



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 11, 2026** **Virtual Platform - Zoom**

MEETING AGENDA

- 10:00 AM **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS:** Michelle Mitchell, Chair
- PaRC Mission Statement
 - Roll Call of Council Members: Nichole Wade, Moderator
 - **ACTION ITEM: Approval of meeting Agenda, February 11, 2026**
 - **ACTION ITEM: Approval of Full Council meeting minutes, November 12, 2025**
- FISCAL REPORT Q2:** Julianna Rodrigues, Member at Large
- CHAIR REPORT:** Michelle Mitchell, Chair
- Discussion of May 6, 2026 Full Council meeting location
- OVR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Ryan Hyde, Executive Director
- 11:05 AM **PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes each)**
- 11:15 AM **BREAK (15 minutes)**
- 11:30 AM **OVR REPORTS**
- Quarterly Update on the Combined State Plan – Jim Whitonis, VR Specialist
 - Update on collaboration with the State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation – Fred Wright, OVR Board member
- 11:50 AM **CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING:** Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL), Seth Hoderewski, Executive Director
- 12:30 PM **LUNCH (45 minutes)**

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STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

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

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PaRC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Action / Social Media Committee:** Joan Myers Goodman, Chair
 - **ACTION ITEM:** *Recommendation to add a link-in-bio tool for PaRC's Instagram account*
 - **ACTION ITEM:** *Recommendation of PaRC Video Project Outline*
- **CareerLink Committee:** Twana Jones, Chair
- **Governance Committee:** Susan Tomasic, Chair
 - **ACTION ITEM:** *Recommendation to the Governor for the appointment of Logan Iman to the PaRC as the Young Adult representative*
 - **ACTION ITEM:** *Recommendation to the Governor for the re-appointment of Christie Cyktor to a second term on the Council*
 - **ACTION ITEM:** *Recommendation to the Governor for the re-appointment of Twana Jones to a second term on the Council*
- **Legislative Committee:** Christie Cyktor, Chair
 - Discussion of the letter to Senator Warren/PaRC letters
- **Policy Committee:** Lynn Heitz, Chair
- **Transition Committee:** Julia Barol, Chair
- **Ad Hoc Committee - Business Enterprise Program (BEP):** Joan Myers Goodman/Lynn Heitz
 - Discussion on questions submitted by PaRC regarding BEP Vendors
- **Ad Hoc Committee – Citizen Advisory Committees (CAC's):** Andrew Pennington
- **Ad Hoc Committee – Impartial Hearing Officer & Mediator:** Andrew Pennington
 - Discussion/update on the bidding process/PaRC's responsibilities – Office of Chief Counsel/OVR

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PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes each)

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NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026