

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Labor & Industry

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

June 6, 2025
9:30 AM – 3 PM
Zoom

Mission: The mission of the ACDHH is to provide recommendations, advocacy, and information for the betterment of Pennsylvanians who are D/deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind.

AGENDA

- I. Welcome & Housekeeping
- II. Review and Approval of minutes from Friday, March 14, 2025, Meeting
- III. Officer Election – new officers will assume their duties after this meeting
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Vice Chairperson
- IV. Changes to Act 57 – Melissa Hawkins, Director of the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH), and Rob Schramm, Deputy Chief Counsel for the Department of Labor and Industry from the Governor’s Office of General Counsel
- V. 1st Public Comment Period – Comments on the Act 57 Presentation (3 minutes each person)
- VI. Department Reports (Governor, House of Representatives, Health, Aging, DHS, Education, L&I/OVR)
- VII. 2nd Public Comment Period – Comments on the Department Reports (3 minutes each person)
- VIII. LUNCH – ½ hour
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Bylaws Committee Report
 - b. Membership Committee Report
 - i. Absent Council members – discussion
- X. New Business

- a. Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program – possible changes under the current White House administration – Russ Goddard
- b. Identifying potential designees from the PA Senate – Jerry Penna

XI. 3rd Public Comment Period – All other input (3 minutes each person)

XII. Wrap Up – Adjourn

Pennsylvania's Advisory Council for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (ACDHH) was established as a result of Act 1997-37, which required the establishment of the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Advisory Council. The Council is mandated to provide recommendations to public and private agencies, advocate for services, and act as a bureau of information.