

Fourth Quarter Meeting - Missouri Community Service Commission

December 11, 2025, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Virtual)

1) Meeting Call to Order (Chair Jennifer Ingraham)

a. Roll Call (Deputy Director Abby Farrow)

X Chair Jennifer Ingraham

X Vice-Chair Samantha Knight

X Robin Smith

William (Skip) Stephens

Lt. Governor David Wasinger

X Lt. Governor Proxy: Frank Jung

DESE Representative Dr. Karla Eslinger

X DESE Proxy Melissa Head

X Gary Budoor

Gilbert (Gib) Adkins

X Louise Secker

X Steven Oslica

AmeriCorps Representative: Tekaterina (Katia) Tovmenko

DED Representative: Michelle Hataway

X DED Proxy: Christina Carver

X Brittany Crabtree, ServMO

X Abigail Farrow, ServMO

X Monica Monroe, DED

X Ciara Cheatum, ServMO

X Emily Beers, ServMO

X Lisa Marshall, ServMO

X Nadene D oliveira, ServMO

b. Commissioner Pledge (Chair Jennifer Ingraham)

2) Minutes Review/Approval (Vice Chair Samantha Knight)

a. Samantha Ferguson-Knight asked the commissioners to review and reflect on the minutes.

i. No notes to mention

ii. Motion

1. Frank Jung motioned to approve

2. Steve Oslica seconded the motion.



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3) Ex-Officio Updates

a. ServMO Update (Executive Director Brittany Crabtree)

i. Staffing Update: Introducing Nadene D oliveira and Lisa Marshall

1. Brittany Crabtree shared with the Commissioners that Monica Monroe won the DED Division Star award in September.
2. Nadene D oliveira introduced herself. Nadene stated that she served as an AmeriCorps Vista member at the University of Kansas and prior to that she attended the University of Kansas law school.
3. Brittany Crabtree welcomed Emily Beers back to the team.
4. Lisa Marshall introduced herself and stated that she is excited to be with the team and work for ServMO. Lisa has worked with the state of Missouri for the last 13 years mostly with workforce related projects.
5. Brittany Crabtree gave a shout out to Ciara for her 5 years of service with the state.
6. Brittany Crabtree gave a shout out to Abby Farrow for being selected for Breakthrough Leadership Class and certification in DED.

ii. Review of 2026 Key Dates (attached)

1. **January 7:** First day of the legislative session
2. **January 19:** MLK Day of Service (all commissioners encouraged to volunteer locally)
3. **February 3:** Q1 Commission Meeting, 12:00-4:00 PM (Jefferson City, MO)
Overlapping with the Missouri Arts Council meeting.
4. **February 23-27:** ASC Leadership Convening (Washington, DC)- Samantha Ferguson-Knight will be attending with Brittany Crabtree.
5. **April 21:** Show Me Service Awards (Capitol Rotunda, Jefferson City, MO)- Please put on your calendar. All Commissioners will be asked to come and support.
6. **May 29:** Q2 Commission Meeting, 10 AM - 2 PM (Jefferson City, MO)- Block your calendars.
7. **September 10:** Q3 Commission Meeting in St. Louis, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, in conjunction with 9/11 Day of Service (9/11 day set-up in the afternoon)- Block your calendars.
8. **September 11:** 9/11 Day of Service in St. Louis (Commissioners encouraged to participate) - Block your calendars.
9. **December 3:** Q4 Commission Meeting, 10 AM - 12 PM (virtual)



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10. Special event updates:

- January 2026: Brittany Crabtree stated that she is going to be attending the 9/11 Day Summit @ 9/11 Memorial and Museum in NYC. Brittany Crabtree went over who is attending and the goal. The goal is to prepare for the 25th anniversary of 9/11 and organize the nation's largest day of service in history as part of America250.
- August 2026: ServMO has been selected as a partner to bring a train-the-trainer model to Missouri to increase youth engagement in community-building. Those trained will then incorporate the curriculum into their current youth-focused activities.

iii. Year 2025 Notes

1. Thank you for your service and support in 2025.
2. Brittany Crabtree shared photos Site Visits in Saint Louis, Cape Girardeau, Poplar Bluff, and Kansas City that took place in 2025.
3. Commissioner Samantha Ferguson-Knight met with Nick Zevely with Service Year Alliance, where he said a lot of good things about the Commission and is excited about what ServMO is doing.

b. AmeriCorps Update from AmeriCorps call on December 9th (Executive Director Brittany Crabtree)

- i. The Regional Operations office staff was reduced from 222 staff to 22 staff. They received 63,000 emails in a seven-month period.
- ii. All Commissions were asked to rescind or pull down their 2026-2027 Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) at this time.
- iii. AmeriCorps reiterated that the federal AmeriCorps NOFO will not be released on an optimal timeline and it's going to be tight application process. ServMO will re-release the 2026-2027 NOFO once the federal NOFO becomes available.

