



**New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism
Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2018
Las Cruces Convention Center: 680 E University Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001**

Commissioners in Attendance

Elaine Graff, Chair	Alice Perez
Matthew Montoya, Vice Chair	Richard Safford (Proxy Issued to Matthew Montoya)
Bernadine Dallago, Second Vice Chair	
Erin Atkins (proxy issued to Elaine Graff)	
Jorja Armijo-Brasher	
Jessica Harvey	

Commissioners Absent

Rebekka Burt, PED Representative
Charles Humiston
Renee Lowden
Alice Garza
Nancy Hughes
Charles Humiston
Renee Lowden

Ex-Officio Commission Members in Attendance

Michael Garcia, New Mexico State Program Director, CNCS (via conference call)
Samuel Sokolove, Executive Director, NMCCV

Staff in Attendance

Yolanda Montoya Cordova, WIOA Administrator
Logan Rice, Program Officer

Others

Carl Colonius, Colonius Consulting





Call to Order

Chair Graff called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Graff called roll. Commissioners Atkins (Proxy issued to Chair Graff), Armijo-Brasher, Dallago, Harvey, Perez, Montoya and Safford (Proxy issued to Commissioner Montoya) were in attendance at this time.

Approval of August 17, 2018 Minutes

The August 17, 2018 minutes were sent out to the Commission prior to the meeting. Commissioner Dallago moved to adopt the minutes of August 17, 2018 as presented; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Montoya. Chair Graff took a vote; none opposed. The motion passed and the August 17, 2018 minutes were approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

CNCS Symposium

Commissioner Montoya provided an overview of his participation in the CNCS Symposium. Although the symposium had to be shortened due to the threat of an impending Hurricane, Commissioner Montoya reported that it provided an excellent opportunity to explore programmatic initiatives relevant to New Mexico., especially rural development. Commissioner Montoya also expressed his appreciation for being able to pay tribute to late Commissioner Jennifer Riordan at the America's Service Commission's Annual event.

Program Overview

Logan Rice announced that the Program Year had begun. He discussed the challenges created by the enrollment process initiated by CNCS



CNCS Update, Michael Garcia, New Mexico State Program Director

Program Director Michael Garcia announced the FY appropriations from Congress demonstrated great support for National Service. VISTA Requests for Concept Papers are forthcoming, with Southern and Northwest New Mexico priority areas. The CNCS Transformation and Sustainability Plan is currently underway, with some announcements from CNCS expected by end of 2018/beginning of 2019.

OIG Audit Resolution

Sam Sokolove announced that the resolution phase of the audit with CNCS had begun.

Executive Committee Report

Chair Graff called the Commission's attention to the written report of the September 24, 2018 Executive Committee conference call.

State Service Planning Update and Discussion

Carl Colonius discussed how he was engaged by the Commission to utilize his relationships and personal network to develop conversations in communities throughout New Mexico for the purposes of: broadening awareness of AmeriCorps and National Service in New Mexico; diversifying the Commission's grantee portfolio and utilizing the Formula grant dollars. Through his outreach, AmeriCorps has been introduced to multiple communities, organizations and agencies throughout the state. Colonius reported that AmeriCorps and National Service is under-branded in New Mexico, especially in outlying areas, and utilizing a grant-based outreach was an effective strategy. Next steps include outreach to Farmington, and offering technical support to potential applicants on programmatic design, budgeting and application preparation.

Adjournment

Commissioner Dallago moved to adjourn; Commissioner Armijo-Brasher seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.