasized its importance.

Program Discussion

Dashboard Presentation & Review

Max introduced the strategic plan dashboard outline and emphasized the commitment to a data-informed approach. Key highlights included the capture of Volunteer for Good students reflections and AmeriCorps Seniors survey results indicating clients experiencing less social isolation.

A commission discussion clarified how reflections are captured and that dashboard goals remain on a calendar year rather than the fiscal year format.

AmeriCorps State Grant Review & Approval

Janessa went over three contingency scenarios for Formula fund allocations based on delayed information from federal competitive grant results.



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Scenario A (both large programs receiving competitive funding): all formula programs are funded at continuation levels and carry forward balances are available.

Scenario B (only one competitive program being funded): compliance-based cuts would be enforced to reallocate \$250,000 to keep the unfunded program operating.

Scenario C (neither competitive program being funded): compliance-based cuts would be enforced to reallocate \$250,000 to the highest scoring unfunded program.

Motion to approve Scenarios A, B, and C as outlined by David Francis and motion seconded by Jake Murakami.

Passed unanimously.

Budget Review & Approval

Mike presented the budget outline and breakdown.

Further discussion on how UServeUtah typically uses carry forward funds and when it would be necessary to use them.

Motion to approve the FY27 budget as presented, with the clerical correction of changing the bottom line text to read "Total Budgeted Revenue" by Julie Rich and motion seconded by David Francis.

Passed unanimously.

Why I Serve

Commission Engagement

Ruby spoke on the concept of making your 8-year-old and 80-year-old self proud, reflecting on her childhood receiving aid from community programs.

Maylin emphasized active compassion over empathy, and detailed how service can help pivot individuals out of personal hardships.

Chair/Director Updates

Max Rogers, Chair

Carla gave updates on AmeriCorps and the work going into grants and the NCCC program.

Greg gave updates on the strategic planning timeline, surveys, listening tours, and stakeholder interviews. Stakeholder themes will be identified in August and a strategic draft will be brought to the commission for a full vote in November. Greg asked commissioners to share the listening tours and survey links with their networks.

Loggins shared that Donna would be leaving the Department of Cultural and Community Engagement and thanked her for her service.

Loggins gave updates on the Great American State Fair and UServeUtah's involvement in the event.

Loggins also shared future plans for the commission to partner with a 9/11 Day of Service event and for commissioners to look out for more details.

Motion to adjourn by Donna Law and motion seconded by .

Passed unanimously.

UServeUtah CY26 Strategic Plan Dashboard

Team	Strategy	Time Frame	Annual Target	Actual	Progress
Mental Health Goal 1: Research and share information on the positive mental health benefits of service and volunteerism					
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 2026-December 2026	100%	50%	In progress: on track
Mental Health Goal 2: Improving physical, mental, and behavioral health through service					
AC State	Prioritize grant funding opportunities for those that promote mental health.	January 2026	100%	50%	In progress: on track
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	10	Complete
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 2026, April 2026, Sept 2026, Nov 2026	3 partners	4 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	8 events, 12 posts	Complete
AC Seniors	Decrease isolationism and increase connections with older adults throughout the state through service.	Ongoing	2 surveys	1 survey	In progress: on track
Mental Health Goal 3: Increase types of and reach of mental health resources to those engaged in service and volunteerism					
AC State	Provide mental health counseling services to those engaged in national service and volunteerism.	Ongoing	100%	100%	Complete
Special Projects	Increase mental health resources to rural Utah through service-centric programming.	Ongoing	100%	85%	In progress: on track

UServeUtah CY26 Strategic Plan Dashboard					
Team(s)	Strategy	Time Frame	Annual Target	Actual	Progress
Housing Access Goal 1: Prioritize expanding access to housing through UServeUtah programming and initiatives					
AC State	Prioritize grant funding opportunities that expand access to housing as well as those providing support to vulnerable families facing housing challenges.	January 2026	100%	100%	Complete
AC State	Support nonprofits and community organizations to enhance their ability to serve individuals facing housing challenges.	Ongoing	2	2	Complete
Housing Access Goal 2: Increase services aimed to support and stabilize families and individuals to remain in housing and divert them from homelessness					
AC State	Use service to support housing navigation.	Ongoing	5	0	Stalled
Housing Access Goal 3: Increase the amount and types of housing available through service and volunteerism					
AC State	Identify partners in this space and collaborate to find ways that service can be a solution to housing availability.	Ongoing	5	0	Stalled

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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					
AC State	Increase awareness of AmeriCorps State and the benefits of participating in national service.	Ongoing	15	6	In progress: on track
MarCom	Increase awareness of AmeriCorps and the benefits of participating in national service.	Ongoing	6 community events Monthly (12) AmeriCorps social media posts	8 events, 12 posts	Complete
CE	Recognize the contributions of youth participating in Lt. Governor's High School Volunteer Program (Volunteer for Good) by developing formal recognition program.	Jan 2026 - December 2026	100%	100%	Complete
AC State	Recognize the contributions of AmeriCorps members through formal recognition.	Ongoing	100%	100%	Complete
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					
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
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					
Special Projects	Support workforce development opportunities for those engaged in national service programs to facilitate the transition to education and employment.	Ongoing	100%	75%	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 2026	100%	75%	In progress: on track
Institutionalizing Service Goal 4: Identify and address barriers to participation in national service and volunteerism in order to increase rates of participation					
AC State	Increase benefits to serving as an AmeriCorps member to increase members serving in Utah.	Ongoing	100%	75%	In progress: on track
AC State	Innovate new ways people can serve while navigating known challenges and barriers.	Ongoing	5	4	In progress: on track