



LOUISIANA COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF
Board of Commissioners

Friday, October 17, 2025
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Louisiana State Capitol Senate Room AB

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

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<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. LCD Board has vacancies for a Deaf and 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 17, 2025
 - b. February 21, 2025- Special Session
 - c. July 11, 2025
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Notices of Intent
 - i. Proposed Rules for Sign Language Interpreters
 - 1. Department Response to Public Hearing
 - 2. Status Update on Rulemaking Timeline
 - ii. Proposed Repeal for Former Sign Language Interpreter Certification Program
 - 1. Finalized and Published as of September 20, 2025
 - iii. Proposed Revised Board of Commissioner Duties
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 - b. Commission Sub-Committees
 - i. Interpreter Adhoc Committee update

- ii. Bylaw Committee update
 - iii. Executive Committee update
 - 1. Executive Director for the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf
 - iv. Mental Health Workgroup
 - v. DeafBlind Advisory Committee update
- X. New Business
 - a. Strategic Plan- FY27- 29
 - i. Innivee Strategies
 - b. Organizational Requests for Information
 - i. Interpreter Mentorship Program
 - ii. Regional Support Centers for the Deaf
 - iii. Communication Access
 - c. Deaf Leadership Development Program (LD2) Cohort 2 Closing Ceremony
 - i. Graduate Testimonies
 - d. 2026 Meeting Dates
 - i. January 16, 2026
 - ii. April 17, 2026
 - iii. July 17, 2026
 - iv. October 16, 2026
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Reports from LCD Director
- XIII. Reports from LCD Board Members
- XIV. Announcements
- XV. Adjourn

Note: The order of the agenda may not be followed as listed in order to accommodate presenter schedules.

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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.