



Commission Business Meeting
Friday Sept. 4, 2026
10:00am to Noon CST

In Person location
Department of Education
500 S. 84th Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

Call to Order and Welcome
Roll Call

Anastazia Bauer Scheer
Cathleen Plager

Public Comment

Anastazia Bauer Scheer

Consent Agenda (ACTION)

Anastazia Bauer Scheer

- July 23, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- Sept 4, 2026, ServeNebraska Commission Agenda
- Executive Director Report

Executive Committee

Anastazia Bauer Scheer

AmeriCorps National Service

Cathleen Plager

Strategic Goal: Build and support quality, effective programs (program service) by implementing monitoring/tracking processes

- Program Officer Report
- AmeriCorps VISTA Update
- AmeriCorps Seniors Report

Sonja Workman

Strategic Goal: Identified and implemented a hallmark program in an unrepresented program area for implementation statewide – funding permitted.

Strategic Goal: Build on ways to sustain & increase alumni engagement (e.g., events, programs, events)

Finance Committee (ACTION)

Cathleen Plager

Strategic Goal: Assess & Strengthen funding models/processes to ensure sustainability of new funding streams.

FY 25-26 Funds

FY 26-27 Funds

- Review SN Expenditures
- Review AC Expenditures
- Foundation Accounts
- Approval of Expenditures to date (ACTION)
- FY25-26 AmeriCorps Fiscal Monitoring update

Community Volunteering

Kare Heilbrun

Strategic Goal: Developed Intentional, well-educated partnerships with stakeholders & public

- 2026 Step Forward Award Update
- 2027 Step Forward Award Date suggestions
- Volunteer Generation Grant Update

ServeNebraska Office

Cathleen Plager

Strategic Goal: Staffing (ACTION)

- Staffing update
 - Fiscal/Grants Officer
 - Marketing/Communications Officer
 - Dates and Locations for 2027 Commission Mtgs
 - AmeriCorps Policy Updates and Approval (ACTION)

Federal AmeriCorps Update

Katia Tovmenko

- Update of AmeriCorps Agency

Unfinished Business

Anastazia Bauer Scheer

- Represents local government of the State of Nebraska
- Representative of community-based agency or organization
- Two At-large positions

New Business

- Thank you for your Service, Sydney Kobza

Anastazia Bauer Scheer

Adjournment

Key Up-Coming Dates

- Step Forward Awards October 9, 2026
Embassy Suites, Lincoln