



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 HYBRID MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 02, 2023 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

MEETING MODERATOR: MS. NICHOLE WADE

MEETING AGENDA

- 10:00 AM **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS:** Mr. Paul Fogle, Chair
- PaRC Mission Statement
 - A Moment of Silence honoring the life of Ms. Brenda Bowersox
 - 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 May 17, 2023

PaRC FISCAL REPORT (4th QUARTER): Ms. Michelle Mitchell, Member at Large
ACTION: Approval of PaRC 4th quarter Fiscal Report

CHAIR REPORT: Mr. Paul Fogle, Chair

- Assign committees / chair / vice chair as needed

- 10:15 AM **NEW BUSINESS:** PaRC Committee Chairs
- **Executive Committee:** Mr. Paul Fogle, Chair
 - Discussion: Call for Papers for NCSRC Fall Conference
 - Discussion: 50th Anniversary of the Rehabilitation Act
 - **CareerLink Committee:** Mr. Andrew Pennington, Chair
 - **Governance Committee:** Ms. Susan Tomasic, Chair
 - **Legislative Committee:** Mr. William Del Toro Vargas, Chair
 - Recommendation / Discussion: MYPLS (PA Legislative Services) for access to

government relations contact information database and email blast service.

ACTION: Approval to purchase one-year of the MYPLS Communication Connection Service

- Recommendation / Discussion: State Position Paper and [HB151](#), [HB181](#), [HB1135](#), [H.R.2840](#), and [H.R.2941](#)

ACTION: Approval of PaRC State Position Paper and HB151, HB181, HB1135, H.R. 2840, and H.R. 2941

- **Policy Committee:** Ms. Lynn Heitz, Chair

- Recommendation / Discussion: Description (a) Input of State Rehab Council - Combined State Plan 2024-2028

ACTION: Approval of Description (a) Input of State Rehab Council - PA Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028

- Recommendation / Discussion: Description (I) State Goals & Priorities - Combined State Plan 2024-2028

ACTION: Approval of Description (I) State Goals and Priorities - PA Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028

- Recommendation / Discussion: Final Draft Driving and Vehicle Services Policy, Ms. Danielle Schmidgall, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist

ACTION: Approval of the Driving and Vehicle Services Policy

- **Social Media Committee:** Ms. Michele Leahy, Chair

- **Transition Committee:** Ms. Julia Barol, Chair

- **Ad Hoc Committee - Hiram G. Andrews Center:** Mr. William Del Toro Vargas, Chair

- Member's Report on Tour of Hiram G. Andrews Center on June 20, 2023

- **Ad Hoc Committee - OVR Hearing Officers / Mediators:** Mr. Andrew Pennington, Chair

10:45 AM

OVR DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ryan Hyde, OVR Executive Director

11:45 PM **PUBLIC COMMENT**

12:00 PM **LUNCH**

1:00 PM **OVR UDPATES**

- **QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT STATE PLAN**
Mr. Jim Whitonis, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist

1:30 PM **STAKEHOLDER UPDATES**

- Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education – Ms. Jeanette Alexander
- State Workforce Development Board (SWDB) – Mr. James Martini
- Client Assistance Program (CAP) – Mr. Steve Pennington, Esq., Executive Director

2:00 PM **PUBLIC COMMENT**

2:15 PM **BREAK**

2:30 PM **PRESENTATION**

Ms. Juliet Marsala, Deputy Secretary of the Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL)

3:30 PM **ADJOURN**

NEXT PaRC VIRTUAL MEETING: OCTOBER 18, 2023

The Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Council will hold its Quarterly Full Council meeting on August 2, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format of both in person located at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel, One N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, PA 17101 and virtually through Zoom. All members of the public are welcome to join meetings by computer or phone. Accommodations are available upon a timely request to individuals with disabilities. Anyone who will be attending through Zoom or would like to make Public Comment prior to the meeting may contact PaRC staff at parc@parehabilitationcouncil.org or at (717) 975-2004. To learn more about the PaRC, please visit <https://parehabilitationcouncil.org/>