



**ODR Stakeholder Council Meeting  
December 16, 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  
Kevin Kane  
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

**Other**

Dr. Constance Lyttle, ODR-contracted mediator for Evaluative Mediation

**Minutes**

The September 23, 2021 Stakeholder Council (SC) meeting minutes were adopted as written and will be published on the ODR website in both English and Spanish.

**Evaluative Mediation**

ODR is now offering evaluative mediation for parties who would prefer an evaluative, rather than facilitative, style of mediation. Evaluative mediations will be held virtually with Dr. Constance Lyttle. In evaluative mediation, the mediator is a neutral special education expert, who uses educational and legal knowledge and experience to examine potential outcomes with the parties, with the goal of facilitating a collaborative agreement.



### **IEP Facilitation Training**

With the support of the Bureau of Special Education, ODR has contracted with Key2Ed, Inc. to provide facilitated IEP team meeting training to local education agencies who have more due process activity than others. The focus of this training is to support staff and parents on successfully conducting effective IEP meetings and enabling teams to collaborate and resolve conflict during those meetings.

### **Stakeholder Council Issues**

A member of the SC has not attended sessions in over a year. ODR will reach out to the member regarding participation intentions before any actions are taken regarding replacement of the seat.

The meeting concluded at 11:08am. The next quarterly meeting of the Stakeholder Council will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2022.