4) Committee & Special Project Reports

a. Executive Committee (Chair Jennifer Ingraham)

- i. 2026 Slate of Officers (attached)
 1. Chair: Jennifer Ingraham
 2. Vice-Chair: Louise Secker
 - Motion
 - Frank Jung motioned to approve
 - Steve Oslica seconded the motion.
- ii. 2026 Appointments Update



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1. Ingraham stated that she has had significant outreach from 3 different Commissioners to the Governor's office and the communication has only been one way. Ingraham asked the Commission for suggestions to see how to successfully move the appointments forward. Steve Oslica said he had reached out and was told that the Governor's office is behind in appointing more than 200 people to Committees/Commissions. Jung stated that the Arts Council's appointments are expected to occur after ServMO's pending appointments.
- b. Special Projects
 - i. 2026-2027 Grant Application Review Process (Deputy Director Abby Farrow)
 1. Abby reviewed recent updates to the timeline and thanked the commissioners for participating in grant review. She asked that they be on the lookout for meeting invitations given the tight review timeline.
 - ii. 2026 Days of Service Updates
 1. MLK Day Mini-Grants Update & Call to Action (Brittany Crabtree)
 - MLK Day of Service Mini Grant Awardees Chart
 - North Central Region
 - City of Columbia – Housing and Neighborhood Services Department in Columbia, MO
 - LaLa Speaks Foundation in Columbia, MO
 - Lincoln University in Jefferson City, MO
 - Southern Region
 - Boys & Girls Town of Springfield in Springfield, MO
 - Harry S Truman Coordinating Council in Neosho, MO
 - The Community Partnership of Southeast Missouri in Cape Girardeau, MO
 - Youth Volunteer Corps in Joplin, MO
 - St. Louis Metro
 - Food Outreach, Inc in Creve Coeur, MO
 - Job Point in St. Louis, MO
 - Missouri Stat Public Defender in St. Louis, MO
 - Ingraham gave Ciara a shout out for helping to assist in delivering the Albright Award in Kansas City in Fall 2025
 - iii. ServMO Summits & 2026-2029 Strategic Plan (Executive Director Brittany Crabtree)
 1. Brittany Crabtree stated that in the months ahead we will be looking into the budget



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and scheduling Summits to collect public input and use that information for the Service Plan. Brittany Crabtree stated that in the Feb 3rd meeting we will review the service plan and discuss the State Service Plan priorities and strategy for the next three years.

- iv. Show Me Service Awards Timeline (Communications & Outreach Manager Emily Beers)
 1. Emily Beers shared that nominations will open on 1/2/2026 and close on 3/2/2026. The Award ceremony will be on 4/21/2026 at 1PM.
 2. Awardees & Legislators will be notified on 3/17/2026.
 3. ServMO has invited David Paine to speak as part of the 25th anniversary of 9/11 Day to energize attendees to volunteer on this Day of Service. He has not yet confirmed.
 4. The Awards Ceremony is occurring during National Volunteer Week! Commemorating 50 years.
 5. We are discussing a new award, to potentially be announced in January 2026. ServMO is working with the Lt. Governor's Office. More details to come. (Ingraham thanked the Lt. Governor for partnering with ServMO.)

5) Commissioner Comment

- a. Ingraham thanked Knight for her service and for attending the DC trip in February, with her busy scheduled. Secker is not able to attend since she is running for State Representative for district 161 in Joplin. The day that she would need to leave for DC is filing day.
- b. Budoor commented that he has received lots of comments about the ServMO jacket when he is out in the public. He thanked the team for rebranding and affirmed that the new branding is effective in reaching new audiences.

6) Public Comment

- a. Lainey Harvick owns Harvick Farms they would like to know how they can work with ServMO to get more local food markets in her region.
 - i. Crabtree stated that there are two kinds of opportunities that will be coming out Operational or Planning grant. The recommendation is the Planning grant- research, plan and design a plan. Crabtree stated that you are welcome to apply for both grants at a time.
- b. Renada Chandler- When will the Planning grant be open?
 - i. Crabtree stated that we are waiting for the release of the funds, there has not been a time given, however we hope by January.
- c. Kenneth Yancy- How does our funding align with economic mobility?
 - i. Crabtree stated that AmeriCorps members are serving their communities, strengthening engagement and helping to solve community challenges while also building their own durable skills.

7) Meeting Summary (key decisions, tasks, responsibilities) – SEE CHART

8) Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn
- b. Samantha Ferguson-Knight motioned to adjourn at 11/23
- c. Steve Oslica seconded



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Who?	What?	By when?
Commissioners and Staff	Encouragement to Serve on MLK Day of Service	January 2026
Commissioners and Staff	Recruiting partners for the Citizenship Academy	February 2026
Commissioners and Staff	Spread the word and information to nominate individuals for the Show Me Service Awards	January 2026
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Brittany Crabtree	Send Commissioner Robin Smith information on the MLK Day of Service in Columbia	January 2026



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