



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, August 12, 2026

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and In Person

PaTTAN, 6340 Flank Drive, Suite 600, Harrisburg, PA 17112

MEETING AGENDA

10:00 AM

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS: Michelle Mitchell, Chair

- PaRC Mission Statement
- Roll Call of Council Members: Nichole Wade, Moderator
- **ACTION ITEM: Approve Meeting Agenda, August 12, 2026**
- **ACTION ITEM: Approve Full Council Meeting Minutes, May 6, 2026**

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

STAKEHOLDER REPORT: Dr. Carole Clancy, Department of Education | Bureau of Special Education, Director

FISCAL REPORT Q4: Julianna Rodrigues, Vice Chair

CHAIR REPORT: Michelle Mitchell, Chair

- Recommendation of the following 2027 Full Council meeting dates and format:
 - **Wednesday, February 17, 2027 - Virtual via Zoom**
 - **Wednesday, May 12, 2027 - Virtual via Zoom**
 - **Wednesday, September 1, 2027 - Hybrid: in person location to be determined**
 - **Wednesday, November 10, 2027 - Virtual via Zoom**
- 2025-2026 Annual Report theme

OVR REPORT: Jim Whitonis, VR Specialist

- Update on State Plan and Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment

- 11:00 AM** **PRESENTATION:** Mike Moss, Chief, Division of Reintegration, PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs | Bureau of Reintegration and Outreach
- 11:30 AM** **LUNCH (1 hour)**
- 12:30 PM** **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- **Action / Social Media Committee:** Joan Myers Goodman, Chair
 - Recommendation of revised Video Project Script
 - **CareerLink Committee:** Twana Jones, Chair
 - **Governance Committee:** Julianna Rodrigues, Chair
 - Membership Update: Resignation & Vacancies
 - Election to Fill Member-at-Large Vacancy
 - **Legislative Committee:** Christie Cyktor, Chair
 - Recommendation of renewing subscription to MYPLS Communication Connection
 - **Policy Committee:** Andrew Pennington, Chair
 - **Transition Committee:** Julia Barol, Chair
 - Recommendation of inviting all PaRC members to attend Hiram G. Andrews Center (HGAC) graduation ceremonies on a rotating basis, ensuring each member is provided the opportunity to attend at least once during their term.
 - Bridging Knowledge to Know How Conference Report
 - 2026 General Pre-ETS Provider Agreement presentation, Kim Robinson, Section Administrator of Transition Services
 - **Ad Hoc Committee - Business Enterprise Program (BEP):** Joan Myers Goodman
 - **Ad Hoc Committee – Citizen Advisory Committees (CACs):** Andrew Pennington
 - **Ad Hoc Committee – Impartial Hearing Officer & Mediator:** Andrew Pennington
- 1:15 PM** **STAKEHOLDER REPORTS**
- **Client Assistance Program:** Andrew Pennington, Director
 - **Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Melissa Hawkins, Director
 - **Statewide Independent Living Council:** Jeff Iseman, Public Policy & Outreach Coordinator

- **State Workforce Development Board:** James Martini, Executive Director

1:45 PM PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes each)

2:00 PM ADJOURNMENT