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OVR Impartial Hearing Officer (IHO) / Mediator Ad Hoc Committee Meeting November 29, 2023 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Agenda

2:30 PM Members connect to Zoom / Convene Meeting

2:35 PM Additions to the Agenda
Approval of Today's Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes

2:40 PM Agenda Items:

- **Formalize PaRC's Role Regarding Selection Process of IHO/Mediators:**
 - **Language defining the conflicts of interest**
 - **Confirm minimum qualifications / experience and preferred qualifications**
 - **Confirm if approval of a candidate requires PaRC vote**
 - **Confirm PaRC involvement with screening process**
 - **Formalize process / agreement between PaRC and OVR in written policy or procedure**
- **Update/next steps for the development of a notice to identify IHO/Mediators unique skill set and requirements**
- **Scope of IHO/Mediators Training**
 - **OCC is responsible for providing trainings**
 - **Require that an observer is present during trainings**

- **Ensure training curriculum meets the standards set by RSA**
- **Ensure objectivity and impartiality is part of the Due Process during initial training and revisited during tenure as IHO/Mediator**

3:30 PM Adjourn

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