



**ODR Stakeholder Council Meeting
December 15, 2022
Meeting Minutes
Office for Dispute Resolution
6340 Flank Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17112**

Participants

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Lenny Greaney
Luz Hernandez
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Minutes

The September 15, 2022 Stakeholder Council (SC) meeting minutes were adopted as written and will be published on the ODR website in both English and Spanish.

SC Member Replacement Update

The Council member representing intermediate units has stepped down. A recommendation for a replacement has been made. The SC welcomed Dr. Lenny Greaney. Dr. Greaney is the Assistant to the Executive Director of the Bucks County Intermediate Unit and has extensive experience in the field of Special Education.

People First vs. Identity First Language

The SC discussed the topic of people first vs. identity first language. General consensus is to use people first language unless otherwise specified. A brief conversation was also held on the term "Stakeholder".



Race/Gender Collection

The SC discussed the value of collecting information on race and gender as it relates to due process requests. Future conversations will be held with the Director of the Bureau of Special Education.

ODR Service Usage Survey Results

ODR sent a survey to all active attorneys who have represented parties in due process hearings over the last two years regarding services ODR provides beyond due process. The results of that survey were shared with SC members and will be updated as additional responses are received.

IEP Facilitation Marketing Angle

The ODR Director initiated a conversation on the use of IEP facilitation and if there should be a change of focus to offer the service for any IEP meeting rather than only those in need of dispute resolution.

The meeting ended at 11:02am. The next quarterly meeting of the Stakeholder Council will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2023.