

Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR)
Executive Committee
February 18, 2026 – Zoom Meeting

Present: Vicki Stewart, Jonathan Englund, and Eric Weiss. Member absent: Shawn Lyons. Others present: Colette Wagoner, BVR staff.

The meeting convened at 11:00 a.m. Central Time.

The Executive Committee met to review the March 10th meeting agenda and a funding request submitted by South Dakota Parent Connection to support the 2026 *Lighting the Way* Conference on Autism. The request seeks support for speaker fees and travel related costs.

During their review, the committee raised several questions regarding the conference budget and the employment-focused content included in the proposal. They asked staff to contact Carla Miller and extend an invitation for her to join the Board's March 10th meeting to present the request and address these questions.

The committee agreed it would be helpful for Carla to walk the Board through the proposal, provide clarification on the budget, and discuss the employment-related components of the conference. A final vote on the funding request will be taken by the full board during the March meeting.

Staff also noted the upcoming June meeting and the agenda item for election of officers, encouraging members to consider serving in leadership roles (Chair, Vice Chair and Member At Large).

With no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.