



Oregon Commission for Voluntary Action and Service

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2020 9:00am-10:00am

Microsoft Teams Virtual [Meeting Link](#)

Conference Call #: 1 929-229-5751 Access Code: 839 840 567#

Standing Business

Members Present: Nathan Rix, Vice Chair Elias Villegas, Shenika Cumberbatch

Ex Officio Present: Carie Bauer

Staff Present: Karen Humelbaugh, Brittany Melzer

Nathan Rix called meeting to order at 10:07am.

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 No input for meeting minutes. Approved.

Standing Reports

2.0 Reports & Updates

- 2.1 Oregon Volunteers Director Bauer first acknowledged all the effort for the HB 2737 hearing. There were nearly twenty written comments. In follow-up, members of the Public Policy Workgroup will meet with Representative Leif, the bill sponsor. The Schools of National Service campaign will have a phased launch over the coming weeks. The American Rescue Plan dollars will be rolled out for the next four years and will provide increases for AmeriCorps State and national programs and Commissions. The investment is long-awaited and recognizes AmeriCorps as an important asset to communities.
- 2.2 The Equity Advisory Workgroup is continuing conversations about centering equity into OV's operations. The workgroup is discussing continuing the contract with the Engage to Change consultants that provided the anti-racism training series. A next-steps planning meeting is scheduled for next week and an update will be given at the next commission meeting.
- 2.3 The Public Policy Advisory Workgroup Chair, Nathan Rix, provided a recap of the hearing for HB2737. Chair Rix notified the committee that Representative Leif plans to discuss a strategy for the bill with the Republican Caucus. The next required step for the bill to remain in session is for the bill to be scheduled for a work session by April 13th. This work has sparked further conversation about how the Commission can move other initiatives forward to help AmeriCorps programs and staff.
- 2.4 The Committee discussed what should be on the April Commission meeting agenda. Director Bauer updated that Oregon Volunteers has not received their notice of funds for the following year. The Commission may need to schedule a mid-May special meeting to present funding recommendations if they do not receive notice by the April meeting. Vice-chair Elias Villegas suggested asking the Program Spotlights to include in their presentations how they're incorporating DEI work into their programs.

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Closing Business

3.0

- 3.1 The Committee discussed board membership recruitment timeline and the idea of creating a standing membership committee in the future to focus on recruitment and outreach.
- 3.2 Chair Nathan Rix adjourned meeting at 10:56am.