

## COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** 05/13/2021 1:00 – 3:00 PM

**Meeting Location:** Zoom (Virtual)

**In Attendance:** Michelle Teare, Garrett Anderson, Ruth Milligan, Meghan Kaskoun, Ron Soeder, Kysten Palmore, Nicole Vavro, Pam Steurer, Amista Lipot, Chris Shaffer, Gary Cates, Morna Smith

**Absent:** Ashley Davis, Charlotte Jones-Ward, Daniel Meyer, Michelle Reynolds, Susan Rogers, Timothy Miller, Rev. Dr. Adetokunbo Adelekan

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### New Business

- Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Steurer at 1:04 PM.
- Meeting minutes from March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.
- Introduction of new Commissioner/Kysten Palmore
- No Public Comment

### Administration & Program Updates

- Executive Director Report: William Hall updated Commissioners on current topics as summarized in his written presentation (Attachment 1).
- AmeriCorps Midwest Regional Office Report
  - AmeriCorps website updates, National Service Criminal History Check changes, hiring at Midwest Regional Office, update on funding opportunities.

### AmeriCorps Formula Applications/Review & Approvals

- After-School All-Stars, Cleveland (5 MSY/\$81,500)
  - Moved by Smith, seconded by Soeder to accept the recommendation to not fund the request of \$81,500. Motion carried on roll call vote, with Milligan abstaining.
- Central Ohio Technical College, Newark (5 MSY/\$81,453)
  - Moved by Soeder, seconded by Smith, to accept the recommendation to not fund the request of \$81,453. Motion carried on roll call vote, with Milligan abstaining.
- Miami University, Butler County (5 MSY/\$86,243)
  - Moved by Soeder, seconded by Lipot, to accept the recommendation to fund the request with a \$50,000 planning grant. Motion carried on roll call vote, with Milligan abstaining.
- Partners in Education, Toledo (7.5 MSY/\$124,580)
  - Moved by Shaffer, seconded by Soeder, to accept the recommendation to fund the request of \$124,581. Motion carried on roll call vote, with Milligan abstaining.
- Rebuilding Together Central Ohio, Franklin County (5 MSY/\$81,500)
  - Moved by Soeder, seconded by Lipot, to accept the recommendation to not fund the request of \$81,500. Motion carried on roll call vote, with Milligan abstaining.

- Washington County Commissioners, SE Ohio (16 MSY/\$268,800)
  - Moved by Kaskoun, seconded by Lipot, to accept the recommendation to fund the request of \$268,800. Motion carried on roll call vote, with Milligan abstaining.

National Service Expansion Discussion

Verifying Community Needs

- Need for building workforce in Ohio
- Make sure to determine role of AmeriCorps as a partner with organizations already doing critical work
- Pipeline for living wage/jobs that pay, new economy jobs and career paths
- Focus to influence policy, not just follow it
- Look to healthcare systems as potential partners
  - Who are the research partners and what do they suggest the needs are?

Addressing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- Consider 2 year service terms as a way to maintain continuity in communities and building of job skills in members

Upcoming Opportunities

Financial Disclosure: <https://disclosure.ethics.ohio.gov>

- File required financial disclosure documentation by 5/17/21.

Ethics Training: [www.ethics.ohio.gov/education/index.html](http://www.ethics.ohio.gov/education/index.html)

- Complete required ethics training by 12/31/21; forward completion certificate to [carrie.niino-koontz@serveohio.gov](mailto:carrie.niino-koontz@serveohio.gov).

Announcements/Other Business

- Next Commission Meeting 9/9/2021 – location and time to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 on a motion by Shaffer, seconded by Lipot, approved by acclamation.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

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Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss  
 Director of Strategic Engagement

Certified by:

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Chair

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

### Index to Attachments

#### Attachment 1:

- ServeOhio Commission Meeting 5/13/2021 Agenda
- Commission Meeting Presentation
- 2021-2022 Ohio AmeriCorps Formula Summary
- Formula Grants Voting Grid
- Grant Applications
  - After-School All-Stars
  - Central Ohio Technical College
  - Miami University
  - Partners in Education
  - Rebuilding Together Central Ohio
  - Washington County Commissioners