



State of Louisiana
LOUISIANA COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF
Board of Commissioners

Friday, May 29, 2026
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Louisiana Purchase Rm 1-100
Claiborne Building
1201 N 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, La. 70802

The state-mandated Board of Commissioners meets quarterly to help guide program efforts and activities related to d/Deaf, DeafBlind and hard of hearing citizens of Louisiana

Live broadcast and caption link can be viewed on the Commission's website at the time of the meeting <https://lcd.la.gov/commission-board/>

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation/Silent Prayer
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call; Introduction of New Member(s)
 - a. Vacancy Announcements
 - i. Board currently has vacancies for a hard of hearing representative. If interested in learning more or to apply, please visit www.lcd.la.gov
- V. Mandate Review
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Approval of Agenda
- VIII. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 16, 2026
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Notices of Intent- Proposed rules for minimum qualification standards for sign language interpreters working in education and community settings.
 - i. Receive status update on rulemaking and registration timeline
 - b. Organizational Requests for Information- Direct Services
 - i. Receive update on state fiscal year 27 direct service provision and contractors selected
 - 1. Regional Support Centers for the Deaf
 - 2. Communication Access Services
 - 3. Interpreter Mentorship Program

- c. Commission Sub-Committees
 - i. Receive status updates from the following committees and workgroups
 - 1. DeafBlind Advisory Committee- DeafBlind Community Needs Assessment
 - 2. Mental Health Work Group- Objectives and list of interested participants
- d. Deaf Interpreter Workgroup- Interpreter Minimum Qualification Standards and Registration Requirements
 - i. Receive preliminary review of proposed minimum qualification standards for Deaf Sign Language Interpreters working in court settings.
- X. New Business
 - a. Sign Language Interpreter Registration Process- Review proposed process for interpreters seeking exemptions, exceptions, or extensions to the registration requirements
 - b. Sign Language Interpreter Workforce Support- Review a proposal for additional funding to support the sign language interpreter workforce via formal certification and/or tuition reimbursement based on financial need.
- XI. Reports from LCD Director
- XII. Reports from LCD Board Members
- XIII. Public Comment
- XIV. Announcements
- XV. Adjourn

Mandate

[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.

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