

## Oregon Volunteers: Commission for Voluntary Action and Service

### Members:

NATHAN RIX, *Chair*  
ELIAS VILLEGAS, *Vice-Chair*  
DANIEL ALTAMIRANO  
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SHENIKA CUMBERBATCH  
HEIDI EDWARDS  
TODD JONES  
ADELE McAFEE  
JAYESH PALSHIKAR  
JARED PRUCH

### Non-Voting Members:

MARY GREUSEL

### Commission Staff:

CARIE BAUER  
*Director*

AMY HOLLAND  
*Program Officer*

BRITTANY  
MELZER  
*Board Administrator*

### Technical Advisor:

JULIA STEINBERGER  
*Interim Director,  
Office of Workforce  
Investments*

### Commission Meeting MINUTES

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

10:00AM-1:00PM

#### MEETING LINK

Meeting ID: 974 4169 4695 Passcode: 512 845

*Persons wishing to testify during the public comment period should contact [Brittany.E.Melzer@hecc.oregon.gov](mailto:Brittany.E.Melzer@hecc.oregon.gov) or 971-375-2761.*

*Times are approximate. Order of the agenda may vary.*

**Members Present:** Greg Carpinello, Mary Greusel, Sierra Barnes, Jayesh Palshikar, Jared Pruch, Adele McAfee, Vice-chair Elias Villegas, Todd Jones, Chair Nathan Rix  
**Guest(s) Present:** Mona McMullen  
**Staff Present:** OV Director Carie Bauer, OWI Interim Director Julia Steinberger, Amy Holland, Brittany Melzer

#### Standing Business

##### 1.0 Preliminary and Organizational Business

- Chair Nathan Rix called the meeting to order at 10:05AM.
- 1.1
  - Land Acknowledgement read.
  - Julia Steinberger was introduced as the new Interim Director of the Office of Workforce Investments.
  - Commissioners and staff present introduced themselves. Reappointments and Appointments were announced: Jayesh Palshikar and Heidi Edwards were reappointed., Greg Carpinello and Jared Pruch were appointed as new members to the Commission.
- 1.2
  - Commission Members shared announcements with each other.
- 1.3 Consent Agenda
  - July meeting minutes were accepted.
- 1.4 Officer Elections
  - Discussion: Commission member Jayesh Palshikar raised concerns regarding OV's processes for succession and leadership mentoring. Information was shared regarding OV's plans for addressing membership, recruitment and chair development in 2022, under the pending Membership Committee and State Service Plan goals. Commission agreed to prioritize review of processes.
  - Sierra Barnes made a motion to re-elect Nathan Rix and Elias Villegas as 2022 Commission Chair and Vice Chair. The majority voted yes, with one member, Jayesh Palshikar, opposed. The motion passed and Chair Nathan Rix and Vice-chair Elias Villegas are re-elected for 2022.
- 1.5 Public Comment: none.

#### Standing Reports

##### 2.0 Partner & Committee Reports

- 2.1 AmeriCorps West Region Report was provided.
- 2.2 OV Program Report

- Program Updates: Program Officer Amy Holland shared that one of the grantee programs, Heart of Oregon, will not be re-competing for AmeriCorps State competitive funds, in favor of alternative funding opportunities.
  - Discussion of challenges to member recruitment: Member recruitment has been challenging in Oregon as well as at the national level. The challenges are mainly affordable housing, hosting site hesitancy due to ongoing pandemic, and the barriers due to the low living allowance.
- 2.3 Equity Framework Development Team
- The team is concentrating on improving community engagement processes, and focusing on board composition, meeting formats, and decision-making processes.
  - Adele McAfee shared her interest in serving as the Chair, in replacement of the Interim Chair, and was appointed Equity Framework Development Team Chair.
- 2.4 Public Policy Committee Report
- Chair Nathan Rix discussed the importance of partnering with other organizations that are already working on increasing affordable housing options statewide.
  - Updates were given on the development of an FAQ document for the recently legislated state tax exemption for the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award. The committee is researching options, including Administrative Rule, in order to clarify 'redeemed' versus received in the bill's language.
- 2.5 OWI Director Report & Discussion
- Interim Director Julia Steinberger provided updates on the process for distribution of state ARPA funds, general OWI news and updates, and the ongoing agency development of the HECC Strategic Plan.
- 2.6 OV Director Report & Discussion
- Director Bauer provided updates on the Commission operations, the State Service Plan, and federal legislation and funding news.
  - Sierra Barnes made a motion to accept the new logo design and color palette. All members voted in favor, none opposed. The Commission approved the new logo design and color palette.
  - Jayesh Palshikar made a motion to approve the State Service Plan draft with suggested changes. All members voted in favor, none opposed. The Commission approved the State Service Plan draft with suggestions. Commissioner Todd Jones provided guidance for layout and further components, including a one-pager and crosswalk to the HECC Roadmap. The Commission agreed to utilize time in the January meeting to further develop targeted strategies.
  - Sierra Barnes made a motion to accept the proposed Commission 2022 calendar. All members voted in favor, none opposed. The Commission approved the 2022 Calendar. Board administrator Brittany Melzer will survey the commission members to confirm a date for the Commission Retreat/Annual Meeting.

### 1:00pm Adjourn