



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 MEETING

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Zoom Virtual Platform

Zoom Meeting Moderator: Ms. Nichole Wade

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MEETING AGENDA

10:00 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 Full Council meeting on October 18, 2023 and Special Meeting on January, 08 2024

PaRC FISCAL REPORT (2nd QUARTER): Ms. Michelle Mitchell, Member at Large

ACTION: Approval of PaRC 2nd quarter Fiscal Report

CHAIR REPORT: Mr. Paul Fogle, Chair

- Rescheduled date of May Full Council hybrid meeting
- Welcome new PaRC members, Ms. Sylenthia Dent and Ms. Passle Helminski

10:15 AM **NEW BUSINESS**

- **CareerLink Committee:** Mr. Andrew Pennington, Chair
- **Governance Committee:** Ms. Susan Tomasic, Chair
 - Recommendation / Discussion of two applicants for PaRC membership

ACTION: Approval of forwarding Ms. Christie Cyktor's application, resume, and letters of reference to the Governor for consideration of appointment to the PaRC representing the category of Former/Current OVR Customer

ACTION: Approval of forwarding Ms. Julianna Rodrigues' application, resume, and letters of reference to the Governor for consideration of appointment to the PaRC representing the category of Community Rehabilitation Provider

- **Legislative Committee:** Mr. William Del Toro Vargas, Chair
 - Recommendation / Discussion of the highlighted updates on the Federal and State Position Papers including the addition of H174.

ACTION: Approval of the updated State and Federal Position Papers

- Update on educational & collaborative projects
- **Policy Committee:** Ms. Lynn Heitz, Chair
- **Social Media Committee:** Ms. Michele Leahy, Chair
 - Recommendation / Discussion of the member's only page on the PaRC website

ACTION: Approval of the member's only page on the PaRC website for a more organized and easier access of Committee and Council documents

- **Transition Committee:** Ms. Julia Barol, Chair
- **Ad Hoc Committee - Hiram G. Andrews Center:** Mr. William Del Toro Vargas, Chair
- **Ad Hoc Committee - OVR Hearing Officers / Mediators:** Mr. Andrew Pennington, Chair

10:50 AM

OVR REPORTS

- Quarterly Progress Report on State Plan goals - Mr. Jim Whitonis, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist
- Audiological Services Policy Update - Mr. Russ Goddard, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist
- Philadelphia District Office

11:20 AM

BREAK

11:30 AM

OVR DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Mr. Ryan Hyde

12:30 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

12:45 PM

LUNCH

1:30 PM

STAKEHOLDER UPDATES

- Mr. James Martini – State Workforce Development Board

2:00 PM **MR. MICHAEL KIEL AND THEO BRADDY, Members of the State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation**

- Discussion on roles and increasing collaborative efforts

3:00 PM **ADJOURN**

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