
OREGONSERVES COMMISSION

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Meeting Date and Time: August 22, 2025, from 1pm to 2pm

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12:00 pm – Meeting Called to Order

Facilitated by Committee Chair

- Review agenda
- Approve minutes
- Receive public comments

12:05 pm – AmeriCorps & Legislative Updates

Presented by the Director

- Report out on Federal and State activities

12:20 pm – Special Topic

- TBD

12:35 pm – Committee Business

Facilitated by Committee Chair

- Debrief insights from meeting and determine next steps or action.
- Address old business and introduce new topics

12:55 pm – Meeting Closing

Facilitated by Committee Chair

- Review of next meeting dates
- Recap of action items

1:00 pm – Meeting Adjourned

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PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting: July 3, 2025

Location: Virtual

Format: Meeting minutes follow the flow of the meeting agenda for clarity.

Commission Members in Attendance

- Sierra Barnes, Public Policy Committee Chair
- Daniel Altamirano Hernandez, OregonServes Commission (OSC) Vice-Chair
- Craig Wiroll

Commission Staff in Attendance

- Carie Bauer, OregonServes Commission Director
- Kelly Hale McNabb, Office Support Specialist

Meeting Opening

- Meeting chaired and called to order at 12:02pm by Chair Barnes
- No public comments were received
- Quorum was reached

AmeriCorps & Legislative Updates

Federal and State Activities

- Director Bauer provided updates on the preliminary injunction (PI). Guidance was received from AmeriCorps last week and previous members who had been exited as part of the original executive order were reinstated. No-cost extensions can be extended, education awards, and other funding have been re-issued.
- Director Bauer shared information detailing how members who were exited early will be impacted.
- Director Bauer discussed FY-25 contracts that were approved in March and the results of the grant applications, as well as notices that were sent to programs stating that there is a new funding condition.
- Director Bauer talked about the importance of reviewing a large swath of programming within the state – even those other AmeriCorps programs that are not funded through OregonServes.

- Director Bauer shared a spreadsheet outlining some of the bills that came out of the legislation session through Basecamp. A key collaborative area for legislative concepts is within Youth Mental Health. She also shared a draft Legislative Concept Development Calendar for the Committee's review.
- Daniel shared that there were relationships and work previously done by other states' that is similar, that can be leveraged in this work and create opportunities.
- Director Bauer mentioned that it would behoove us to start thinking about finalizing drafts for the next long legislative session in 2027.
- Director Bauer is reaching out to state programs to collect data.

Invited Testimony on AmeriCorps Seniors Programs

- Cassie was not present to give testimony at the meeting.

Committee Business

- Announcements and updates were given by Director Bauer:
 - Board member nominations are due July 7
 - Program visits would be well-timed to take place in August during recess
 - Recruitment efforts in late-July would be ideal to onboard by September
 - ASC National Academy has a new cohort starting and OSC has three slots available for Commission members to take the online course.
 - Membership Policy Committee tasks and overall engagement strategies
 - Grantees who are and are not continuing
 - Commission sign-on letters
 - Youth Mental Health Corps
 - National Public Policy Committee meetings
 - Contract awards timeline

Meeting Closing

- Recap of decisions and action items – Craig is potentially interested in registering for the ASC National Academy. Carie to provide more info. Other two spots can be offered during the full Commission meeting on July 11. Please send Director Bauer ideas for the next in-person meeting in September. Draft of a letter to programs from OSC Executive Committee was sent by Sierra to Commission for review and comment.
- Review of next meeting dates – Next full Commission meeting is July 11. Public Policy Meeting August 22. Public In-person meeting in September, TBD (12th or 26th).
- Meeting adjourned at 12:59pm by Chair Barnes