



**State of Louisiana**  
LOUISIANA COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF  
Board of Commissioners  
Interpreter Advisory Ad hoc

**Monday, November 10, 2025**  
4:30 P.M - 6:30 P.M  
Hybrid (In-person and Zoom Webinar)

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Recording Link:** <https://youtu.be/-TUo0OjXvC8>

**I. Call to Order**

- a. *Meeting called to order by Committee Chair Sherry Crosby at 4:30pm*

**II. Roll Call**

- a. *Sherry Crosby (Chair) – Present*  
b. *Leslie Knowles – Present*  
c. *Cammy Gaspar – Present*  
d. *Stefanie Nadeau – Absent*  
e. *Annette Pourciau’ – Present*  
f. *Jennifer Kuyrkendall-Watts – Present*  
g. *Damien Parfait – Present*  
h. *Shelley McAllister – Present*  
i. *Lesile Perrodin – Present*  
j. *Shannah Arceneaux – Absent*

**III. Approval of October 30, 2025 Minutes**

- a. **Motion:** *Damien Parfait /Lesile Perrodin to approved the agenda. Passed unanimously*

**IV. Approval of November 10, 2025 Agenda**

- a. **Motion:** *Cammy Gaspar /Shelley McAllister to approved the agenda. Passed unanimously*

**V. Public Comments (2 minutes limit per person)**

- a. *No public comments*

**VI. Mandate Review**

- a. *Chair read the Mandate Review below*

**VII. Old Business**

- a. Identify Purpose, Membership Criteria and other details for creation and implementation of an Interpreter Advisory Committee to the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf Board of Commissioners

**Motion:** *Leslie Knowles / Lesile Perrodin to approved the agenda. Passed unanimously*

- i. Purpose – General Consensus by the committee

1. *Grievance policy and process, complaints/Protest/Objection*
2. *Standards*
3. *Registration Requirements*
4. *Compliance*
5. *Education*

- ii. Membership Criteria – General Consensus by the committee and considerations

1. *Minimum of 5*
2. *Statewide representation (1 each from north, west, east)*
3. *DDBHH community representation with deaf led organization membership (may not be board members, employee of an interpreting agency)*
4. *Must reside in Louisiana*
5. *Deaf Interpreter*
6. *Minimum of 3 years of post-certification experience working in diverse settings*
7. *At least 2-4 certified practicing interpreters*
8. *Must hold current membership with RID affiliated chapter or a deaf-led organization (LAD, NAD, NBDA)*
9. *RID Region IV Representative or BEI Regions Representative to be member-at-large*
10. *Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community Representatives*
11. *Licensing Authority Representative*

- iii. Appointments

- iv. Officers

- v. Duties and Powers

- vi. Official Name of Committee

- vii. Other

VIII. **Motion:** *Leslie Knowles / Annette Pourciau' to approved the agenda. Passed unanimously*

- IX. New Business

- a. *No new business*

- X. Announcements

- a. *No Announcements*

XI. Adjourn

a. *Chair Sherry Crosby Adjourned at 6:30pm*

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[RS 46: 2351-2355 Louisiana Commission for the Deaf](#)

The commission shall be governed by a board which is hereby created as a separate and distinct body to support the work of the commission and to advocate on behalf of d/Deaf, DeafBlind, and hard of hearing communities and their families.

[Title 67](#)

SOCIAL SERVICES

Part VII. Rehabilitation Services

Chapter 3. Commission for the Deaf

§309. Louisiana Commission for the Deaf Board of Commissioners

The role and function of the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf board of commissioners are as follows:

1. to support the work of the commission by making recommendations to the commission regarding its programs, policies, procedures, regulations, rules and criteria on behalf of d/Deaf, DeafBlind, and hard of hearing communities and their families
2. to advocate for the general welfare, needs, and rights of d/Deaf, DeafBlind, and hard of hearing individuals in this state through education, advising, informing, and promoting relevant laws, policies, and practices which support the eradication of barriers and discrimination affecting individuals who are d/Deaf, DeafBlind, and hard of hearing.
3. to create standing committees, ad hoc committees, or task forces as needed to assist in carrying out the above objectives.

APPROVED