

**ODR Stakeholder Council Meeting  
March 21, 2019  
Meeting Minutes  
Office for Dispute Resolution  
6340 Flank Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17112**

**Participants**

Janice Estabrook  
Betsy Gustafson  
Luz Hernandez  
Karen Yuschak (substitute for Kevin Kane)  
Heidi Konkler-Goldsmith  
Jim Salem  
Edward Titterton, Esquire  
Julie Trbovich  
Jane Williams, Esquire

**ODR**

Kerry V. Smith, Esquire, Director  
Samantha Pudloski, Program Manager  
Heather Doyle, Administrative and Technical Specialist  
Ashley Sultzaberger, Due Process Case Manager / Database Technical Specialist

**Minutes**

The December 20, 2018 Stakeholder Council (SC) meeting minutes were adopted as written and will be published on the ODR website in both English and Spanish.

**Welcome and Introductions**

The SC welcomed Luz Hernandez. Luz is the Executive Director at HUNE, Inc.

**Mediation (Samantha Pudloski)**

Several mediation topics were discussed amongst the SC members. Discussions included virtual mediations, mediator statistics, mediator diversity, mediation training in restorative practice, resolution meetings, and information regarding community of practice calls between ODR and mediators, which are held a few times a year.

**ODR Updates (Kerry Smith)**

Director Smith provided various ODR updates to the SC, which include electronic resolution meeting data form submissions, collaborative work with PaTTAN on trainings to help support charter schools, the potential role law schools could have with ODR services, a technology review within the ODR office and ODR's website redesign.

**Presentation/Travel (Kerry Smith)**

Director Smith updated the SC on various presentations that have been given by ODR staff and hearing officers, which included presentations coming up in the near future.

### **Stakeholder Updates (Janice Estabrook)**

Ms. Estabrook provided a brief overview of the Recommendations on Gifted Education created by the Pennsylvania State Board of Education. These recommendations resulted from statewide public roundtables that solicited perspectives on the current Chapter 16 regulations.

The meeting concluded at 10:58am. The next quarterly meeting of the Stakeholder Council will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019, in which the Interim BSE Director will be invited to attend.