

**Governor's Advisory Commission on National Service and
Volunteerism
EngageAR-Arkansas Service Commission
February 7, 2020**

St. Joseph Center

In attendance: Gloria Redman, Charlie Cain-Davis, Amanda Richardson Nipper, Robert Coon, Russell Swearingen, Mayor Paul Wellenberger, Erin Franks, Susana O'Daniel, Vernard Henley, Jr.

Staff present: Shana Chaplin, Kim Reed, Kathy Gattinger, Ashley Moses-Rietschier, and Jamal Williams

Ex Officio present: Kevin Moye, VolunteerAR, Ezell Breedlove, VolunteerAR

10:00 Call to Order & Roll Call: Vice-Chair Gloria Redman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

- Introduction of Guests: A.B. Stewart, Program Director of Full Circle Farm Corps was present and introduced two AmeriCorps members, Leroi Emmerson and Renae Clark
- Calendar Updates were made available to each Commissioner.

10:15 Consent Agenda: Vice-Chair Gloria Redman presented the Consent Agenda. Amanda Nipper moved to adopt the Consent Agenda without the Finance Report. Charlie Cain-Davis seconded the motion. There being no questions or discussion the motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of Minutes
- Adoption of Staff & Sub-Committee Reports
- Director Report
- Program Report
- A finance report was not presented. EngageAR Director Shana Chaplin explained Kim Reed, Program Manager's recent return from leave, and the financials are being reconciled in preparation to begin federal grant draw covering the period from July 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020. The process of setting up the payment management account at Arkansas Division of Higher Education (ADHE) was recently completed, a step necessary in order to begin drawing federal funds. A financial report will be presented at the next meeting.

10:45 New Business

- Commissioners discussed adding an Arkansas AmeriCorps Alum's group member as a voting member to the Commission. A.B. Stewart described the current structure and membership of the Arkansas AmeriCorps Alums group. Shana Chaplin explained that while there is no federally mandated commission seat for AmeriCorps Alums, it is an allowable addition. Shana Chaplin will give A.B. Stewart a Commission nomination form to have an alum apply to join the commission.
- Vice-Chair reminded the Commissioners on the availability of a 10 – 12-minute civic program that is available for Commissioners to present on the work of the EngageAR office/AmeriCorps.
- Commissioners reviewed and provided written scoring of Community Service Award nominations presented by Ezell Breedlove. It was noted that several nominations were for individuals who receive pay for the work/service the nomination was affiliated with. In the past the Commission had agreed that no one receiving payment for the services or from the community based organization would be recognized as a Community Service Award winner. The Commissioners tagged those nominations in question.

11:15 Vice-Chair Gloria Redman announced there was no further business. Members were invited to attend the Program presentation and tour to be presented by A.B. Steward, Program Director of the 2019-2020 Full Circle Farm Corps program. Ms. Redman adjourned the meeting.

11:30-1:30 Lunch Presentation and Program Tour with Full Circle FarmCorps AmeriCorps.

***Remember each Commissioner is expected to make at least one courtesy visit to an EngageAR AmeriCorps program. Please use the Program report provided to contact the Program Officer to schedule a courtesy visit.**

Next meeting date: May 1, 2020

Arkansas Municipal League