

OREGONSERVES COMMISSION

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting Information: March 7th, 2025, from 10:30pm-11:30pm

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Time	Lead	Topic
10:30am	Chair	Call to Order (starts on time) - Quorum - Public Comment
10:35am	Director	Report-Out - Legislative Updates - Federal Updates - Operational/Strategic Updates
11:00am	Chair	Commission Meeting Planning - Finalize March Commission Meeting Agenda
11:25am	Chair	Special Directives and Next Steps
11:30am	Chair	Meeting Adjourned

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 7, 2025

Location: Virtual

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

- Heidi Echeverría, Chair
- Daniel Altamirano Hernandez, Vice-Chair
- Sierra Barnes, Chair, Public Policy Committee

Commission Staff in Attendance:

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

Meeting Opening:

- Meeting chaired and called to order at 10:33pm by Chair
- No public comment

Director Report-Out:

- **Legislative Updates** – There are six bills that could impact OregonServes and are part of the approved Governor’s budget. About five of these bills are centered around emergency response and using a centralized database to manage and track volunteers. There have not been any hearings for these yet. One bill that has been introduced is HB2399, which would provide after-service awards to those who serve in national service programs (uniformed or public service), and will be referred to the Ways and Means Committee. March 21 is the deadline for submissions of new bills. Another bill worth noting, HB2655 would create a housing stipend pilot program to create financial incentives for folks taking roles in communities where there is a hardship to fill jobs. Referred to Housing and Homelessness Committee. Deadline to have a public hearing is March 24, or the bill goes away.
- **Federal Updates** – March 14 is deadline for continuing resolution to be approved. Without approval, there is potential for a Federal Government shutdown. AmeriCorps and other agencies are also facing a potential reduction in staffing. Director Bauer also gave updates on the federal executive orders and how OregonServes is handling communications to grantees and responses to requests from AmeriCorps.
- **AmeriCorps Week** – Next week is AmeriCorps Week and we will be posting about and sharing a lot of information, invitations to site visits, etc. Daniel mentioned that it would be great to have an AmeriCorps member share a “Day in the Life” of serving on AmeriCorps – either this year or next, on social media.
- **Strategic/Operational Updates** – Director Bauer addressed staffing changes that are going to be taking place due to loss of ARPA funds.

Leadership Convening Update:

- Daniel gave updates on the trip to DC that he, Director Bauer, and Myronda Schiding recently took to attend the ASC Leadership Convening. Takeaways included the value of creating testimonies and sharing experiences and the good work we are doing as well as learning about the administration of AmeriCorps as a whole.
- Director Bauer talked about other things that were shared by AmeriCorps leadership and gave an update of ASC's recommendations for assisting administration with streamlining processes and addressing inefficiencies.

Commission Meeting Planning:

- Finalize March Commission Meeting Agenda: Director Bauer gave updates on the progress of the agenda draft and invitations that are being sent out. She also gave an overview of what to expect in the Director's Report. Discussion was had about logistics and timing, and possibly creating a special meeting in order to create accessibility for folks to share their testimony. Director Bauer also shared a draft invitation containing more information and guidelines for Public Comment.
- No additional comments or additions were made with regards to the agenda.

Meeting Adjourned:

- Meeting adjourned at 11:30pm by Chair.

Upcoming Meetings:

- April 11, 2025, from 12:30pm-1:00pm

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