

**AmeriCorps NCCC Public Meeting
October 16, 2016
2715 Confederate Ave
Vicksburg, MS 39180**

Meeting Minutes

The Following Members of the Board Were Present:

NCCC Advisory Board Member

Peter McRoberts, Board Chair
James Kenna
Josie Shumake
Jan Lombardi
Kelsey Stephens (Conference Call)
Danielle Varda (Conference Call)
Audrey Heffron-Casserleigh (Conference Call)

NCCC Leadership Team

Kim Mansaray, Chief Program Officer
Gina Cross, Acting Director, AmeriCorps NCCC
Charles Davenport, Director of Recruitment, Selection and Placement
Tom Bryant, Associate General Counsel
Aaron Olszewski, Attorney-Advisor
Kyle Flood

NCCC Staff

Matt Payne, Program Associate

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Public Meeting

Mr. McRoberts began by greeting and thanking everyone for their attendance at the public board meeting, including three members on the conference call. He introduced everyone and himself present at the meeting, a quorum was present. Mr. McRoberts thanked Kathy Hobson-Ricks; NCCC Southern Region Director, for her hospitality at the campus.

Chairperson McRoberts spoke on the significance of disaster recovery projects throughout the coastal regions; particularly, on the disaster response to the flood in Baton Rouge where NCCC established a formal partnership with the Louisiana National Guard so members will have access to housing and services, and FEMA and Traditional Corps members were engaged. Furthermore, Mr. McRoberts highlighted examples of bright relationships such as the National Governor's Association event where governors from all states met to work together on the first formal service project along with

NCCC, RSVP and AmeriCorps State National members; and the article the Washington Post wrote about National Service.

Chairperson McRoberts, concluded his report by restating the focus on continuing to build relationships with communities and how NCCC is prepared for the upcoming leadership transition to execute the orders of the next administration, and that will ensure future generations in service with adequate housing and services.

Approval of the October 16, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the Board Advisory meeting on March 16, 2016 were approved unanimously without opposition.

Director's Update (by Gina Cross, Acting Director, AmeriCorps NCCC)

Ms. Cross first conversed on the memory of a colleague, Dan Milnes, and recognized his excellent service to NCCC as a campus director in Vinton, IA impacting the lives of over a thousand members who were assigned under his term. Mr. Milnes was known among his peers for his kindness, mentoring and team leadership qualities.

Next, Ms. Cross reported the Southwest Region opened its new campus in Aurora, CO welcoming its first traditional corps class of 303 members and 35 team leaders.

Organizational development and program assessment points of discussion were highlighted, including adjustments on how to conduct NCCC business and to structure staffing effectively to achieve a positive impact. Ms. Cross stated the FEMA Corps relocation to Anniston, Alabama was postponed indefinitely due to funding allocation. And NCCC's IAA agreement with FEMA to operate FEMA Corps was in the process to be renewed for the next five years.

Ms. Cross explained that disaster response, at present, was NCCC's main priority. Seven hundred NCCC members; both FEMA and Traditional Corps were engaged in the response to floods in Baton Rouge, and 500 FEMA Corps members were ready to be deployed and already deployed to Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina and the Coast of Georgia in the response to Hurricane Matthew. She added that NCCC has been organizing documentation about the program's goals and project development for management to present it when the time to reporting into the next administration arrives.

Lastly, Ms. Cross discussed AmeriCorps members would being suitable for non-competitive eligibility for federal employment after their service. She emphasized this benefit not only would be an excellent opportunity for AmeriCorps graduates to transition into federal service, but also an opportunity for NCCC to be recognized for the importance role it plays on developing future leaders with intensive skill building that can benefit the federal government and the communities.

Public Questions and Commentary (by Peter McRoberts, Advisory Board Chair)

No public questions or comments were addressed.

Chairman McRoberts adjourned the Public Meeting at 2:21 p.m.