



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

LOUISIANA DOULA REGISTRY BOARD MEETING

April 24, 2026
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location:
Benson Tower, Room 1800
1450 Poydras Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70112

Registration/Webinar link to register in advance:

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 14, 2026
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Legislative Mandate Review
- VI. Okkanti Operating System Platform Presentation – Karen Laing, CEO & Founder of Okkanti
- VII. Provider to Provider Consultation Line (PPCL) Training Continuing Education Units (CEUs) overview, discussion and vote
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Report/update on number of Doula Registry Board (DRB) doula applicants, rejections/acceptances for registration
 - b. Discussion of current list of DRB training organization applications
 - c. Discussion of current list of DRB doula applicants
 - d. Items for voting
 - i. Vote to approve training organizations as DRB-approved and Vote to list training organizations for posting on the Bureau of Family Health (BFH) DRB webpage
 - ii. Vote to approve doula applicants to the Louisiana Doula Registry
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Other Business
 - a. Training organization CEUs & renewal application processes and procedures
 - i. Rule clarifications – David McCay

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- ii. Discussion of CEUs, renewal and application process
- XI. Announcements
 - a. Vacancies
 - i. Voting vacancy: Person with lived experience of a doula, 2+ births
 - ii. Nonvoting vacancies
 - b. Next Doula Registry Board meeting: July 15, 2026
- XII. Adjournment

§1059.1. Legislative findings; Louisiana Doula Registry Board; purpose; composition; duties of the board; rulemaking authority

B.(1)(a) The legislature hereby creates within the Louisiana Department of Health the Louisiana Doula Registry Board, hereafter referred to in this Section as the "doula registry board", for the purpose of reviewing and approving doula registration to allow for health insurance reimbursement of doula services.
(b) The doula registry board shall create the criteria for the registration application, review submitted doula registration applications, and grant registration status to doulas seeking health insurance reimbursement to promote safe and equitable care for every mother and every birth in this state.

C. The doula registry board shall perform all of the following tasks:

- (1) Review applications for doulas to register to receive health insurance reimbursement in Louisiana.
- (2) Approve applications to designate registered doula status.
- (3) Notify applicants of approval or denial of doula registration status.
- (4) Maintain a statewide registry of doulas approved for health insurance reimbursement in Louisiana.

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