

**VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Louisiana State Library, 1st Floor Seminar Center

<p>Commissioners Attending</p> <p>Voting Members Kellie Duhon Matthew LaBorde Karen Burks Travis Tharp Brian Davis Scott Green Agnieszka Nance Matthew Fairbrother Paul Pratt DeRon Talley Leigh Hersey Kyle Wedberg Heather Carpenter Micah Nicholas</p> <p>Commissioners Absent</p> <p>Voting Members Africa Price Suzanne Harris Tinicia Turner Patricia Prudhomme</p>	<p>Ex-Officio Members Present</p> <p>Ex-Officio Members Absent Jeff Landry, Governor Billy Nungesser, Lt. Governor Katherine Krehbiel, CNCS Jeffery Wale</p> <p>Staff Attending Jacob Brumfield Judd Jeansonne Breanna Jenkins Amanda Smith Stephanie Taylor-Stell Heather Mazeitis-Fontenot Lori Pilley Samantha Hartmann</p>
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Call to Order

Chair Kellie Duhon called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M. Commissioners and staff re-introduced themselves for roll call. Quorum was achieved.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda items were approved with a motion by Paul Pratt and a second by Travis Tharp.

Chair's Report

Kellie reminded everyone to complete their required financial disclosures by May 15.

Kellie announced the officer slate for the upcoming 2025-26 year, including incoming chair Matt LaBorde, Vice Chair Travis Tharp, Treasurer Karen Burks, and Treasurer Suzanne Harris.

Kellie recognized commissioners whose terms are ending, DeRon Talley, Paul Pratt, and Kyle Wedberg. Judd recognized Kellie's service as commission chair. Commission staff presented service awards to these commissioners.

Kellie discussed recruitment for new commissioners.

Kellie also shared that ED Judd Jeanson received the Stoneman Brown Advocate of the Year Award from Voices for National Service and attended their Friends of National Service Awards ceremony in DC.

Executive Director's Report

Judd presented updates about grants and the overall budget. He recapped the current status with grant terminations and the impact on the commission's portfolio. Commissioners expressed appreciation for the commission staff's work.

Judd announced the receipt of a planning grant to form a Youth Mental Health Corps. Commissioners discussed what this could look like.

Judd discussed commissioner recruitment and the need to add new commissioners, including to fill specific statutory requirements.

Judd reviewed the State Service Plan with commissioners. Commissioners approved the plan and expressed a desire for more quantifiable benchmarks to be developed.

Volunteer and Disaster Services Committee Report

Lori presented on recent activities on the volunteerism side, including issuing volunteer service awards, hosting the Champions of Service luncheon, hosting a workshop at the statewide CASA conference, and presenting at the Points of Light conference.

Lori shared the Champions of Service video that was shown at the luncheon. Commissioners expressed that they enjoyed the event and the video and wished to see the recipients highlighted further on social media.

Lori shared recent activities for disaster services, including the Lt. Governor's Disaster Services Summit, delivering the annual VCOM training, and 9 upcoming events scheduled for the summer.

Lori showed the VCOM training promotional video.

AmeriCorps Committee Report

Jacob gave an overview of recent activities, including committee meetings and strategic planning meetings, ASC program officer convening, ASC Youth Mental Health Corps convening, and ASC National Service Training.

Jacob provided further information about the recent AmeriCorps grant terminations and the actions taken by program staff. Commissioners expressed further appreciation for the work of staff.

Jacob gave an update about the status of FY25 grantmaking activities. Commissioners agreed to set priorities without knowing specific funding parameters, and allowing commission staff to make grant decisions based on those priorities. The plan was approved with a motion by Kyle Wedberg and a second by Matt LaBorde.

Adjournment

Kellie Duhon adjourned the meeting at 2:05 with a motion from Karen Burks and a second by Matt Fairbrother.