**Members in Attendance:** Amy Pinger, David Battey, Linn Hogg, Ben Jones, Stephanie Kupper, Cindy Miles, Carolyn Campbell, Melanie Haas, Barbara Hickert, Emily Riner

**Members Not in Attendance**: Selena Eckstrom, Ginger Williams

**Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:** Daniel Cruz, Mark Stump

**Ex-Officio Members Not in Attendance:**

**Staff in Attendance**: Jessica Dorsey, Kat Seeley, Amanda Noll, Elaine Rodriguez, Tierney Kirtdoll, Haley Breese, Sarah Nelson

**Welcome and Commissioner Pledge**

Chairwoman Amy Pinger called the meeting to order at 1:00PM. The Commissioners recited the Commissioner pledge.

**Roll Call of Commissioners**

Haley Breese led the roll call and car key icebreaker.

Minutes approved by Ben Jones and Cindy Miles

**2025 Volunteer Generation Fund Vote**

Five programs from last year were funded and the recommendation for 2025 is to fund six programs for next year.

Tierney led the discussion regarding the focus of the programs who applied for the VGF grant.

**VGF Grant Applications and Average Scores**

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| **Applicants** | **Average Score** |
| United Way of Kaw Valley | 91 |
| Urban League of Kansas | 89 |
| CASA of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties | 88 |
| Center for Supportive Communities | 87 |
| Rosedale Development Association | 85 |
| Harvey County United Way | 84 |
| Girl Scouts of NEKS and NWMO | 82 |
| One Heart Project | 78 |
| Omni Circle Group | 74 |
| Thrive Allen County | 74 |
| Flint Hills Volunteer Center | 70 |
| Cross-Lines Community Outreach | 67 |
| Citizen Review Board | 42 |
| Paxico and Beyond Community & Economic Dev. | 30 |

**2025 VGF Recommendation for Funding**

United Way of Kaw Valley - $20,000

Urban League of Kansas - $20,000

Casa of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties - $20,000

Rosedale Development Association - $20,000

Harvey County United Way - $20,000

Girl Scout of NEKS and NWMO - $20,000

**David Battey moved.**

**Emily Riner/ Linn Hogg motion passed.**

**Mentor Kansas Goals**

1. Increase Engagement Among Mentoring Partners
2. Implement National Quality Mentoring System and National Mentor Resource Center initiatives.

* NQMS includes an assessment and improvement plan development – moving programs to gold star.
* NMRC is a funding source for technical assistance providers. (Sarah and MKAC members)

1. Increase Advocacy Knowledge

**State Service Plan Continuation Request**

Our current State Service Plan covers 2022 – 2024.

Propose that we continue our SSP for an additional year due to the uncertainty of the presidential election and funding levels.

Our next SSP would cover 2026 – 2028.

The Motion was passed by commissioners.

**2025 Upcoming Events**

**2025 Mini Grant Series**

Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring

*Releases: 1/03/2025*

Youth Civic Engagement

*Releases: 2/07/2025*

Juneteenth National Day of Service

*Releases: 4/04/2025*

Social Justice Capacity Building

*Releases: 5/09/2025*

Rural & Indigenous Communities

*Releases: 6/06/2025*

9/11 National Day of Service

*Releases: 7/03/2025*

MLK National Day of Service

*Releases: 10/03/2025*

**Commission Legislative Day:** March 12, 2025

* Tabling event for programs
* AmeriCorps member specific activities
* Group lunch
* Meal packing project with BCBS.

**Civic Engagement Conference**

The conference will be held in October 2025 at ESU.

**AmeriCorps Ambassador Program**

We will not have an AmeriCorps Ambassador program this year but will provide social media information for each program so that you can engage.

**2024-2025 AmeriCorps Programs**

* Ballard Center
* Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence
* Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan
* Center for Supportive Communities
* Emporia State University
* Immunize Kansas Coalition
* Kansas Assoc of Conservation and Environmental Education
* The Educator Academy
* USD 260 Derby
* Wichita State University
* Wyandotte County Public Health

**Nominating Committee**

There is a need for 2-4 volunteers for the nominating committee.

New officers will be appointed in 2025, with 2-year terms:

* Chair
* Vice-chair
* Secretary

**Next Meetings:**

**Coffee with Commissioners**

November 6, 2024

1:00 PM – 2:00PM

Zoom

**Commission Meeting**

December 3, 2024

1:00PM – 3:00PM

Zoom

**ADJOURN**

Amy Pinger moved to adjourn meeting.