

**ODR Stakeholder Council Meeting  
June 24, 2021  
Meeting Minutes  
Office for Dispute Resolution  
6340 Flank Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17112**

**Participants**

Cindy Duch  
Janice Estabrook  
Betsy Gustafson  
Nancy Giacomini  
Luz Hernandez  
Jill Hrinda-Patten  
Heidi Konkler-Goldsmith  
Gina Scala  
Edward Titterton, Esquire  
Jane Williams, Esquire

**ODR**

Kerry Smith, Director  
Samantha Pudloski, Program Manager  
Heather Doyle, Administrative and Technical Specialist  
Ashley Sultzaberger, Due Process Case Manager / Database Technical Specialist  
Karen Eberly, Due Process Case Manager,  
Lori Shafer, Mediation Case Manager

**Other**

John Cica

**Minutes**

The March 18, 2021 Stakeholder Council (SC) meeting minutes were adopted as written and will be published on the ODR website in both English and Spanish.

**State Performance Plan / Annual Performance Report (John Cica)**

John Cica joined the SC meeting to provide information on the basic requirements of the State Performance Plan / Annual Performance Report and request SC member input on target setting for mediation and resolution meeting agreement rates.

**Special Education Leadership Conference (Gina Scala)**

Gina Scala provided the SC with scheduled dates for the 2021 Special Education Leadership Conference, which will be held at the end of July 2021.

**ODR Updates**

ODR has resumed the scheduling of in-person due process hearings. Virtual hearings will remain available for those parties who prefer participating in a virtual manner.

ODR staff and CADRE are in the planning process of co-sponsoring a national Hearing Officer Academy, which will be held on November 9-10, 2021. The Academy will be virtual and closed to hearing officers only.

ODR is designing a “workshop in a box” using modules from its Creating Agreement Training. The Special Education ConsultLine is spearheading the initial stages of the project.

The Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) has asked Director Smith to present at a training scheduled for March 2022.

The meeting concluded at 11:35am. The next quarterly meeting of the Stakeholder Council will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2021.