



Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Council (PaRC)

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Governance Committee Meeting Minutes March 16, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Members Present (P) Not Present (NP)

Susan Tomasic (P)
Julianna Rodrigues (P)

Julia Grant Barol (P)
Rob Wallington (NP)

Passle Helminski (NP)
Michelle Mitchell (P)

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Staff Present: Chris Harbert

Project Staff Present: Michelle Gerrick, Christopher Todd

CALL TO ORDER

- Ms. Susan Tomasic, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order after quorum was established.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PAST MEETING MINUTES

MOTION was made by Ms. Julia Barol to approve today's agenda and past meeting minutes. Ms. Julianna Rodrigues seconded the motion. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Nominations / Election of Officers Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027

- Ms. Julianna Rodrigues accepted nomination for Member-at-Large for FY 2026-2027. Ms. Julia Barol accepted nomination for Vice Chair for FY 2026-2027. Ms. Michelle Mitchell accepted nomination for Chair for FY 2026-2027 with the caveat that she may step aside if other members are interested in serving as Chair.
- Members reviewed the nominations and election of officers' documents and had no changes. Members agreed to open nominations for Full Council following the meeting.

Committee Chair / Vice Chair FY 2026-2027

- Ms. Julianna Rodrigues accepted the nomination for Committee Chair for FY 2026-2027, beginning July 1, 2026. Ms. Julia Barol accepted nomination to continue as Governance Committee Vice Chair for FY 2026-2027.

Committee Goals FY 2026-2027

- Members reviewed the committee's goals and had no revisions.

MOTION was made by Ms. Julianna Rodrigues to approve the goals for FY 2026-2027. Ms. Julia Barol seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Committees / Membership Update

- Attendees were informed that the PaRC committees have remained in compliance with the Bylaws. Members reviewed current positions that remain open on the Council. There were no new updates regarding PaRC membership.

Schedule next meeting

- Members agreed to meet again on April 13, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Ms. Julia Barol to adjourn. Ms. Julianna Rodrigues seconded the motion. All were in favor.