



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.

FULL COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023

9:30 am – 1:00 pm

MEETING MODERATOR: MS. NICHOLE WADE

MEETING AGENDA

- 9:30 AM **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS:** Mr. Paul Fogle, Chair
- PaRC Mission Statement
 - Roll Call of Council Members – Ms. Nichole Wade, moderator
 - Discussion of Agenda Additions

ACTION: Approval of today's Meeting Agenda

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2023

PaRC FISCAL REPORT (3RD QUARTER): Ms. Jeanette Alexander, Member at Large

ACTION: Approval of PaRC 3rd quarter Fiscal Report

CHAIR REPORT: Mr. Paul Fogle, Chair

- Full Council meeting format – Hybrid meeting in August 2023
- Recognition of new / outgoing PaRC members

9:35 AM **PaRC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Paul Fogle, Chair
 - Recommendation / Discussion: letter supporting OVR's grant application for the Rehabilitation Services Administration's (RSA) Disability Innovation Fund (DIF) - Pathways to Partnerships (PTP) Innovative Model Demonstration Project.

ACTION: Approval of letter supporting OVR's grant application for the Rehabilitation Services Administration's (RSA) Disability Innovation Fund (DIF) - Pathways to Partnerships (PTP) Innovative Model Demonstration Project.
- Recommendations / Discussion: letter recommending Ms. Julia Barol as a Board Member on the National Coalition of State Rehabilitation Councils (NCSRC)

ACTION: Approval of forwarding letter of recommendation of Ms. Julia Barol as Board Member to the National Coalition of State Rehabilitation Councils (NCSRC)

- Update: CSAVR Conference – Ms. Julia Barol & Ms. Michelle Mitchell

• **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:** Ms. Susan Tomasic, Chair

- Recommendations / Discussion: PaRC Reappointments: Ms. Jeanette Alexander, Mr. Paul Fogle, Ms. Lynn Heitz, and Ms. Susan Tomasic

ACTION: Approval of forwarding Ms. Jeanette Alexander’s application & resume to the Governor for re-appointment to the PaRC for a 2nd term (July 12, 2023 – July 12, 2026)

ACTION: Approval of forwarding Mr. Paul Fogle’s application & resume to the Governor for re-appointment to the PaRC for a 2nd term (July 12, 2023 – July 12, 2026)

ACTION: Approval of forwarding Ms. Lynn Heitz’s application & resume to the Governor for re-appointment to the PaRC for a 2nd term (July 12, 2023 – July 12, 2026)

ACTION: Approval of forwarding Ms. Susan Tomasic’s application & resume to the Governor for re-appointment to the PaRC for a 2nd term (July 12, 2023 – July 12, 2026)

- Recommendations / Discussion: Ms. Passle Helminski’s application for PaRC membership representing the category of Cognitive Disabilities

ACTION: Approval of forwarding Ms. Passle Helminski’s application, bio, and letters of reference to the Governor for consideration of appointment to the PaRC representing the category of Cognitive Disabilities

- Recommendations / Discussion: revisions to the PaRC Bylaws

ACTION: Approval of the revisions made to the PaRC Bylaws

• **POLICY COMMITTEE:** Ms. Lynn Heitz, Chair

- Recommendations / Discussion: Draft of Description (I) State Goals and Priorities of the Combined State Plan 2024-2028

ACTION: Approval of Description (I) State Goals and Priorities of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan for

the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028

- **SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE:** Ms. Michele Leahy, Chair
 - Recommendations / Discussion: Committee Goals & Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024

ACTION: Approval of Social Media Committee Goals & Budget for fiscal Year 2023-2024

- **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** Mr. William Del Toro Vargas, Chair
 - Recommendations / Discussion: Letter to Legislators highlighting PaRC Annual Report (Email and Printed)

ACTION: Approval of mailing and emailing letter to Legislators highlighting the PaRC Annual Report

- **TRANSITION COMMITTEE:** Ms. Jeanette Alexander, Chair
 - Recommendations / Discussion: Committee Goals & Budget for fiscal year 2023-2023

ACTION: Approval of Transition Committee Goals & Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024

 - Update: PDE Conference – Ms. Jessica Keogh

- **CAREERLINK COMMITTEE:** Mr. Rob Wallington, Chair
 - Recommendations / Discussion: Committee Goals & Budget for fiscal year 2023-2023

ACTION: Approval of CareerLink Committee Goals & Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024

 - Recommendations / Discussion: Mr. Andrew Pennington as Chair during fiscal year 2023-2024

ACTION: Approval of Mr. Andrew Pennington as Chair of CareerLink Committee for fiscal year 2023-2024

- **AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE - HIRAM G. ANDREWS CENTER:** William Del Toro Vargas, Chair
 - Update: PaRC members touring Hiram G. Andrews Center on June 20, 2023

- **AD HOC COMMITTEE - OVR HEARING OFFICERS / MEDIATORS:** Mr. Andrew Pennington, Chair
 - Update: status of pending applications of Ms. Charlotte Andrews, Mr. Paul Stengle, and Ms. Patricia Kennedy

- 10:15 AM **OVR DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Mr. Ryan Hyde, OVR Executive Director
- 11:00 AM **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 11:10 AM **BREAK**
- 11:20 AM **ELECTION: PaRC OFFICERS FOR FY 2023-2024**
- 11:40 AM **OVR REPORTS**
- **QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT STATE PLAN / WIOA COMMON PERFORMANCE MEASURES / COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT (CSNA)**
Ms. Cheryl Novak, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist
Mr. Jim Whitonis, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist
 - **RSA-911**
Mr. Mark Mauer, Program Analyst
- 11:55 AM **OVR POLICY UPDATES**
- Driving and Vehicle Services Policy, Ms. Danielle Schmidgall, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist
 - Supported Employment Policy, Mr. Doug Rand, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist
- 12:20 PM **PRESENTATION: HIRAM G. ANDREWS CENTER**
Ms. Jill Marconi, Director
Mr. Chris Zakraysek, Deputy Director of Operations
Mr. Christopher Miller, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist
- 12:50 PM **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 1:00 PM **ADJOURN**

NEXT PaRC HYBRID MEETING: AUGUST 02, 2023

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