



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

**ADVISORY COUNCIL  
FOR THE EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INFANTS**

**Friday, January 24, 2024**

**10:00-12:30 p.m.**

**Location**

Bienville Building, Room 173  
627 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**Meeting link for members of the public:**

<https://zoom.us/j/96482897136?pwd=bFw9Rm1wmiBohnYDqF7kabcABiRSzx.1>

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**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order – Jill Hudson, Chair
- II. Roll Call – Theresa Nicholls, Secretary
- III. Council vacancies and process of application
  - a. a hospital administrator
  - b. a deaf person
  - c. a parent of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing using spoken language
  - d. a speech and language pathologist
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Acceptance of Agenda/Minutes (vote) – Jill Hudson, Chair
  - a. January 2024 Minutes
  - b. July 2024 Agenda
  - c. July 2024 Minutes
  - d. October 2024 Agenda
  - e. October 2024 Minutes
  - f. January 2025 Agenda
- VI. 2025 Meeting dates/times (vote) – Jill Hudson, Chair
  - a. Quarter 1      January 24, 2025      10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.      Baton Rouge
  - b. Quarter 2      April 25, 2025      12:00-2:30 p.m.      New Orleans
  - c. Quarter 3      July 25, 2025      12:00-2:30 p.m.      Baton Rouge
  - d. Quarter 4      October 24, 2025      12:00-2:30 p.m.      New Orleans
- VII. 2025 Officer elections (vote) – Jill Hudson, Chair
  - a. Nominees accepted via poll prior to Quarter 4 2024 meeting
- VIII. Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary
- IX. Mandate review
- X. Louisiana Assessments: Demographics, Outcomes, and Possible Next Steps – Allison Sedey  
Ph.D., CCC-A, CCC-SLP  
University of Colorado-Boulder – Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences
- XI. New Business

XII. Public Comment

XIII. Adjourn

Note: The order of the agenda may not be followed exactly, to accommodate presenter schedules.

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Council members and guests attending the meeting are reminded to utilize good communication strategies, including turn taking without side conversations to ensure accessibility of discussions.

Please, raise your hand and wait for the Chair to call on you before speaking. Identify yourself (“This is ....”) before speaking.

§2265. Advisory council creation; membership;

A. There is hereby created an advisory council for the program of early identification of deaf or hard of hearing infants. The council shall consist of fourteen members as follows:

- (1) An otolaryngologist or otologist.
- (2) An audiologist with extensive experience in evaluating infants.
- (3) A neonatologist.
- (4) A pediatrician.
- (5) A deaf person.
- (6) A hospital administrator.
- (7) A speech and language pathologist.
- (8) A school teacher or administrator certified in education of the deaf.
- (9) A parent who chose the oral method for his deaf or hard of hearing child.
- (10) A parent of a deaf or hard of hearing child utilizing total communication.
- (11) A representative of the state Department of Education designated by the superintendent of education.
- (12) A representative of the office designated by the assistant secretary of the office.
- (13) A representative from the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf.
- (14) A representative from the Louisiana Association of the Deaf.

B. Members of the council in accordance with Paragraphs (A)(1) through (10), (13), and (14) shall be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation. Other members are not subject to Senate confirmation.

Acts 1992, No. 417, §1; Acts 2017, No. 146, §11.