



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, November 12, 2025

Virtual Platform - Zoom

meeting moderator: Nichole Wade

MEETING AGENDA

10:00 AM **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**: Michelle Mitchell, Chair

- PaRC Mission Statement
- Roll Call of Council Members: Nichole Wade, Moderator
- Agenda & past Meeting Minutes
 - ***Approval of meeting Agenda, November 12, 2025***
 - ***Approval of Full Council meeting minutes, August 13, 2025***

FISCAL REPORT (1st QUARTER): Julianna Rodrigues, Member at Large

CHAIR REPORT: Michelle Mitchell

- Annual Report 2024-2025 – Julianna Rodrigues, Member at Large

Recommendation to approve the PaRC 2024-2025 Annual Report
- NCSRC/CSAVR Fall 2025 Conference – Julia Barol

OVR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ryan Hyde, Executive Director

11:20 AM **BREAK (10 minutes)**

11:30 AM **PRESENTATION**

PA Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services (BJJS): Collaboration between OVR & BJJS - Russell Zemanek, Division Director, Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services & Michael Vore, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist

OVR REPORTS

12:00 PM **Subminimum Wage To Competitive Integrated Employment (SWTCIE) Grant/InVEST Project** - Dana Barone, InVEST Project Director & Kathleen Locmelis, InVEST Project Manager

12:30 PM **LUNCH (45 minutes)**

OVR REPORTS CONTINUED

1:15 PM **Business Services and Outreach Division (BSOD): Workforce Partnerships** - Bridget Frascella, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist & Crystal Houser, Director of the Bureau of Workforce Partnership and Operations

1:30 PM **Commonwealth Technical Institute (CTI) at the Hiram G. Andrews Center (HGAC)** - Jill Moriconi, Director & Christopher Zakraysek, Deputy Director

STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

- **Client Assistance Program:** Andrew Pennington, Co-Director
- **Department of Education:** Timothy Krushinski, Bureau of Special Education, Policy Advisor
- **Statewide Independent Living Council:** Susan Tomasic, SILC Board Chair
- **State Workforce Development Board:** James Martini, Executive Director

PaRC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Action / Social Media Committee:** Joan Myers Goodman, Chair
- **CareerLink Committee:** Twana Jones, Chair
- **Governance Committee:** Susan Tomasic, Chair
 - *Recommendation to approve the revisions to the PaRC Bylaws and Handbook*
 - *Recommendation to accept Sylenthia Dent's resignation from the Council and forwarding her resignation email to OVR for submission to the Governor's Office*
- **Legislative Committee:** Christie Cyktor, Chair
 - *Recommendation to support State Bill 575 ([SB575](#))*
- **Policy Committee:** Julia Barol, Vice Chair

2024-2028 Combined State Plan 2-year modification – Jim Whitonis, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist

- *Recommendation to accept the public comments with OVR responses for the State Plan 2-year modification.*
- *Recommendation to approve the 2-year modification of the 2024-2028 State Plan*
- *Recommendation to table the Customer Satisfaction Survey project until the effectiveness of the new text-based survey process—being developed by OVR in collaboration with Deloitte and OIT—can be determined*
- **Transition Committee:** Julia Barol, Chair
- **Ad Hoc Committee - Business Enterprise Program (BEP):** Joan Myers Goodman
 - *Recommendation to approve the committee's goals & objectives*
- **Ad Hoc Committee - PaRC/OVR State Board Roles:** Michelle Mitchell

2:45 PM **PUBLIC COMMENT:** (3 minutes each)

3:00 PM **ADJOURN**

**NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026
VIRTUAL - ZOOM**