



NEW MEXICO COMMISSION FOR
**COMMUNITY
VOLUNTEERISM**



**New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism Meeting
Meeting Minutes Friday, August 25, 2017**

Wells Fargo 12th Floor Board Room
200 Lomas Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102)
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance

Elaine Graff, Chair
Matthew Montoya, Vice Chair
Bernadine Dallago, Second Vice Chair
Jorja Armijo-Brasher
Dustin Chavez
Patricia Lee Chavez

Alice Garza
Nancy Hughes
Charles Humiston
Alice Perez
Richard Safford
Phoebe Suina

Commissioners Absent

Erin Atkins
Georgetta Kwasniewski

Renee Lowden
Jennifer Riordan

2017 Ex-Officio Commission Members in Attendance

Samuel Sokolove, Executive Director, NMCCV
Michael Garcia, New Mexico State Program Director, CNCS

Staff in Attendance

Kristin Hsueh, Outreach and Events Officer
Logan Rice, Program Officer

Others

Nate Morrison, Teach for America
Rio O'Neil, Former NMCCV Intern/VISTA member
Secretary Christopher Ruszkowski



Call to Order

Chair Graff called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Chair Graff called roll.

Approval of June 9, 2017 Minutes

The minutes were sent out to the Commission prior to the meeting. Commissioner Dallago moved to adopt the minutes of June 9, 2017 as presented; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Patricia Chavez. Chair Graff took a vote; approval was voted by all. None opposed, none abstained. The motion passed.

Public Comment

None.

Welcome of New Commissioners

Chair Graff welcomed Alice Perez, Richard Safford and Phoebe Suina to the Commission:

With a background in environmental engineering and management, Commissioner Suina manages emergency and disaster assistance projects for High Water Mark. Commissioner Suina has managed multi-million dollar emergency and disaster assistance projects for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in addition to her previous career at the US Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) for post-Cerro Grande fire erosion, sediment control, debris flow and flood hazard mitigation. Commissioner Suina is from San Felipe and Cochiti Pueblos, and continues to assist and share her knowledge and skills with the Pueblo communities.

Commissioner Perez is Executive Director of The Community Pantry of Gallup, which serves people in Northwestern New Mexico and includes a branch in Grants, which serves all of Cibola County. A thirty-five year resident of Gallup, Commissioner Perez formerly served as COO of the Gallup-McKinley County Chamber of Commerce and has volunteered with many non-profit organizations.

Rev. Richard Safford has served as pastor of United Church of Angel Fire since November 1, 2010. Commissioner Safford previously served for 23 years in the pulpit at Community Presbyterian Church in Port Aransas, Texas, and in 2006, was named Citizen of the Year by the Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce-Tourist Bureau. Commissioner Safford has been a Little League coach and a member of the



Jerry McDonald Foundation, which sponsors Boy Scouts, and as a member of the Presbyterian Disaster Association served as shelter coordinator when Port Aransas accepted Corpus Christi's overflow of evacuees from Hurricane Katrina. Commissioner Safford is also a trained facilitator, negotiating community differences as far back as the late 1980s.

Update from Nate Morrison, NM State Director, Teach for America

Mr. Morrison stated that there are currently 46 Teach For America members serving in Zuni and Gallup, seven in central Bernalillo County, and two in Santa Fe, all serving 2,500 students, with TFA the most effective source of new teachers in New Mexico. For the 230 TFA alumni in the state, Mr. Morrison stated Commissioners can offer alumni a sense of belonging: "If this doesn't become your home, you won't be invested," he said. Commissioners can also help by advocating for legislation that offers non-resident AmeriCorps members in-state college tuition.

Address from Christopher Ruskowski, Cabinet Secretary, NM Public Education Department

Secretary Ruskowski discussed how his experiences with Teach for America "compelled him to serve in a way that would have an immediate impact."

Report on CNCS Monitoring of NMCCV, CNCS Program Officer Sarah Yue

Ms. Yue reiterated her responsibility to help the Commission, and addressed the areas of Strength, Compliance and Continuous Improvement she observed during her July 17-21 monitoring visit. In her remarks, Ms. Yue addressed:

- Inadequate member training at some subsites, and the necessity of member training in order for subgrantees to be successful;
- Financial staffing provided by DWS isn't sufficient for the high level of Commission activity;
- Newly targeted monitoring strategies are needed by NMCCV to catch problems;
- As NMCCV is not able to allocate full-match, funds are "left on the table" and the Commission remains understaffed;
- The number of quality applications needs to be increased;
- The Commission needs to streamline its Formula RFP.



