



RCT Quarterly Meeting Agenda

November 13-14, 2025

Texas Workforce Commission

101 East 15th

Room 244

Austin, TX 78778

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Thursday, November 13, 2025

8:30 a.m. Gather

9:00 a.m. Welcome, Peggy Schmidt, RCT Chair

9:15 a.m. Legislative Session Update/Government Relations,
Michael Britt, Director of Governmental Relations, Government
Relations, Randy Townsend, Interim Executive Director

10:00am TWC Commissioners Remarks

10:10 a.m. Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Vocational Rehabilitation
(VR) Budget Update Mary Eixman, Manager of Budget &
Personnel Support and Summer Robinson, Budget Analyst for
Customer Expenditures

- 2025 Budget and Spending Actuals / Projections
- 2026-2027 Budget

10:40 a.m. VR Division Report,

Tammy Ames, MRC, CRC Director, VR Division, TWC

- VR Organizational Update
- VR Division Recruitment Plan
- Execution Across Key Priorities
- Sunset Review Process

11:15 a.m. Break

11:25 a.m. VR Division Report, continued

12:30 p.m. PCG Rate Study Implementation Update,

Elyse Luke, VR Deputy Director

12:40 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. Comprehensive Transition Post Education, Tammy Ames

1:50 p.m. VR Performance Update,

Geoffrey Miller, Director of Analytics and Evaluation (A&E), and

Christopher Speckhard, Manager VRGIS Team, Information,

Innovation, and Insight (I|3)

2:20 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. State Plan Update, Kimberly Stanphill,

Program Specialist for Policy and Program Development

2:45 p.m. 2026 CSNA Planning

2:55 p.m. Public Comment

3:05 p.m. Recess for the day

Friday, November 14, 2025

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions, Peggy Schmidt, Chair

8:40 a.m. TWC Commissioners Remarks

8:50 a.m. Region 4 Pilot Intake process, Dennis Kutach, Regional Director

9:30 a.m. 2026-2027 VR Customer Served Estimation Model, Christopher Speckhard

9:55 a.m. Break

10:05 a.m. Public Engagement Jordan Smelley, Membership and Education Chair

10:35 a.m. Conference Report

- National Coalition of State Rehabilitation Council (NCSRC), Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR), and National Council of State Agencies for the Blind (NCSAB) Fall Conferences, Peggy Schmidt and Melva Henderson
- Texas Association of People Supporting Employment (APSE) Employment 1st Conference
- American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) Convention, Jordan Smelley

10:45 a.m. 2026 RCT Strategic Planning Review, Peggy Schmidt

10:55 a.m. Liaison Reports – Full reports are included in the binder

- Client Assistance Program (CAP), Jeanie Beaman
- Community Rehabilitation Provider (CRP), Peggy Schmidt
- Partners Resource Network (PRN), Shannon Rosson
- State Independent Living Council (SILC), Melva Henderson
- Texas Education Agency (TEA), Emily Heise
- Texas Workforce Investment Council (TWIC), Michelle Harper

11:10 a.m. Committee Reports

- Policy, Procedure & Personnel Development, Norine Gill, and Michele Norris, Co-Chair
- Membership and Education, Emily Heise, and Jordan Smelley Co-Chair
- Customer Satisfaction & Needs Assessment, Shannon Rosson, Chair

11:20 a.m. Council Business

- Approve August 2025 Minutes
- RCT Budget Report

- Committee member process for non RCT Members, Exec Committee Discussion and Vote
- 2026 council meeting dates /locations

11:40 p.m. Public Comment

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

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