

PENNSYLVANIA STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

VIRTUAL with on-site access at the ERIE DISTRICT OFFICE

3200 Lovell Place – Conference Room

Erie, PA 16503

June 6, 2024

MISSION STATEMENT: To assist Pennsylvanians with disabilities to secure and maintain employment and independence.

PUBLIC AGENDA

10:00 – 10:35 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**, Nancy A. Walker, Secretary, Dept. of Labor & Industry

- Introduction of Board Members
- **ACTION:** Approval of Agenda
- **ACTION:** Approval of Minutes, March 7, 2024
- **ACTION:** Discussion of September 12 meeting location
- **ACTION:** Approval of Audiological Services Policy #24-200.01
- **ACTION:** Exempt all HGAC services from the FNT requirement for the next 12-month period effective 7/1/2024 unless otherwise extended by recommendation by the OVR Executive Director and approval by the State Board
- **ACTION:** Discussion of Student Aid Index (SAI) and OVR post-secondary training funding for 2024-2025 and Approval of updates to College & Other Post-Secondary Training policy for SFY24-25 Tuition Reimbursement – replacing “Expected Family Contribution” term with “Student Aid Index” per FASFA
- **ACTION:** Discussion and approval of Disability Innovation Fund (DIF) OVR State Board Letter of Support

10:35 – 11:05 **Executive Director’s Remarks**, Ryan Hyde, Executive Director, OVR

11:05 – 11:20 **State Board Task Force Committee Update**, Michael Kiel, Board Member

STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

11:20 – 11:30 **PA Rehabilitation Council**, Paul Fogle, Council Chair

11:30 – 11:40 **Statewide Independent Living Council**, Matt Seeley, Director, SILC

11:40 – 11:50 **Office for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing**, Melissa Hawkins, Director, ODHH

11:50 – 12:00 **Client Assistance Program**, Andrew Pennington, Deputy Director, CAP

12:00 – 1:00 **LUNCH**

BUREAU DIRECTOR REPORTS

1:00 – 1:15 **Bureau Director Report Follow-Up**, Jill Moriconi, HGAC Director; Marci Katona, BVRS Director; Dawn Sokol, BBVS Director; Denise Verchimak, BCO Director

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1:15 – 1:45 **Erie District Office Highlights**, Jack Hewitt, BVRS DA & Casandra Falkenhagen, BBVS DA

1:45 – 2:15 **Updates on Supported Employment**, Jennifer Radick, Supported Employment Specialist, BCO

2:15 – 2:45 **CTI at HGAC Safety and Security Improvements and Planning**, Jill Moriconi, HGAC Director

2:45 – 3:00 **Public Comment**

3:00 **ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT MEETING: September 12, 2024, in Philadelphia, PA