

**ODR Stakeholder Council Meeting  
June 21, 2018  
Meeting Minutes  
Office for Dispute Resolution  
6340 Flank Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17112**

**Participants**

Cindy Duch  
Janice Estabrook  
Betsy Gustafson  
Heidi Konkler-Goldsmith, Esquire  
Debbie Leggens  
Kay Lipsitz  
Gina Scala  
Jane Williams, Esquire

**ODR**

Kerry V. Smith, Esquire, Director  
Heather Doyle, Administrative and Technical Specialist  
Samantha Pudloski, Special Education Internet and Resource Manager  
Suzanne McDougall, Program Manager

**Minutes**

The March 15, 2018 Stakeholder Council (SC) meeting minutes were adopted as written and will be published on the ODR website in both English and Spanish.

**ODR Updates (Kerry Smith)**

During May, members of the Stakeholder Council assisted the ODR Director in interviewing three candidates. James Gerl, Esquire, was offered and accepted the position. The effective hire date will be August 1, 2018.

**Recognition of Retirees (Kerry Smith)**

Debbie Leggens has announced her pending retirement, effective at the end of June 2018. Suzanne McDougall, ODR Program Manager, will also be retiring at the beginning of August.

**Update on Restorative Practices (Kerry Smith and Samantha Pudloski)**

The ODR Director and the Special Education and Internet Resource Coordinator provided an update on Restorative Practices. The Special Education and Internet Resource Coordinator attended a training in May 2018, which was presented by the International Institute for Restorative Practices. Ideas presented on relationship building could tie in to ODR's work. ODR will move forward on figuring out the process as it pertains to ODR.

### **Leading by Convening (Joanne Cashman)**

Joanne Cashman, of the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE), provided an interactive presentation on Leading by Convening, which focuses on stakeholder engagement by gathering as a group to come together instead of focusing on differences. SC members broke out into small groups to discuss grounding assumptions, which are statements with which all stakeholders agree.

The meeting concluded at 1:15pm. The next quarterly meeting of the Stakeholder Council will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018.