



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON PERINATAL CARE AND PREVENTION OF INFANT MORTALITY MEETING

March 19, 2026
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location:

Louisiana State Capitol, Governor's Press Room
900 N Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA. 70804

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – Chair/Presiding Officer
- II. Roll Call – Chair/Presiding Officer (5 minutes)
- III. Perinatal Commission Statute/Charge Review- Louisiana Legislative Resolution RS 40:2018. Subsection F (1 minute)
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Approval of Meeting Minutes (5 minutes)
 - a. January 15, 2026
- VI. State Health Updates - Dr. Evelyn Griffin, Surgeon General (10 minutes)
- VII. Maternal Innovation Grant Presentation – Ms. Ariel Richard & Ms. Kimberly Wallace (20 minutes)
- VIII. LaPQC Updates: 2025 Review of Data and 2026 Initiatives – Dr. Veronica Gillispie-Bell (25 minutes)
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Congenital Syphilis 2025 Report-out – Ms. Elizabeth Lindsay (15 minutes)
- XI. Data to Action Team Ongoing Data Report – Ms. Rebecca Majdoch, Data to Action Team Lead (15 minutes)
- XII. Other Business
 - a. 2026 Legislative Session Updates (10 minutes)
 - b. Strategic Plan/Initiative Questions (10 minutes)
 - c. Perinatal Commission Vacancy Update – (1 minute)
 - i. Family Practitioner
 - ii. Neonatologist
 - d. Perinatal Commission Annual Chair Election Nominee Request for May 14, 2026 meeting and vote
- XIII. Announcements
 - a. Next Perinatal Commission Meeting: May 14, 2026 – Woman's Hospital, Baton Rouge

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b. Remaining 2026 Meeting Dates

- a. July 16, 2026
- b. September 17, 2026
- c. November 19, 2026*

*Meeting location at Woman's Hospital

XIV. Adjournment

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

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