



# Michigan Community Service Commission Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 13, 2022

10:00 a.m.

## Microsoft Teams meeting

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**Distribution and Attendee List:**

	<b>Commissioners</b>				<b>MCSC Staff</b>		
V	Angela Ayers		Jesse Venegas	x	Ginna Holmes		
x	Anne Mervenne	V	Jo-Ellyn Tucker		Carole Rush-Witt		
x	Bridget Clark Whitney		John Graham		David Martus		
x	Christopher Pryor	x	Kathleen Cain-Babbitt	x	Jason Alexander		
x	Daniel McKernan	x	Kristopher Hill		Joy Alston		
x	Daniel Schnoonmaker	x	Linda Little	V	Kasie Bennett		<b>Ex-Officio Commissioner</b>
V	Darnisha Slade		Nathan Phillips	x	Megan Foresman		
V	David Parent	V	Renee Williams	x	Melissa Sherry		Abdi Abdihakim
	Doug Ferrick	x	Robert Kolt	x	Shannon Zoet		Michelle Teare
V	Earle Higgins	V	Sam Singh				
x	Eric Schneidewind	x	Dr. Sue Carnell				
x	Elizabeth Yassick	x	Tami Ray				
x	Heidi Magyar	x	William Kimble				

### AGENDA

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<b>I.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	Robert Kolt
<b>II.</b>	<b>Consent Agenda – ACTION ITEM</b> MCSC Meeting Minutes 5/13/22	Robert Kolt
<b>III.</b>	<b>Climate Corps Review – AmeriCorps funding</b>	Shannon Zoet Ginna Holmes
<b>IV.</b>	<b>AmeriCorps Funding Vote - ACTION ITEM</b>	Robert Kolt
<b>V.</b>	<b>Executive Director Updates</b>	Ginna Holmes
<b>VI.</b>	<b>Awards &amp; Recognition Committee Report</b>	David Parent
<b>VII.</b>	<b>Outreach and Communications Report</b>	Anne Mervenne
<b>VIII.</b>	<b>Continuous Improvement Report</b>	Heidi Magyar
<b>IX.</b>	<b>Youth Committee Report</b>	Ginna Holmes Earle Higgins
<b>X.</b>	<b>Board Governance Report</b>	Angela Ayers
<b>XI.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	Robert Kolt
<b>XII.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	Robert Kolt

## Draft MINUTES 10-13-22

<b>I.</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Chair Robert Kolt called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. A Quorum was present</p>
<b>II.</b>	<p><b>Consent Agenda – ACTION ITEM</b> Chair Robert Kolt asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda which contained minutes from the May 13, 2022, MCSC Board meeting. <b>The motion was made by David Parent and Anne Mervenne seconded the motion. The motion prevailed unanimously.</b></p>
<b>III.</b>	<p><b>Climate Corps Review – AmeriCorps funding</b> Ginna Holmes provided information about supporting Climate Corps in Michigan. Climate Corps AmeriCorps programs can provide municipalities and organizations with cost-effective solutions that advance sustainability and meet compelling needs. Areas of support may include: renewable energy &amp; energy efficiency; sustainable farming and food systems; disaster preparedness, recovery, and mitigation; preserving lands and waters; environmental justice; and carbon neutrality.</p>
<b>IV.</b>	<p><b>AmeriCorps Funding Vote - ACTION ITEM</b> Shannon Zoet discussed the NOFO released September 14, with Concept deadline October 31. Applicants have three grant opportunities including: Planning to Operational 2023: up to \$20,000 planning grant - members start in 2023; Planning to Operation 2024: up to \$75,000 planning grant - members start in 2024; Operational 2023: up to \$28,800 per MSY - members start in 2023. Funding requests received to date were presented. <b>Motion to approve awarding up to \$200,000 in planning grants to assist applicants that submitted strong concepts to develop operational grants for 2023; individual planning grants are not to exceed \$75,000. The MCSC staff will work with each potential grantee to encourage interest in working in collaboration with other grantees. The motion was made by Anne Mervenne and David Parent seconded the motion. The motion prevailed unanimously.</b></p>
<b>V.</b>	<p><b>Executive Director Updates</b> Ginna Holmes reviewed the United We Serve campaign launched by President Biden to expand access to national service and volunteerism. It will be led by AmeriCorps, to encourage and create opportunities for Americans to come together in common purpose with an emphasis on bridge building and social cohesion. In Partnership with Peace Corps, AmeriCorps will develop new training opportunities for members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in bridge building and civic engagement, and opportunities and mechanisms to evaluate the impact and cost-effectiveness of national service and volunteerism. Introduced Patrice Henderson, the MCSC VISTA Coordinator was honored by Points of Light for her service and commitment to her community.</p>
<b>VI.</b>	<p><b>Awards &amp; Recognition Committee Report</b> David Parent announced the 2022 Governor’s Service Awards will take place at the Fox Theatre on Thursday, November 17th. Reception 5pm-6:30pm, ceremony 7pm, finalizing with the Governor’s office and hopeful Press Release will be going out next week. Commissioners were asked to assist with inviting people to attend. Special guests will be invited by mail, including legislators, commissioners will receive an email to allow it to be pushed out in networks. Seeking sponsorship dollars to be able to put on a professional event. Requested each Commissioner to assist with brining in one sponsorship. Commissioners were asked to send who they would be asking to donate and materials will be sent to use. This is the first time the event has been in person since COVID-19. GSAs began in 1994 and ran continuously until 2019.</p>
<b>VII.</b>	<p><b>Outreach and Communications Committee Report</b>– Anne Mervenne mentioned so much going on with it being and election year. Both federal and state races may make an impact on outreach efforts in moving forward. The committee will discuss a timeline of outreach after the elections for both Federal and State legislators. President Biden signed the stopgap funding measure at the end of September, averting a partial government shutdown just before the midterm elections. Congressional leaders hope to pass an omnibus spending package for fiscal year 2023 before December 16, when the continuing resolution expires but doing so will require a bipartisan deal on overall discretionary spending limits that had eluded appropriations for months. Despite electoral uncertainties in November, Senate Appropriations leaders are optimistic about prospects for a December omnibus agreement. Senate Appropriations Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Ranking Member Richard Shelby (R-AL) are both retiring and are committed to completing an omnibus before end of the year. After passing the CR on Thursday, the Senate adjourned until November 14. The Senate had been scheduled to be in session for two weeks in October and the two days after Election Day. The new timeline means that neither chamber will return until the week after the midterm elections.</p>
<b>VIII.</b>	<p><b>Continuous Improvement Committee Report</b> Heidi Magyar provided an update on the MI CSI activities. A robust schedule has been created to provide learning opportunities with speakers who are leaders nationally in their field. Membership continues to grow, and a plan is in place to be on track to meet end of the year goals. 2023 will bring new outreach and opportunities for networking and allowing for the members to be engaged in solutions for the state.</p>

<b>IX.</b>	<b>Youth Committee Report</b> Earle Higgins and Ginna Holmes spoke of the national work team that is attempting to bring back federal support to implement service learning. The staff plan to be engaged in the initiative. The MCSC has been supporting the governor's office to engage volunteers in supporting tutoring and mentoring for schools. Currently the staff are putting together an outreach campaign to allow all schools to access the InnerView platform and support students to apply for the governor youth awards program.
<b>X.</b>	<b>Board Governance Committee Report -</b>
<b>XI.</b>	<b>Public Comment - none</b>
<b>XII.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b> – Chair Robert Kolt adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

**Next Meeting – December 14, 2022 (tentative)**

**11:00 A.M.**

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