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PaRC Special Meeting January 14, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM APPROVED MINUTES

Council Members: Present (P) Not Present (NP)

Julia Barol (P)	Christie Cyktor (P)	Cindy Duch (NP)
Sylenthia Dent-Siebenlist (P)	Kait Gillis (P)	Joan Goodman (P)
Lynn Heitz (P)	Passle Helminski (P)	Twana Jones (NP)
Jessica Keogh (P)	Michelle Mitchell (NP)	William Paz De Melo (P)
Andrew Pennington (P)	Kara Donatucci Pham (NP)	Julianna Rodrigues (P)
Susan Tomasic (P)	Robert Wallington (P)	

PaRC Support Personnel Present: Michelle Gerrick, Christopher Todd

Interpreters: Jill Buracker

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS: William Paz De Melo, Chair

- Mr. William Paz De Melo called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM after quorum was established.

MOTION was made by Sylenthia Dent-Siebenlist for the approval of today's meeting agenda. Ms. Julia Barol seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding Department of Labor's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), Employment of Workers with Disabilities Under Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

- Ms. Julia Barol suggested that language regarding full funding of VR be included in the letter to ensure this is not an unpaid mandate.

MOTION was made by Ms. Julia Barol for approval of submitting a letter for public comment on the Department of Labor's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

(NPRM), Employment of Workers with Disabilities Under Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Ms. Christie Cyktor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MOTION was made by Ms. Julia Barol to amend the letter of support to include additional funding for VR to ensure this is not an unpaid mandate. Ms. Susan Tomasic seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Ms. Joan Myers Goodman to adjourn. Mr. Andrew Pennington seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.