Serve DC Quarterly Commissioners Meeting Franklin D Reeves Municipal Center 2000 14th Street NW – 2nd FI Community Room **Washington DC 20009** May 24, 2023

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes
- **Opening Remarks**
- **New Commissioner Swearing In**
- Serve DC Commissioners in Action
- **Commission Strategy & Engagement**
- Next Steps + Serve DC Lookahead
- **Questions and Feedback**
- **Adjourn**



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MEETING MINUTES May 24, 2023

Call to Order

Chair Beckford called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Commissioners In Attendance

Jason Anthony

Tanya Ford

Ayanna Woodberry

Paul Taskier

Naprisha Taylor

Kevin Beckford

Lisa Matthews

Robert Reeg

Lindsay Morton

Katrina Mathis

Serve DC Staff in Attendance

Alexis Squire, Director Jermaine Dillion, Deputy Adam Lattimore, National Service Officer LaVita Anthony, Special Assistant Sheika Reid, Outreach and Special Initiatives

- Approval of minutes
- Director Squire gave opening remarks
- Commissioner Lisa Matthews was sworn in and certificates were handed out to commissioners. Some commissioners raised; they had not received their certificates. Serve DC staff will reach out to new commissioners to confirm onboarding was complete.
- Director Squire highlighted commissioners in action. With highlights for March and April, including SheRoes stories of service, donations training, annual gala events, DC HSEMA Award for role in





support with COVID testing kits, and CERT trainings. As well as the National Service Team's AmeriCorps site visits across the city.

- Other highlighted events included Power- Up, State Department Visit, with 25 ambassadors, to learn more about Serve DC's civic engagement and volunteerism. Global Youth Service Day, ASC Regional Conf. as well as OSSE Bus Driver CPR & first aid training. To date we have trained 237 drivers in CPR and 202 drivers in first aid.
- Committee member suggested providing trauma kits for CERT trainings.
- Director Jackie Reyes stopped by for a visit to say hello.

Finance

- Budget hearing took place. No budget cuts for FY24.
- Partnering with DOES for Summer Youth Emergency Preparedness Academy (SYEPA)
- Also applied for grant with JPMorgan Chase.
- Accepted participants will walk away with \$20 per hour as opposed to \$16 per hour

National Service

- There is about \$5.4 million combination of competitive and formula grants.
- We gave \$915,000 in formula grants
- There were two new applicants School Talk & Casa DC
- VGF Grant will go live at the end of the week
- Deadline for applications is June 16
- VGF grant is focusing on gun violence prevention
- Award amount is from 10K to 50K this year

Commissioner Engagement (Director Squire)

- Commission compliance still working on this.
- Reminder to commissioners to complete the survey.
- Will be launching an engagement portal called Basecamp
- Director Squire Introduced Change Bridge (vendor partner) Gimari Jones, Principal Consultant at Change Bridge
- Focus areas:
 - Communication, training information, board matrix development, subcommittee organization support, and retreat planning w/equity training.
- There are currently 6 commissioner vacancies.
- Commissioners are encouraged to shares out and make any recommendations if they know anyone who is interested.
 - Suggestion: may want to include someone from the Fire Department and EMS on the commission given the experience needed for guidance around emergency management.

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Serve DC Look Ahead

- Director Squire shares upcoming events
 - All commissioners are invited to attend the SYEPA opening ceremony on June 26th
 - NCBW Metro DC Health Event 6/10
 - Points of Light Conference 6/14-6/16
 - Juneteenth with the Faunteroy Center 6/17
 - MMB Juneteenth Celebration at BLM Plaza 6/17-6/19
 - Mandela Day of Service 7/18
 - SYEPA Closing Ceremony 8/4

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 23rd.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

• Link to May 24th Meeting:

New Location- Re Serve DC Quarterly Commissioners Meeting-20230524 180735-Meeting Recording.mp4

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