



# 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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021

**REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THIS MEETING AT:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtfu6spjIvEt0vInvOQCf5Lb\\_g2Ltilkxu](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtfu6spjIvEt0vInvOQCf5Lb_g2Ltilkxu)

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**MODERATOR OF ZOOM MEETING: NICHOLE WADE**

- 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 on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the proposals surrounding increased Medicaid's Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) funding for Home and Community Based Services**  
Ms. Vicki Gottlich, the Director of Administration for Community Living's (ACL) Center for Policy and Evaluation
- 10:45 AM **Update on Draft of State Plan Two Year Modification**  
Ms. Lee Ann Stewart, OVR Division Chief of Policy, Staff Development & Training
- Report on the Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA)**  
Eva Weiss / Grace Cooper, Temple University
- 11:05 AM **Overview of 14 (c) Certificates**  
Ms. Kim Robinson, OVR Division Chief of Transition and Section 511

11:30 AM

**OVR Counseling Benefits**

Ms. Janice Mazzitti, Rehabilitation Specialist (Annuitant)  
Labor & Industry | Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Bureau of  
Central Office | Contracts and Grants

12:00 PM

**PaRC Fiscal Report**

Mr. William Del Toro Vargas, Member at Large

12:10 PM

**Discussion/Approval of Consent Agenda**

- **Approval of the August 25, 2021 Full Council minutes**
- **Approval of Reports/motions**
- **Social Media Committee's recommendation of new PaRC logo**
- **Recommendations by the Executive Committee to include:**
  - **Conducting virtual meetings for the last 2 meetings in fiscal year 2021-2022 (February 2022 and May 2022) with the intent to pursue in person or hybrid meetings for fiscal year 2022-2023 (beginning with August 2022 FC meeting)**
  - **Developing Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate meeting preparedness, readiness and best practices of in person or hybrid meetings**
  - **Best practices of returning to in person or hybrid FC meetings beginning fiscal year 2022-2023 to be included on February 2022 FC meeting Consent Agenda**
  - **In person attendance of Juliet Marsala and Michele Leahy at the Home and Community Based (HCBC) Conference December 6-10 in Baltimore Maryland pending approval of out of state travel from the Governor's office**
  - **PaRC Committee's continuation of adhering to the Sunshine Act as supported by UCP's Solicitor**

- **Forwarding Andrew Pennington's resume to OVR/L&I/Governor's office for approval of CAP representative on the Council**
- **2020-2021 Annual Report**

12:20 PM **PUBLIC COMMENT**

12:30 PM **Adjourn**

**Next Full Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022  
(location TBA)**