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## OREGONSERVES COMMISSION

### COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

**Meeting Date and Time:** July 11, 2025, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

**Join by Phone:** (612) 328-1310 Passcode: 3 2 3 6 6 6

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#### **11:00 am – Meeting Called to Order**

*Facilitated by Commission Chair*

- Review agenda
- Approve minutes
- Receive public comments

#### **11:10 am – Director Report**

*Presented by the Director*

- Report out on State, Federal, and Commission activities

#### **11:30 am – Committee Reports**

*Presented by Committee Chairs*

- Report outs on Public Policy Committee and Membership Committee activities

#### **12:00 pm – AmeriCorps Seniors Programs Updates**

*Presented by Cari Vandecoevering and Cassie Rose*

- Report on current status of AmeriCorps Seniors program funding

#### **12:15 pm – Committee Business**

*Facilitated by Committee Chair*

- Debrief and determine next steps. Address old business or introduce new topics.

#### **12:30 pm – Meeting Closing**

*Facilitated by Committee Chair*

- Review of next meeting dates and action items
- Adjourn meeting

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## OREGONSERVES COMMISSION

### *DRAFT MEETING MINUTES*

**Meeting Date:** May 9, 2025

**Location:** Virtual

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

### **Commission Members in Attendance**

Vice-Chair Daniel Altamirano Hernandez, Greg Carpinello, Jared Pruch, Shenika Cumberbatch-Corpas, Sierra Barnes, Susan Dove Carlisle Taylor, Cari Vandecoevery, Dr. Latrissa Lee Neiworth, Craig Wiroll

### **Commission Members Absent**

June Bass, Heidi Echeverría

### **Commission Staff in Attendance**

Carie Bauer, Director, OregonServes; Kelly Hale McNabb, Office Support Specialist, Office of Workforce Investments; Myronda Schiding, Workforce Programs Manager, Office of Workforce Investments.

### **Meeting Opening**

- Meeting chaired and called to order at 11:05 am by Vice-Chair.
- No public comment.
- Meeting Quorum established.
- Meeting Minutes for previous Commission meeting were reviewed.  
Commissioner Neiworth made motion for approval. Commissioner Carpinello seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Informational Items**

#### ***AmeriCorps Updates and Impacts, Presented by Director***

- Director Bauer gave a summary of the federal actions occurring at AmeriCorps, including the mass demobilization of AmeriCorps NCCC members, the reduction in force of AmeriCorps staff, and the termination of current program grants nationwide, including Oregon's 2024 AmeriCorps State program grants. Information provided as to how the events unfolded, the state and national response, and the impact to national and state grantees. Updates were also provided about the multi-

state lawsuit filed, in which Oregon and 23 other states are seeking to halt the federal actions.

- Director Bauer answered questions about member placements, benefits, and emergency assistance resources.
- Commission members representing national direct and seniors' programs also provided updates on impacts to their programming.

### ***Commission Discussion, Facilitated by Vice-Chair***

- Vice-Chair Altamirano Hernandez facilitated discussion for Commission members to identify actionable steps to address the current challenges brought forth by the federal actions. Commission members discussed effectiveness of communications, such as letters from commission to grantees, submitting op-eds to media and creating social media awareness of the impacts of AmeriCorps.
- Director Bauer answered questions about education awards and outreach and education campaigns occurring nationally. Commissioner Barnes provided information about effective messaging and outreach as a private citizen. Commissioner Carlisle shared that she will be attending Senator Merkley and Representative Bynum's upcoming town hall event in Central Oregon.

### **Meeting Closing**

- Director Bauer will follow-up with requests for education and outreach resources and requested commission representatives for national and seniors' programs to keep her informed on any funding news.
- Members of the Executive Committee will draft a letter from the Commission for distribution to members and grantees and submit a draft for internal HECC and Commission approval, utilizing a special meeting if the timing requires.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:30pm.

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## OREGONSERVES COMMISSION

### *DRAFT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES*

**Meeting Date:** June 12, 2025

**Location:** Virtual

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

### **Commission Members in Attendance**

Chair Heidi Echeverría, Vice-Chair Daniel Altamirano Hernandez, Dr. Latrissa Lee Neiworth, June Bass, Sierra Barnes, Susan Taylor.

### **Commission Members Absent**

Jared Pruch, Greg Carpinello, Shenika Cumberbatch-Corpas, Cari Vandecoevering, Craig Wiroll.

### **Commission Staff in Attendance**

Carie Bauer, Director, OregonServes; Kelly Hale McNabb, Office Support Specialist, Office of Workforce Investments; Myronda Schiding, Workforce Programs Manager, Office of Workforce Investments; Mackenzie Pritchett, OregonServes Grant and Compliance Officer; Madeline Seghers, AmeriCorps Program Grant Officer.

### **Meeting Opening**

- Meeting chaired and called to order at 12:34 pm by Chair.
- Meeting Quorum established.
- No public comment.

### **AmeriCorps Updates**

#### ***Federal and State Activities, Presented by Director***

- Director Bauer provided an update about the lawsuit and injunction issued on June 5. Status update is due to court by June 10 by AmeriCorps. Did not impact reduction of force. Identifying who the burden of reinstating AmeriCorps members belongs with, and how to get people enrolled. Hoping to get additional guidance from the courts soon.
- NCCC is returning with a reduced footprint.
- Director Bauer gave updates on OregonServes' no-cost extensions to Operations grants.
- Other funding updates were given, including delays and deadlines.

- Waiting for additional guidance on competitive grants.

### ***2025 AmeriCorps State Grant Funding Proposals, Presented by AmeriCorps Program Officer***

- AmeriCorps Program Officer, Madeline Seghers, presented the 2025 Grant Funding Proposal, detailing:
  - Projections for multiple scenarios based on current unknowns
  - Competitive applications received.
  - Process of Formula Application reviews, total applications received, and available funding.
- Updates were given on the Youth Mental Health Corps programs that will launch in the fall.
- Vote on Funding Proposal:
  - Commissioner Neiworth made a motion for the Commission to approve the recommended funding proposals presented. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Meeting Closing**

- Recap of decisions and action items – moving forward with funding package
- Review of next meeting dates – Executive Meeting tomorrow, June 13. Next full Commission meeting is July 11. Public Policy meeting – June 27. Membership Committee Meeting – June 23. In-person meeting in September.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:10pm.