



Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Council

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The mission of the Council is to inform and advise the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Legislature, and the Governor on the diverse issues affecting employment of people with disabilities.

AGENDA

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022

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MODERATOR OF ZOOM MEETING: MS. NICHOLE WADE

- 9:30 AM **Convene the Meeting** – Ms. Passle Helminski, Chair
- Welcome & Opening Remarks
 - Roll Call – Ms. Nichole Wade, moderator
 - Mission Statement
- Agenda Additions / Approval of Today’s Agenda
- 9:35 AM **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Director’s Report**
Ms. Shannon Austin, OVR Executive Director
- 10:00 AM **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 10:10 AM **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Report:
Update/Discussion of 2-Year Modification to the Combined
State Plan**
Ms. Lee Ann Stewart, OVR Division Chief of Policy, Staff
Development & Training
- POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of 2-Year Modification to the
Combined State Plan**
- 10:30 AM **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Report:
Transition Update**
Ms. Kaitlin Salvati OVR, Transition Specialist
- 10:50 AM **BREAK**
- 11:00 PM **PaRC Fiscal Report**
Mr. William Del Toro Vargas, Member at Large

11:05 AM

PaRC Report on New Website

Social Media Committee / Ms. Karen Beaston, web designer

- **POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of new PaRC Website**

11:45 AM

PaRC Report on Revised Bylaws to include the establishment of a Governance Committee

Ad Hoc Committee / Lead Paul Fogle

- **POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of the establishment of a Governance Committee**

12:00 PM

Discussion/Approval of Consent Agenda to include:

- Approval of the November 16, 2021 Full Council minutes
- Approval of Reports/motions
- Opportunity for all members to participate in online Conferences to include:
 - CSAVR Spring Conference April 12, 2022 to April 14, 2022
 - Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Annual Conference March 2 to March 4, 2022
 - National APSE Regional Event March 7, 2022
- Executive Committee's recommendation to conduct virtual Full Council Meetings on August 3, 2022 and October 19, 2022
- Legislative Committee's recommendation of updated State and Federal Position Papers/Legislation
- The Client Assistance Program's (CAP) recommendation that the State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (Board) direct the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) to review its notification of CAP information in order to ensure that the agency is:
 - (1) notifying persons with disabilities who are applicants for or recipients of services, including potentially eligible students for pre-employment transition services and individuals seeking employment at a subminimum wage, or their representatives, of the availability and purposes of CAP, including information on the means of requesting assistance under the program, and
 - (2) requiring programs, including community rehabilitation programs, and projects that provide individuals with disabilities services under the Act, to inform such individuals of the

availability and purposes of CAP, including information on the means of requesting assistance under the program.

(3) CAP further recommends that OVR include the statutory language of Sec. 20 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in OVR policies and procedures, including provider agreements, to ensure that agency and program staff are aware of the statutory CAP notification requirement.

12:20 PM **PUBLIC COMMENT**

12:30 PM **Adjourn**

**Next Full Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May18, 2022
Via Zoom**

The Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Council's Full Council Meetings for Calendar Year 2022 are scheduled for February 23, May 18, August 3, and October 19. The meetings on February 23 and May 18 will be conducted from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM through Zoom with CART available. Meeting location and format for August 3 and October 19 are to be determined. Please contact PaRC staff at parc@parehabilitationcouncil.org or at 717-975-2004 to register for the Zoom link or to reserve in person attendance at the UCP/PaRC business office at 55 Utley Dr. Camp Hill, PA 17011. This option is subject to change upon any new COVID-19 recommendations. Masks, social distancing, and other safety measures will be followed. Additional accommodations are available upon request. Anyone who would like to make Public Comment prior to a meeting may submit comments to parc@parehabilitationcouncil.org or at (717) 975-2004. A recording of the meetings will be available on the PaRC website following each meeting