



Serve Colorado Commission Meeting

December 12, 2024

3:00pm - 5:00pm MT

Zoom

AGENDA

- 3:00 pm** Role Call (Ben Mattern)
- 3:05 pm** Welcome (Juan Perez Saez)
- Juan welcomes everyone and introduces the LG
- 3:10 pm** Lt. Governor Primavera Remarks
- LG thanks current commissioners and welcomes new ones
 - Expresses the importance of service
 - Yearly Recap
- 3:15 pm** New Commissioner and Staff Introductions (Juan Perez Saez)
- Each commissioner shares their name, pronouns, profession, connection to national service / interest in commission
 - New ex-officio Carla Nunez!
 - New commissioners present are: Brandon, Scott, and Diana!
 - Re-election of Chair (John Kelly)
 - Brandon grants the motion to re-elect Juan
 - Melissa seconds the motion
 - Juan abstains from the vote
 - Most in favor, none oppose
 - Juan says he is happy to speak with folks if anyone has interest in stepping up to a leadership role in the future
 - Ashley indicates she is interested if she could learn more
 - Election of Vice-Chair (John Kelly)
 - Please reach out to John if you're interested after the meeting
 - Serve Staff can work with anyone interested in learning about the role
- 3:45 pm** Competitive Applications Vote (Paul Brown)
- All applicants are current grantees:
 - Four applicants Recompeting for an additional 3-year funding cycle
 - Three Applicants applying for Continuation (currently in Year 1 or 2 of 3-year cycle)
 - Six current Formula grantees
 - What is the success rate?
 - 2-3 years ago we had basically all our applications approved
 - 12 months ago, there was a very tight competition that we didn't do great with. Not a single competitive repeat



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application was awarded

- What is downside to putting all apps up for competitive?
 - Good question we can discuss further in the future if commissioners want
- Continuation Applications:
 - CO Alliance for Env. Ed. (5)
 - Reading Corps (12)
 - Youth Corps for Colorado (11)
 - Serve recommends
- “New Applicants”
 - Alpine Achievers Initiative (10)
 - Artist Year (4)
 - Corps for a Change (10)
 - HIPPY Corps (30)
 - Bright Futures (2)
 - Mountain Roots (as legal applicant*) (7)
 - Will need to ask another legal applicant to run their award
 - Melissa asks: were given a reason as to why they were not granted last year?
- Re-Compete Applications:
 - City Year (9)
 - Climate Corps (4)
 - Math Corps (4)
 - Rural Alliance for Dignity (12)
 - Mary: Is there anything we should be mindful of when looking at these applications?
 - AmeriCorps raised the minimum amount that members can make by \$2,000
 - Serve and AmeriCorps agency are working on raising minimum allowance
- Year on Year Comparison Graphs and Funding Recommendations Summary
 - Can be found here:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1mN4qQ1yISKs1F8CwQ63geaqr7_YoJjAsnlzEwvtq3mM/edit?usp=sharing
- Vote: Motion to proceed to send programs to next round
- DJ is abstaining from voting for Math Corps, Corps for a Change, and



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Reading Corps due to conflict of interest

- Motion for the 10 other applications
 - Jean moves to move these applications forward
 - DJ seconds
 - Nobody abstains
- Vote for the other 3
 - Melissa Calhoon motions
 - Jean seconds
 - DJ abstains, nobody opposes
- All motions approved

4:25 pm

Serve Colorado Updates

- Post-Election Discussion (John Kelly)
 - Some concerns with funding for federal agency due to the change in presidential administration
 - We are preparing for all scenarios but no cause for alarm yet
 - Climate and Education our two largest portfolio areas
 - Looking to identify alternative funding streams we can appeal to
 - Will be meeting with outside funders and philanthropy as well
 - Increased advocacy opportunities for commissioners
 - LG just approved draft letter in support of AmeriCorps
 - Being sent to Louisiana Republican LG for sign-on
 - Letter will be sent to the senate with signings from other Lt. Governors
 - Friendly face on transition team
- 4th Program Officer (Paul Brown)
 - We are hiring a new program officer for rural and economic development!
 - Teralyn moving into environment space
 - Jackie will be doing health portfolio and operations
- Annual Report Plan & 2024 Highlights (Arianna Pattek)
 - Memo to the governor being submitted now, highlighting our wins from 2024 and some of our asks for 2025
 - Highlights include: CONG partnership, AmeriCorps Tax Bill, YMHC, Digital Navigators Program, National recognition
- Open Records and Meetings Act Training in 2025
- Executive Session

4:50 pm

Commissioner Announcements

- Federal AmeriCorps updates from Carla!
 - CEO Michael Smith will be transitioning out
 - Other political appointees on staff will be transitioning out
 - <https://americorps.gov/partner/funding-opportunities>
 - <https://americorps.gov/partner/how-it-works/americorps-nccc>



- Danny and DJ
- Will give

project
updates next meeting

5:00 pm

Adjournment