



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

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

**September 17, 2026
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Location:

Woman's Hospital, 3rd Floor, Support Building,
500 Rue de la Vie, Suite 305
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Register in advance for this webinar:

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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- LA.R.40:2018 Subsection F (1 minute)
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Approval of Meeting Minutes (5 minutes)
 - a. May 21, 2026 and July 16, 2026
- VI. Surgeon General Griffin Check-in (10 minutes)
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Maternal Health Innovation (MHI) Updates – Dr. Gillispie-Bell, Bureau of Family Health (BFH) Medical Director for Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC) and Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) (20 minutes)
- IX. 2027 LaPQC Activities and Updates - Dr. Gillispie-Bell, Bureau of Family Health (BFH) Medical Director for Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC) and Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) (20 minutes)
- X. Public Comment
- XI. State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Presentation – Mr. Robert Hines, Deputy Director, Planning & Performance and Ms. Kenyatta Royal, Implementation Manager for SHIP (20 minutes)
- XII. Public Comment
- XIII. Physician Workforce in Louisiana – Dr. Vincent Culotta, Executive Director, Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, and Dr. Susie Allen, Director, Research and Education, Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (20 minutes)
- XIV. Other Business
 - a. Perinatal Commission Vacancy Update – (1 minute)
 - i. Family Practitioner
 - ii. Neonatologist
 - iii. Private Healthcare Administrator

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- i. Submit recommendations to PerinatalCommission@la.gov
- XV. Announcements
 - a. Next Perinatal Commission Meeting: November 19, 2026, Woman's Hospital, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- XVI. Adjournment

The Commission will undertake all of its responsibilities assigned by L.A.R.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.

The Functions of the Commission shall be to:

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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