

**VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION
PROVISIONAL MINUTES**

Wednesday May 11th, 2022

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

In Person Meeting

<p>Commissioners Attending Voting Members Carissa Graves Lee Jeter -Chair Paul Pratt DeRon Talley Sarah Floyd - Secretary Gwen Hilliard Amy Burris Kellie Duhon Matthew Fairbrother Suzanne Harris Anna Nyuyen Gerren Sias</p> <p>Commissioners Absent Voting Members Matthew Laborde - Treasurer Shedonna Martin-Mason Mitzi Hochheiser Stefanny Alecon Ethan Melancon</p>	<p>Ex-Officio Members Present</p> <p>Ex-Officio Members Absent Katherine Krehbiel, CNCS John Bel Edwards, Governor Billy Nungesser, Lt. Governor</p> <p>Staff Attending Judd Jeansonne Stephanie Trahan-White Jawonna Mason Amanda Smith Emma Espenan Lori Pilley Heather Mazeitis-Fontenot</p> <p>Staff Absent</p>
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Call to Order

Chair Lee Jeter called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was declared.

Minutes

Kellie Duhon made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Gerren Sias. The minutes were approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented by Jawonna on behalf of Matt Laborde to the commission. The remaining budget of State General Fund (SGF), the Commission Support Grant (CSG), the Commission Investment Fund (CIF) and Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) was provided. Kyle Wedberg made a motion to approve the financials and Paul Pratt seconded.

Chair's Report

Chair Lee Jeter thanked everyone who attended in person and welcomed our new commissioners.

Executive Director's Report

Judd thanked those in attendance for the strategic planning session and reminded commissioners of ethics and financial disclosure reports that are due soon. He reminded commissioners about the upcoming Champions of Service ceremony on May 24. Judd gave a report of the AmeriCorps Agency Funding in President's Budget, House & Senate Appropriations and Budget Drafts. He also reviewed the ASC State Service Commission Sign-On letter and shared this is an optional letter for Commissioners to take part in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Volunteerism & Disaster Services Committee report was given by Kellie Duhon and included measurable numbers for those receiving recognition and training. Training will increase over the summer. Long term recovery meetings are a new addition to the training portfolio. Kellie also encouraged Commissioners to submit Volunteer Service Awards. The requirements for the Community Service Diploma Award has changed and details were given on how to obtain these awards.

The Governance Committee report was given by DeRon Talley. DeRon shared copies of the 2021 Annual Report and reminded Commissioners of the importance of attendance. We will be recruiting new Commissioners and the most need for our geographic representation is Southwest Louisiana.

The AmeriCorps Committee report was given by Lee Jeter and the committee provided a recommended funding structure for the entire AmeriCorps portfolio including fully funding 2 Formula Fixed Amount EAPs and funding 15 Formula Applications at their requested amount with the exception of Boys and Girls Club of Metro Louisiana. Boys and Girls Club of Metro Louisiana would be funded at a lower amount than the program requested. Gwen Hilliard moved to accept the AmeriCorps Committee recommendation and was seconded by Amy Burris.

COMMISSIONER EDUCATION

Emma Espenan shared the planned upcoming marketing campaign to assist with recruitment of AmeriCorps members to assist with the low enrollment numbers. The two campaigns include awareness and targeted recruitment. We are also investing in recruitment tabling packages to give programs marketing materials. VolunteerLouisiana.org is being redesigned and will be updated in the coming months.

ADJOURNMENT

Kyle Wedberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 am. Carissa Graves seconded the motion.

