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- The Honorable Mark Gearan, Vice Chair for National and Public Service
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- Mr. Thomas Kilgannon, Commissioner
- Ms. Shawn Skelly, Commissioner

Program 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Opening Statement and Remarks
Dr. Joe Heck, Chairman and Vice Chair Mark Gearan

Panelists Testify

Panelist Q&A
(two rounds of questions directly from Commissioners)

Public Comments
(individuals will have two minutes to relate their comments)

Closing Statement
Dr. Joe Heck, Chairman

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ANNMAURA CONNOLLY, PRESIDENT, VOICES FOR NATIONAL SERVICE AND CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, CITY YEAR, INC.

For more than two decades AnnMaura has worked to expand opportunities for young people to serve across the U.S. and around the world. She serves as President of Voices for National Service, a coalition of service organizations that work together to advance citizen service policy. AnnMaura is also a member of City Year’s Management Executive Committee, overseeing City Year’s international work, public policy, and public affairs. After college, AnnMaura served in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in California where she led a counseling program for refugees. After returning to Washington, AnnMaura held senior positions at Youth Service America, the Corporation for National and Community Service the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee and the Grantmaker Forum on Community and National Service. AnnMaura holds a B.A. in political science from the College of the Holy Cross. She serves on the Advisory Board for the Eli J. Segal Citizen Leadership Program and the Leadership Council of the Service Year Alliance, and on the Boards of Directors of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, My Good Deed, City Year South Africa and City Year UK. In January 2015, AnnMaura was selected for the inaugural class of the Presidential Leadership Scholars Program, a project of the Johnson, Bush, Clinton and Bush Presidential Libraries.

CHRIS BUGBEE, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, ONESTAR FOUNDATION

As the Chief Operating Officer for OneStar Foundation, Chris Bugbee serves in an executive leadership role with oversight over OneStar’s financial, budget and human resource functions. He also serves as a senior advisor to the CEO providing strategic counsel on administration of the $18.2 million AmeriCorps Texas grant program, $10 million Rebuild Texas Fund following Hurricane Harvey, and implementation of the Texas Faith-Based and Community Initiative, including statewide efforts to strengthen the nonprofit sector in Texas. Before joining OneStar in 2006, Chris was appointed to serve in Washington as Deputy Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and as a Senior Intergovernmental Officer for the U.S. Secretary of Labor. Chris is a native Texan and holds a bachelor’s degree in agricultural development from Texas A&M University and a master’s degree in public service and administration from the George Bush School of Government and Public Service.

PIERRE NGUYEN, DISASTER RESPONSE PROGRAMS MANAGER, TEXAS CONSERVATION CORPS OF AMERICAN YOUTHWORKS

Pierre Nguyen is a Disaster Response Programs Manager with Texas Conservation Corps, a program of American YouthWorks. Founded in 1975, American YouthWorks provides young adults the resources to realize their full potential and affect positive change in their community through innovative education, leadership training, and service programming. Students and participants are able to access tools instrumental to transforming their lives. As a Program Manager for American YouthWorks, he is able to work with other young people to inspire the next generation of change-makers. Pierre brings with him nearly a decade of knowledge and experience in the nonprofit, emergency management and disaster response sectors. An AmeriCorps Alumni serving with both the American Red Cross and AmeriCorps NCCC, Pierre holds a B.S. in Emergency Management from Massachusetts Maritime Academy and is a MBA candidate at Southern New Hampshire University. In his free time, he serves as a mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Director of Communications for his neighborhood association, a foster parent for a local animal shelter, and provides care to patients as an Emergency Medical Technician.

MICHELLE K. BROOKS, CHIEF OF STAFF, PEACE CORPS

Prior to joining the Peace Corps in August 2018 as the chief of staff, Michelle worked for eight years in the field of Global Health and Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs). She served as the head of U.S. policy and advocacy for Uniting to Combat Neglected Tropical Diseases Support Centre, a UK-based NGO, and as the policy director for the Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases at the Sabin Vaccine Institute (Sabin). From 2002 to 2009, Michelle served at the Peace Corps Headquarters as the deputy chief of staff and as director and deputy director of Congressional Relations. During her tenure, Michelle worked to achieve record appropriation levels for the agency, negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding with the German Development Service, and executed an agency-wide food security forum. Previously, Michelle was vice-president of Government Relations for the Council of Federal Home Loan Banks and the director of communities for the Manufactured Housing Institute. Michelle has a bachelor’s degree in international management from California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo.

BARBARA STEWART, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Barbara Stewart is the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Through programs like AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, CNCS engages millions of Americans in results-driven service to meet local needs at 50,000 sites across the country. They work with local partners to increase graduation rates, reduce crime, connect veterans to jobs, fight the opioid epidemic, help seniors live independently, and rebuild communities after natural disasters. Stewart has more than 30 years of experience in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors. As a Senior Vice President at JP Morgan Chase, Stewart was responsible for strategy development, personnel, budget and operations management in the Global Government Relations Department. Stewart has bipartisan experience working with elected officials at the federal, state, and local levels. She served in policy and management roles for an Illinois Governor and two Lt. Governors, led the Chicago public affairs practice of Fleishman-Hillard, and was on the government relations staff of Commonwealth Edison Corporation (now Exelon Corporation). She co-founded the Bowe-Stewart Foundation, which supports organizations that expand economic opportunity through education, training, and work. Stewart earned a B.A. from Northwestern University and a Masters in Management from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.