



State of Louisiana

LOUISIANA COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF

Board of Commissioners

Friday, July 17, 2026
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Louisiana State Capitol
Senate Room A/B

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 and a deaf representative.
If interested in learning more or to apply, please visit <https://lcd.la.gov/>
- V. Mandate Review
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Approval of Agenda
- VIII. Approval of Minutes
 - a. May 29, 2026
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Deaf Interpreter Minimum Qualification Standards and Registration Requirements
 - i. Review for recommended approval of final proposed minimum qualification standards for Deaf Interpreters working in general community and PreK-12 educational settings.
 - b. Court/Legal Sign Language Interpreter Minimum Qualification Standards and Registration Requirements
 - i. Receive workgroup update
 - c. Sign Language Interpreter Registration Process (Deferred from 5.29.26 meeting)
 - i. Review proposed process for interpreters seeking exemptions, exceptions, or extensions to the registration requirements
 - ii. Adopt policy or policies for "**temporary** registration" of sign language interpreters i.e. interpreters from out of state and interpreters providing services in a setting different from their registration type

- X. New Business
 - a. DeafBlind Community Needs Assessment- Receive high-level summary of Needs Assessment findings presented by consultant Innivee Strategies
 - b. Sign Language Interpreter Workforce Support- (Deferred from 5.29.26 meeting)
 - i. Review a proposal from Louisiana Commission for the Deaf (LCD) program for additional funding for certification and/or tuition reimbursement based on financial need, to support the sign language interpreter workforce.
- XI. Reports from Standing Committees
 - a. Sign Language Interpreter Registration Oversight Committee
 - i. Receive update on committee membership recruitment and timeline for convening of first meeting from LCD Director
 - b. DeafBlind Advisory Committee
 - i. Receive committee update by committee Chair
- XII. Program report from LCD Director
- XIII. Reports from LCD Board Members
- XIV. Public Comment
- XV. Announcements
- XVI. Adjourn

[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.