



Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Council (PaRC)

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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.

PaRC ZOOM MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022

MEETING AGENDA:

9:30 AM **CONVENE THE MEETING:** Mr. Paul Fogle, Chair

- Welcome & Opening Remarks
- Roll Call – Ms. Nichole Wade, moderator
- PaRC Mission Statement

Discussion of Agenda Additions

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2022

9:35 AM **UPDATE: COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Ms. Lee Ann Stewart, OVR Division Chief of Policy, Staff Development & Training

9:55 AM **UPDATE: VEHICLE MODIFICATION POLICY**

Danielle Schmidgall, OVR

10:05 AM **PUBLIC COMMENT**

10:15 AM **PRESENTATION:**

Ms. Ellen Strom, Chief Accessibility Officer, PA Office of Administration

11:00 AM **BREAK**

11:10 AM **REPORT: OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (OVR)**

Mr. Ryan Hyde, OVR Acting Executive Director

11:35 PM **PaRC FISCAL REPORT**

Ms. Jeanette Alexander, Member at Large

➤ **ACTION: Approval of Fiscal Report**

11:40 AM **DISCUSSION: ROLE OF HEARING OFFICERS & MEDIATORS / DUE PROCESS**

OVR Staff

11:50 AM **COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:**

- *Minutes / Committee reports and other informational reports*
- *Legislative Committee's supported legislation*
- *Governance Committee's 2022-2023 Goals & Budget*
- *Executive Committee's 2022-2023 Goals & Budget*
- *Applicant for PaRC membership for Parent Training & Info. Center Representative*
- *Michele Leahy to replace Cindy Duch, as PaRC representative on the Governor's Employment First Oversight Commission*
- *Lynn Heitz, as Passle Helminski's replacement as PaRC representative on OVR's Financial Needs Test (FNT) Workgroup*
- *Julia Barol, as Juliet Marsala's replacement as PaRC representative on OVR's Supported Employment Workgroup*
- *Applicant for PaRC membership to fulfill category of Certified Rehabilitation Counselor*

12:00 PM **COUNCIL WORK TIME**

- Increase outreach efforts
 - ❖ PaRC members to provide a one-hour presentation during OVR's monthly in-service trainings
 - ❖ PaRC members to provide presentation during Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings
- Letter to speakers that provides a reminder about the importance of accessibility during a presentation
- Establishment of Hiram G. Andrews (HGAC) Ad Hoc Committee
- Recruitment of committee members to join Governance & Social Media Committee
- Protocol in regard to addressing invitations to events (i.e., Request from president of Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania to attend annual conference in Harrisburg to inform contestants about the Council)

12:20 PM **PUBLIC COMMENT**

12:30 PM **ADJOURN**

NEXT PaRC ZOOM MEETING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022

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