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## OregonServes Commission

Public Policy & Education Committee Meeting Agenda

**October 11, 2022**

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Conference Call: 503-446-4951 Access Code: 200 762 309#

[Video Call Link](#)

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### Standing Business

<b>2:00</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>Preliminary and Committee Business</b>	Sierra Barnes, Chair
	1.1	Opening Remarks, Quorum, Agenda Review	
	1.2	<b><u>ACTION ITEM:</u></b> Approve previous meeting minutes	
	<b>2.0</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	

### Standing Reports

<b>2:10</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>Reports &amp; Legislative Updates</b>	Carie Bauer
	3.1	Federal & State Updates	

### Strategic Implementation

<b>2:30</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>Strategy and Planning</b>	Carie Bauer
	4.1	Discussion	

### Closing Business

<b>2:55</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>Other Business and Next Steps</b>	All
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### Adjourn

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## OregonServes Commission

Public Policy & Education Committee Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022

2:00pm – 3:00pm

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**Members present via teleconference:** Chair Sierra Barnes, Director Carie Bauer, Daniel Altamirano Hernandez, Jayesh Palshikar, Nathan Rix, Shenika Cumberbatch-Corpas

**Members excused:** None

### Standing Business

#### 1.0 Preliminary and Committee Business

1.1 Opening Remarks, Quorum, Agenda Review. Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM.

**ACTION ITEM:** Chair Barnes called for a vote to approve the June 2022 meeting minutes. Jayesh Palshikar made the motion. Shenika Cumberbatch-Corpas seconded, and the motion passed unopposed. The minutes were accepted as presented.

#### 2.0 Public Comment

None.

### Standing Reports

#### 3.0 Reports & Legislative Updates

##### 3.1 Federal & State Updates

Director Bauer provided an update on the Civilian Climate Corps effort, including notice that specific funding for AmeriCorps and the Climate Action Corps was not included in the final 2022 Inflation Reduction Act legislation. Director Bauer also provided an overview of the Agency Request Budget (ARB) for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). For OregonServes, the ARB included two position requests (Compliance Officer and Disaster Services Officer), and the policy proposals for the state match and the instate tuition. The education incentive proposals underwent some changes before submission, including considering the HECC Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) as an administrator of the state match, due to their existing mechanisms for tuition payments. Also added into the policy proposal was a price scale to match inflation as tuition costs increase.

*HECC Staffing update*

Julia Steinberger was officially hired as the Office of Workforce Investments (OWI) Director.

**Strategic Implementation**

**4.0 Strategy and Planning**

4.1 *Discussion*

Director Bauer gave an overview of the emergency funding programs at other commissions. Per participating commissions' data, the top emergency assistance need for AmeriCorps members has been related to transportation. Housing comes in second. Staff report that raising the living allowance didn't affect the emergency assistance needs. The committee discussed options for raising and distributing emergency assistance funds. Chair Barnes reported discussions with the Oregon Community Foundation regarding potential assistance to administer an emergency fund.

Committee Member and Commission Chair Nathan Rix shared that he has applied to join America's Service Commission's (ASC) board as a Commission Representative. ASC is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization representing and promoting state service commissions across the United States and is a peer network of governor-appointed commissioners and state service commission professional staff.

Director Bauer shared that she has joined ASC's Governors Transition Workgroup. The workgroup met for the first time the previous week. The work done within the workgroup is expected support the Commission's preparation for a new Governor, and for the planned outreach events scheduled for 2023.

**Closing Business**

**5.0 Other Business and Next Steps**

Director Bauer will share draft materials for education visits and Day at Capitol at next meeting.

**Adjourned at 2:55 PM.**