



State of Louisiana

LOUISIANA COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF

Board of Commissioners

Friday, November 6, 2026
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Louisiana State Capitol
Senate Room AB

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 www.lcd.la.gov
- V. Mandate Review
- VI. Public Comment
 - a. Public comment will also be received on each agenda item prior to any vote or action taken by the Commission.
- VII. Approval of Agenda
- VIII. Approval of Minutes
 - a. July 17, 2026
- IX. Reports of Officers, Standing Committees, and Executive Management
 - a. Board Officer/Member Reports
 - b. Sign Language Interpreter Registration Oversight Committee
 - i. Receive committee membership applications and approve new members
 - c. DeafBlind Advisory Committee
 - i. Receive committee membership applications and approve new members.
 - d. Commission Director Program Report
 - e. Special Ad Hoc Committees
 - i. Sign Language Interpreter Registration Policy Adhoc- Receive adhoc committee applications and approve participants.
- X. Old Business
 - a. Court Sign Language Interpreter Minimum Qualification Standards and Registration Requirements

- i. Review for recommended approval of final proposed minimum qualification standards for sign language interpreters, inclusive of Deaf interpreters, working in court settings.
 - ii. Review for recommended approval of final definition for interpreters working in court versus legal settings.
 - b. Revenue and Expenditure Closeout Report for State fiscal year July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026
 - i. Review revenue from Department of Treasury
 - ii. Review expenditures from Commission Program
- XI. New Business
 - a. Search for Louisiana Commission for the Deaf Executive Director- Presentation of plan and timeline by consultant, Innivee Strategies
 - b. iCanConnect- Overview of The National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program by Claire Blanchard
 - c. 2027 Quarterly Meeting Dates
 - i. January 15, 2027
 - ii. April 16, 2027
 - iii. July 16, 2027
 - iv. October 15, 2027
 - d. Board Officer Elections
 - i. Chair
 - ii. Vice Chair
 - iii. Secretary
- XII. Announcements
- XIII. 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.

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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.