

Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Virtual Meeting held via Zoom

9:00 AM (Central Time)

Meeting related information can be found on the South Dakota's Board and Commissions Portal under Vocational Rehabilitation Board at: [South Dakota Boards and Commissions Portal](#)

The public may participate in the meeting by computer or by mobile device. If you would like to attend the Zoom meeting, via computer or by phone, please contact BVR staff to request the Zoom meeting link and password or the telephone number, prior to the scheduled meeting date.

You can reach BVR Staff at cwagoner@bhssc.org or 605.494.3613.

A conference room at the Department of Human Services (DHS) state office is available for people who want to participate in the Virtual Meeting. DHS is located at Hillview Properties Plaza; 3800 E Hwy 34, Pierre, SD.

Agenda Item	Lead Person	Information Or Action Item
9:00 AM (Central Time) Opening Actions: Housekeeping Items Welcome & Introductions/Roll Call Review of Voting Process	Shawn Lyons, Chairperson	Information
Review & Approve Meeting Agenda View Agenda At: SD Boards and Commissions Board of Voc Rehab	Shawn Lyons	Action Item/Vote
Review & Approve Meeting Minutes BVR Meeting Minutes from 06/03/2026 Exec Committee Meeting Minutes from 8/17/2026	Shawn Lyons	Action Item/Vote
9:30 AM Public Comment If you are interested in providing public comment, please send notification to cwagoner@bhssc.org or call (605) 494.3613	Shawn Lyons	Information
9:35 AM Announcements	Shawn Lyons	Information
9:40 AM Annual Review of State's Open Meetings Laws	Colette Wagoner	Information

10:00 AM	Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) Director's Comments & Updates	Eric Weiss	Information
10:30 AM	Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) Program Initiatives	Bernie Grimme & Staff	Information
11:30 AM	Break		
11:40 AM	Aberdeen VR District Office Overview	Laura Stoltenburg	Information
12:10 PM	Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Update	Eric Weiss	Information
12:20 PM	Staff Update • National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) – Update • Governor's Awards Update • Fall Conference • Budget	Colette Wagoner	Information
12:40 PM	Other Business	Shawn Lyons	Information
12:45 PM	Closing Actions (Tentative End Time) • Future Agenda Items • Next Meeting – Doodle Poll will be disseminated • Adjourn for the Day	Shawn Lyons	Action Item/Vote

Need for Auxiliary Aids or Services: Any individual who will require auxiliary aids or services for a disability to participate in the meeting (e.g., sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format), please submit a request to Board staff at 1-605-494-3613 or cwagoner@bhssc.org. To ensure auxiliary aids or services are available, please make the request(s) **at least 10 days in advance of the meeting.**

Meeting Tips: Please put cell phones on vibrate/silence; one person talks at a time; state your name before speaking so all participants know who is commenting, be respectful; everyone listens; and come prepared.