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## OregonServes Commission

Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

**January 11th, 2022**

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Conference Call: 503-446-4951 Access Code: 426 960 000#

[Video Call Link](#)

### MEETING MINUTES:

**Members Present via teleconference:** Chair Sierra Barnes, Jayesh Palshikar, Director Carie Bauer

**Members Excused:** Nathan Rix, Daniel Altamirano Hernandez, Shenika Cumberbatch

### Standing Business

#### 1.0 Preliminary and Committee Business

- 1.1 Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 2:05PM and reviewed the agenda. The Commission Administrator called roll. Quorum was not met.
- 1.2 **ACTION ITEM:** Approve previous Committee minutes. The meeting did not have quorum present, Chair Barnes moved the meeting minutes approval to the next committee meeting.

#### 2.0 Public Testimony

None

### Standing Reports

#### 3.0 Legislative Updates

- 3.1 Director Bauer presented the timeline of the HECC Legislative Concept Process. The best method to bring issues forward and information that's been gathered from stakeholders was discussed. The internal deadline for the policy option package (POP) interest form is January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Committee went through each section of the POP Proposal document as well as the Housing Needs POP Chair Barnes drafted.
- 3.2 Director Bauer presented on the Future Ready Oregon 2022 initiative that is aimed at realizing the full potential of Oregon's workforce and meeting the needs of Oregon's employers today and into the future. This will advance Oregon's economic competitiveness and ensures equitable opportunities for a diverse workforce. The Racial Justice Council has been working to set priorities for the State American Rescue Plan Act allocation Oregon received to ensure equitable distribution of the funds. This will bring opportunities to build organizational capacity, including investing in staffing, organizational and structural processes, planning, and other administrative expenses.

OregonServes Commission has the opportunity to share these competitive workforce readiness grants with community organizations and with stakeholders.

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- 3.3 Director Bauer provided updates on the Build Back Better legislation, which is still under negotiation in Congress. The Committee discussed the need to consider alternative solutions for addressing barriers to service if the BBB is not passed.

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- 3.4 Director Bauer shared a recap of the AmeriCorps Town Hall that she attended virtually. The host was Michael Smith, the new CEO of AmeriCorps. He described that equity and community impact of AmeriCorps programs is always at the forefront of his mind.

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### Strategic Implementation

#### 4.0 Strategy and Planning

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- 4.1 Policy and Education Agenda Development  
Discussion described above.

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### Closing Business

#### 5.0 Other Business and Next Steps

Decision was reached to have Chair Barnes continue to edit the POP proposals before submitting.

**Chair Sierra Barnes adjourned the meeting at 3:03PM.**