



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, AUGUST 25, 2021

REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THIS MEETING AT:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrf-qqqjMqHdaknliJIHbchkmr88gcsjjd>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

MODERATOR OF ZOOM MEETING: NICHOLE WADE

Before convening the meeting, the Council would like to take a moment of silence to reflect the life of our former Council member, Past Chair, friend, and advocate, Mary Brougher.

9:30 AM **Convene the Meeting** – Ms. Passle Helminski, Chair

- Roll Call
- Welcome & Introductions
- 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 **Presentation: Discussion regarding the CareerLink accessibility and how the needs of individuals with disabilities are being served**

Jim Kayer, Director of Equal Opportunity Bureau, Department of Labor & Industry; Sandy List, Equal Opportunity Specialist II, Equal Opportunity Bureau, Dept. of Labor & Industry; Amy Sunnergren, Equal Opportunity Specialist II, Equal Opportunity Bureau, Department of Labor & Industry

10:30 AM **Quarterly Progress Report on the State Plan Goals**
Ms. Lee Ann Stewart, OVR Division Chief of Policy, Staff Development & Training

10:50 AM **Overview of the Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA) and how the PaRC is included in the process**

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11:20 AM **PaRC Fiscal Report**

William Del Toro Vargas, Member at Large

11:30 AM **Council Work Time**

- Discussion to determine if the PaRC committee meetings should adhere to the provisions in the Sunshine Act
- Discussion/concerns about returning to in person meeting in November

12:15 PM **Discussion/Approval of Consent Agenda**

- **Draft Minutes of June 21, 2021 Special Meeting/Committee update and motions**
- **2-year modification of State Plan**
 - **Policy Committee has reviewed and is recommending no changes to Description A in the State Plan**
- **Recruitment – Executive Committee has reviewed appointment forms, resumes and letter of references and is recommending forwarding the following applicants to the Governor for appointment to the Council**
 - **Sensory Disability – Lynn Heitz**
 - **Community Rehabilitation Provider – Julia Barol**
 - **Young Adult – no current applicants**
- **The Hilton Hotel could not accommodate 3 out of the 4 PaRC Full Council meeting dates in 2022, therefore, 3 new dates have been chosen based on the Hilton’s availability.**

Dates that were approved on the previous consent agenda	Dates that were changed based on the Hilton Hotel’s Availability
Wednesday, February 16, 2022	Wednesday, February 23, 2022
Wednesday, May 11, 2022	Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Wednesday, August 3, 2022	Wednesday, August 3, 2022
Wednesday, November 2, 2022	Wednesday, October 19, 2022

12:20 PM **PUBLIC COMMENT**

12:30 PM **Adjourn**

**Next Full Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021
(location TBA)**