

Meeting Minutes of:

Task Force on Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans

Thursday, November 20, 2025 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Location: WebEx

Attendees

Members	Members	IDPH	Guest/Non-Voting Members
<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present (Excused)</u>		
1. Brodie, Paula	1. Gray-Basley, Dara	1. Aditi Patel	1. Cynthia Price
2. Burton, Glendean	2. Green, Lisa	2. Joquine Nege	2. Jose Ortiz
3. Elam, Gloria	3. James, Stephanie	3. Leandra Diaz	3. Ellen Mason
4. Ellison, Angela (Chair)	4. Logan, Jeanine	4. Trishna Harris	4. Timika Anderson-Reeves
5. Fleming, Shirley	5. Martin, Jasmine		5. Anquetette Perkins
6. Floyd, Cheryl	6. Stoller, Ananya		6. Jessica Wilkerson
7. Harth, Catherine	7. Versher, Marie		7. Kelly Hubbard
8. Johnson, Daniel	8. Wheat, Santana		8. Jessica Lamberson
9. Julion, Virginia			9. Spangler, Emily
10. Lee King, Patricia			
11. Masinter, Lisa (Voting member)			
12. Milan-Alexander, Tamela (Co-Chair)			

MOTIONS

- Motion to Approve Minutes from October 16, 2025.**
No motion. Chair decided to leave this motion for the next meeting.
- Motion to Adjourn the Meeting.**
1st Shirley Fleming, 2nd Virginia Julion, the group unanimously approved.



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AGENDA ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Angela Allison called the meeting to order at 2:13 pm. New IDPH Webex security measures were implemented, and many had difficulty logging-in into the meeting. Chair decided to give additional time for other to join. Roll call was conducted, and Quorum was reached.

REVIEW AND VOTE MINUTES 10/16/2025:

No vote. Chair decided to wait until the December 4th meeting.

IDPH UPDATE

1. IDPH Annual Mandatory Trainings: Login: <https://OneNet.Illinois.gov/MyTraining> (5 Trainings) --Due 12/31/2025.
 - The team demonstrated the urgent need to complete mandatory trainings by **December 31st at 11:59pm**, with fewer than five people having completed them so far, prompting legal concern about compliance.
 - All members were instructed to **email screenshots**/training certificated to Ms. Diaz.
 - Technical assistance is being provided for those facing login issues, with an expected two week delay in profile setup. Should tech issues arise, please contact IDPH ASAP.
2. New IMMT WebEx Settings: New WebEx security settings were introduced and will continue into 2026, requiring members to adapt to these protocols for future meetings
3. HR Updates
 - A new Perinatal Lead Nurse will start in December to support the upcoming 640 system update implementation.
 - Two positions: Title 5 Director and Title 5 Coordinator, are actively in the interview phase.
 - Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 shows Title V funding is reduced but not eliminated.
4. IL Perinatal Regionalization Map of Hospitals (Levels of Care): Any suggestions are welcome please email Cara.Bergo@Illinois.gov
 - <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/maternal-child-family-health-services/perinatal-health/infant-mortality/perinatal-regionalization.html>

2026 TASK FORCE MEETING DATES

1. The group agreed to maintain the current meeting schedule of quarterly meetings on the **third Thursday** → Pending incoming 2026 Chair.

TASK FORCE: 2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT UPDATES

1. Open Nominations.
2. An email will be sent to all voting members asking for nominations.
3. The meeting focused heavily on establishing the leadership slate for IMMT Chair and co-Chair roles.
4. Tamela Milan-Alexander was unanimously nominated for the Chair role.
5. Co-Chair nominations included Patricia Lee King and Timika Anderson Reeves. Timika's participation is pending IDPH legal confirmation, due to her current employment with HFS (IL Dept. Healthcare and Family Services).
6. Several nominees respectfully declined due to personal or professional reasons.

BYLAWS REVISIONS—UPDATES

1. Bylaws remain under review, with a plan to finalize updates at the December meeting, especially regarding membership terms and leadership rotation for subcommittees
2. **Updated Membership Terms:** The Main Task Force plans to finalize the bylaws with the updated membership terms during the December 2025 meeting, reflecting the consensus for membership renewal practices.
 - Chairs and Co-Chair's remain subject to term limits, ensuring leadership rotation while general members have ongoing eligibility with periodic check-ins.
 - The task force will send emails prompting members to confirm their interest every three years, creating a manageable renewal process and helping identify vacancies.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: With nothing further to discuss, Shirley Fleming made a motion to adjourn, Virginia Julion, seconded the motion, and the group unanimously approved.