



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health

**LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON PERINATAL CARE AND PREVENTION OF INFANT  
MORTALITY MEETING - Minutes**

**May 15, 2025**  
**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Location:**  
Louisiana State Capitol  
900 N Third Street  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Governor's Press Room

**Regular Meeting**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M. by the Chair, Dr. Steve Spedale

**II. Roll Call**

Four members were in attendance. A quorum was not present.

- a. Members in attendance included Dr. Karli Boggs, Ms. Erika Moss, Dr. Steve Spedale and Dr. Rodney Wise.
- b. Members not in attendance included Dr. Scott Barrilleaux, Senator Regina Barrow, Dr. Joseph Biggio, Dr. Courtney Campbell, Ms. Aundria Cannon, Ms. Leslie Lewis, Dr. Marshall St. Amant, Ms. Emily Stevens, and Ms. Amy Zapata.
- c. Guests in attendance included Ms. Traci Perry and Ms. Berkley Durbin. Ms. Yoruba Baltrip-Coleman attended and provided administrative support.

**III. Perinatal Commission Statute/Charge Review- Louisiana Legislative Resolution RS 40:2018. Subsection F**

- a. The Chair reviewed the Perinatal Commission charge and operating guidelines found in Louisiana Legislative Resolution RS 40:2018, Subsection F.

**IV. Public Comment**

- a. The Chair called for public comments. There were no public comments.

**V. Approval of Meeting Minutes (5 minutes)**

- a. The meeting minutes from March 20, 2025 were not approved, as a quorum was not present.

**VI. New Business (15 minutes)**

- a. The Chair discussed clarifying the Commission's next steps and focus for the remainder of Calendar Year (CY) 2025 and CY 2026 after the 2025 Legislative Session concludes June 14, 2025.

**VII. Public Comment**

- a. The Chair called for public comment. There were no public comments.

**VIII. Other Business**

- a. Ms. Amy Zapata briefly discussed the 2025 Legislative Session bills that may be relevant to the Commission, and stated a more formal presentation would be provided once the Regular 2025 Legislative Session concludes. Some of the bills being watched include HB 514, relative to the Doula Registry Board's policies and procedures, board seats and travel reimbursement. Other bills that will be reported on relate to HIV/Syphilis screening, home visiting, and gonorrhea/chlamydia screening instruments. Ms. Lewis discussed SB100 and HB307 related to nutrition services and data collected about undocumented individuals served by the federal government.
- b. Two vacancies remain on the Perinatal Commission, Family Practitioner and Neonatologist.
  - i. The Governor's office requested at least three applicants apply before considering choosing a nominee. Names of nominees or interested individuals can submit their names and resumes to Ms. Yoruba Baltrip-Coleman or to [PerinatalCommission@la.gov](mailto:PerinatalCommission@la.gov).

**IX. Announcements**

- a. The Chair informed on a Medicaid Advisory Committee meeting that took place on May 13, 2025. The committee will be composed of multiple medical directors and is seeking applicants. Mr. Bordelon suggested pediatrician Dr. Ashley Lucas. The Chair is interested in coordinating a future Medicaid Advisory Committee presentation. Ms. Durbin asked for more information relative an upcoming Quality Summit being held in July because there are improvement plans related to Medicaid that may be of interest to the Perinatal Commission. Ms. Durbin will seek a contact to arrange a potential presentation.
- b. The next Perinatal Commission Meeting will be held on July 17, 2025

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 P.M.

The Commission will undertake all of its responsibilities assigned by Louisiana Legislative Resolution RS 40:2018. Subsection F. outlines the functions of this Commission to: §2018. Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality; maternal and infant mortality studies; confidentiality; prohibited disclosure and discovery

A. There shall be established within the Louisiana Department of Health, a commission which shall be designated the "Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality", composed of sixteen members, as provided in Subsection B of this Section.

1. Research and review all state regulations, guidelines, policies, and procedures that impact perinatal care and, when appropriate, make recommendations to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.
2. Research and review all state laws that impact perinatal care and, when appropriate, make recommendations to the legislature.
3. Accept grants and other forms of funding to conduct maternal and infant mortality studies
4. Contract, in accordance with the applicable provisions of state law, for the performance of maternal and infant mortality studies

Note: the order of the agenda may not be followed as listed in order to accommodate presenter schedules.

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