

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120**

**Pennsylvania Telecommunications
Relay Service Advisory Board**

**Public Meeting August 25, 2022
1121115-LAW
Docket No. M-00900239**

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS BROWN DUTRIEUILLE

The Tentative Order proposes amending our 1990 Order which established the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) and TRS Advisory Board to eliminate a provision allowing staff to have a voting role on the TRS Advisory Board. I would like to note that this Commission's action to establish the Pennsylvania TRS program was in advance of subsequent federal legislation which imposed that obligation on common carrier telecommunications service providers.

I support seeking comments on the proposal to revise our TRS Advisory Board structure. The current TRS Board structure has been in place for over 30 years without issue. However, I appreciate the observation regarding a potential ethics concern in the mingling of Commission staff's roles on the TRS Advisory Board.

I also seek analysis on whether this action is more appropriately warranted in order to harmonize the Commission's approach to the TRS Advisory Board with other advisory boards, such as the Consumer Advisory Council (CAC). Those boards have no Commission staff members in a voting capacity.

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