

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Meeting

Date: March 15, 2023; 10:30 AM
Location: VCW – Lynchburg Center
3125 Odd Fellows
Lynchburg, VA 24501



Meeting Minutes

I. **Welcome & Introductions:** Christian opened the meeting at 10:35 AM and welcomed attendees.

Members Present: Christian Wiscovitch

Staff Present: Traci Blido, Lori Cumbo

II. **Approval of 02-15-23 Meeting Minutes:** A quorum was not met, and meeting minutes could not be approved.

III. **Presentation, Lizzett Uria, PEATC:**

The Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC) is the parent information and training center serving families and professionals of children with disabilities in Virginia. PEATC promotes respectful, collaborative partnerships between parents, schools, professionals, and the community to increase the success of students with disabilities. PEATC provides tools and information to empower Virginia students with disabilities (birth-age 26) and their families.

PEATC is a statewide nonprofit whose passion is to empower families of children with disabilities in Virginia. PEATC's central focus is on families who are navigating the special education and disability service system.

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Additional areas of targeted outreach:

- [Bullying Awareness](#)
- [Early Childhood](#)
- [Family Engagement](#)
- [Latino Outreach](#)
- [Military Outreach](#)
- [Sexual Health and Wellness](#)
- [Transition to Adulthood](#)

PEATC can help families learn to:

- Move through the special education and disability services system
- Build effective communication skills
- Encourage self-advocacy and self-determination in students
- Develop collaborative partnerships

PEATC provides:

- One-on-one consultations
- Workshops, webinars, and trainings
- Easy to understand factsheets

PEATC's services to Virginia's families are free and confidential.

Adjourn: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.