CNCS Update, Michael Garcia, CNCS State Director

Michael Garcia announced recent Corporation for National & Community Service appointments: Deborah Cox Roush, Director, Senior Corps; Chester Spellman, Director, AmeriCorps; General Mark Scraba, Senior Advisor for Veterans and Military Families and Carl Higbie, Chief of External Affairs.

- CNCS budget remains in “wait and see” phase;
- VISTA: Opioid reduction and prevention is a CNCS State priority and a partnering opportunity for CNCS/NMCCV.

Executive Committee

Chair Graff announced Greg Hallstrom’s resignation and asked Commissioners for nominations to fill the open Member-at Large position.

Community Outreach Committee Report, Commissioner Lee Chavez (written)

Commissioner Chavez updated Commissioners on both local outreach to New Mexico’s Congressional Delegation during the August recess, as well as her efforts planning America’s Service Commissions’ 20th Anniversary Reception.

New Business

*****Please Note that for ALL Voting Purposes during This Meeting***
Commissioner Atkins gave her proxy to Chair Graff**

Motion to Reapply \$284,332 for planning grant RFQ’s and Review of Competitive 2018 NOFO & Motion to approve the recommended requirements for inclusion in the FY18 Competitive RFP

Motion to Reapply \$284,332 for planning grant RFQ’s and Review of Competitive 2018 NOFO & Motion to approve the recommended requirements for inclusion in the FY18 Competitive RFP: move to enter Executive Session Pursuant Open Meetings Act 10-15-1 Formation of Public Policy; H. The provisions of Subsections A,B, and G of this section do not apply to: 6) That portion of meetings at which a decision concerning purchases in an amount exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars that can be made only from one source and that portion of meetings at which the contents of competitive sealed proposals solicited pursuant to the Procurement Code are discussed during the contract negotiation process. The actual approval of purchase of the items or final action regarding the selection of a contractor shall be made in an open meeting.

Commissioner Dallago moved to enter Executive Session; Commissioner Patricia Chavez seconded.



Roll Call was called: Chair Graff, Commissioner Hughes, Commissioner Montoya, Commissioner Humiston, Commissioner Dallago, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Armijo-Brasher, Commissioner Safford, Commissioner Suina, Commissioner Dustin Chavez, Commissioner Lee Chavez, Commissioner Garza and Commissioner Suina.

Motion to Leave Executive Session

Commissioner Dallago moved to leave Executive Session; Commissioner Garza seconded. Vote taken, all; approved, none opposed, none abstained, motion passed.

Role was called: Chair Graff, Commissioner Hughes, Commissioner Montoya, Commissioner Humiston, Commissioner Dallago, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Safford, Commissioner Suina, Commissioner Dustin Chavez, Commissioner Lee Chavez, Commissioner Garza and Commissioner Suina. Commissioner Armijo Brasher left during closed deliberations.

Only the matters of the Motion to Reapply \$284,332 of 2018 Formula funds and the Motion to approve the recommended requirements for inclusion in the FY18 Competitive RFP were discussed in the closed Executive Session.

Commissioner Dallago moved to reapply \$284,332 from Formula Funds to request quotes for innovative program plans that seek to integrate National Service members in ways that address one or more of the following priorities: Opioid Reduction and Prevention; Disaster Services; Economic Opportunity; Veteran and Military Families and Healthy Futures. Seconded by Commissioner Lee Chavez. Vote taken, all; approved, none opposed, none abstained, motion passed.

Motion to approve the recommended requirements for inclusion in the FY18 Competitive RFP

Commissioner Garza moved to approve all the recommended requirements for inclusion in the FY18 Competitive RFP. Commissioner Hughes seconded. Vote taken, all approved, none opposed, none abstained, motion passed.

Motion to rename Community Outreach Committee

Commissioner Patricia Chavez announced the motion to change the name of the “Community Outreach Committee” to the “Community Outreach and Advocacy Committee.” Commissioner Montoya seconded; motion approved. Commissioner Humiston asked that business be moved to the beginning of future meetings to ensure adequate time for discussion.



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Next Meeting: October 20, 2017 at Wells Fargo

Chair Graff proposed October 20th at noon as date and time of next meeting, to be held at Wells Fargo. Commissioner Dallago moved to approve; Commissioner Montoya seconded. Vote taken, all approved, none opposed, none abstained, motion passed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Humiston moved to adjourn; Commissioner Montoya seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.