



NEW MEXICO COMMISSION FOR  
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**MEETING MINUTES**

**September 27, 2016**

**Call In- EMERGENCY MEETING**

**4:40PM-4:55PM**

**Commissioners in Attendance**

Jorja Armijo-Brasher

Greg Hallstrom

Bernadine Dallago

Nancy Hughes

Alice Garza

Charles Humiston

Elaine Graff

Jennifer Riordan

**Commissioners Absent**

Erin Atkins

Renee Lowden

Dustin Chavez

Matt Montoya

Georgetta Kwasniewki

Hannah Skandera

Patricia Lee Chavez

**2016 Ex-Officio Commission Members in Attendance**

Samuel Sokolove

Michael Garcia

**Staff in Attendance**

Samuel Sokolove, Executive Director

Logan Rice, Program Officer

Kristin Hsueh, Outreach and Events Officer

**Others**

None





**Call to Order**

Commissioner Chair Riordan, called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM

**Roll Call**

Commissioner Chair Riordan, called roll and established quorum.

**New Business**

Commission Staff along with Commissioner Chair Riordan called an Emergency Meeting of the New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism on Monday, September 26, 2016 for 4:30pm Tuesday, September 27, 2016 to discuss the definition of the term “recently”. Once the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chair Riordan, Logan gave a brief overview of the item to be discussed and the Commission staff’s proposed options. The following text was made available to all Commissioners on Wednesday, September 26, 2016 and was read aloud at the meeting.

*The New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism staff are asking that you call for an emergency vote to determine the definition of "recently", a key term in the National Service Act of 1990 as*

*Amended ([http://www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ASN\\_Megasearch\\_Document\\_updated\\_7\\_3\\_14.pdf](http://www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ASN_Megasearch_Document_updated_7_3_14.pdf)), more specifically Section 177.*

*Section 177 lays forth the Nonduplication and Nondisplacement regulations regarding AmeriCorps members. AmeriCorps members cannot be used to "displace an employee, position, or volunteer (other than a participant under the national service laws)". Furthermore AmeriCorps members cannot "perform services or duties that have been performed by or were assigned to any...employee who recently resigned or was discharged." The Commission Board is being asked to define what the Commission would consider to be a recently resigned or discharged employee. This vote relates to a discrepancy related to the contract NMCCV has with New Mexico Highlands University, regarding certain member service activities.*

*The Commission staff would like to pose the following options for the desired definition:*

<i>Time Period</i>	<i>Staff Recommendation</i>
<i>6 Months Prior to Program Year Start</i>	<i>May be too short and the potential for employees to be replaced by AmeriCorps members is too great</i>
<i>1 Year Prior to Program Year Start</i>	<i>Long enough to ensure organizations are not actively replacing paid employees on a rolling basis and also allows organizations to restart a program that may have been stopped due to funding issues.</i>



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2 Years Prior to Program Year Start

*Too long and may be restrictive to programs in rural and underserved areas.*

*Please keep in mind that these options laid forth are only recommendations to the board and that the board may chose other options as they see fit. Additionally please keep in mind that these quotations cited above are not the full extent of the regulation and the staff would like to encourage all board members to read the regulations in their entirety.*

After a discussion by the Commissioners and an example of how each option would impact a potential program, Commissioner Graff moved to adopt the 1 year prior to program year start definition for the term “recently”, Commissioner Hughes seconded. A vote was taken through roll call of Commissioners, all voted for the adoption, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed.

**Announcements**

N/A

**Public Comment**

None

**Meeting Adjourned**

Commissioner Chair Riordan moved to adjourn; it was seconded by Commissioner Hughes, all voted for the motion, none opposed, none abstained at 4:55pm.

Minutes Prepared by Kristin Hsueh

