

# MOMENTUM

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

## AGENDA

November 30, 2023 • DCU Center Worcester

**Registration & Coffee**  
8:30—9:30 a.m.

**Opening Remarks**  
9:30—9:40 a.m.  
**Toni Wolf**, Commissioner

**Keynote Speaker**  
9:40—10:30 a.m.

**Keynote Q&A**  
10:30—10:45 a.m.  
**Joe Xavier**, Director, Department of Rehabilitation, California

**National VR Performance -  
A Call to Action: The National Urgency**  
10:45—11:15 a.m.  
Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)

**RSA Q&A**  
11:15—11:30 a.m.

**Stretch Break**  
11:30—11:40 a.m.

**Disability Innovation Fund (DIF)  
Grant Panel Discussion**  
11:40 a.m.—12:40 p.m.  
**Michelle Banks**, Strategic Director  
NextGen Careers

**David Sykes**, Director of Operations  
NextGen Careers

**Sabrina Cunliffe**, DIF Grant Program Manager,  
Inclusive Career Advancement Program Oregon  
Vocational Rehabilitation Department of Human  
Services

**David Leon**, Director of Workforce Programs,  
Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative  
Services

**Kate Kaegi**, Pathways to Careers Program  
Manager, Virginia Department for Aging and  
Rehabilitative Services

**Panel Q&A**  
12:40—12:45 p.m.

**Lunch**  
12:45—1:30 p.m.

**The Power of VR**  
1:30—2:15 p.m.  
**Lorenzo Brown**, Founder, Is-Able Center

**Performance Picture –  
What Outcomes and Data Tell Us**  
2:15—2:45 p.m.  
**Jessica Cimini**, Director of VR Operations

**Graham Porell**, Assistant Director, Analytics  
and Quality Assurance

**Stretch Break**  
2:45—3:00 p.m.

**Break Out Session**  
3:00—4:00 p.m.

**Wrap Up and Closing Remarks**  
4:10—4:30 p.m.  
**Joan Phillips**, Assistant Commissioner  
of VR and Workforce Development