



RCT Quarterly Meeting Agenda
1st Quarter Meeting 2027 October 29th, 2026
Virtual

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Thursday October 29th, 2026

- 8:30 a.m.** Gather online
- 9:00 a.m.** Welcome and Introductions of RCT Members,
Peggy Schmidt, RCT Chair
- 9:10 a.m.** Remarks from Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)
Commissioner(s) and Executive Director
- 9:25 a.m.** Sunset Report Update, **Tammy Ames TWC, VR Division Director**
- 9:35 a.m.** Proposed Rule Chapter 858 Update, **Tammy Ames TWC, VR Division Director**
- 9:45 a.m.** Budget FY '27 TWC Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Budget Update
Mary Eixman, Manager of Budget & Personnel Support
- 2026 Budget, Encumbrances and Expenditures
 - 2027 Budget, Forecasting and Upcoming Legislative Appropriations Outlook, Including Resource and Capacity Needs
- 10:40 a.m.** Break (10 min)
- 10:50 a.m.** VR Division Report, **Tammy Ames TWC, VR Division Director** and **Christopher Speckhard, Manager VRGIS Team**, Information, Innovation, and Insight (I|3)
- Execution Across Key Priorities
 - Self-Employment Policy Update
 - TWC Reorganization Update
- 12:00 p.m.** Lunch (1hr)
- 1:00 p.m.** VR Performance Update, **Geoffrey Miller, Director of Analytics and Evaluation (A&E)**, and **Christopher Speckhard**
- 2:00 p.m.** Update on open enrollment for Independent Hearing Officers (IHO), **Tammy Ames TWC, VR Division Director** and **Jeanie Hanzal Beaman, RCT Policy Committee**
- 2:15 p.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**

2:45 p.m. Break (15 min)

3:00 p.m. Committee Reports

- Policy, Procedure & Personnel Development, **Jeanie Hanzal Beaman, and Michele Norris, Co-Chair**
- Membership and Education, **Jordan Smelley Chair**
- Customer Satisfaction & Needs Assessment, **Shannon Rosson, Chair**

3:20 p.m. Council Business

- Approve August 2026 Minutes
- Update on strategic planning
- RCT Budget Report

3:45 p.m. Public Comment

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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