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To People Interested in Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Issues:

The Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee (MMMRC), was created by [Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 34](#). The MMMRC makes recommendations to the legislature to help reduce the incidence of pregnancy-related deaths and complications in Texas by studying and reviewing:

- Cases of pregnancy-related deaths;
- Trends, rates, or disparities in pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity;
- Health conditions and factors that disproportionately affect the most at-risk populations; and
- Best practices and programs operating in other states with reduced rates of pregnancy-related deaths.

DSHS is currently accepting applications for membership on the MMMRC for the following vacant positions:

- Physician specializing in Critical Care
- Social Worker or Social Service Provider

The DSHS commissioner will appoint a member to the MMMRC to serve a term to complete an unexpired term of a current vacancy.

To view the full composition of MMMRC, please see the [Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee](#) website.

The MMMRC requires a strong voluntary commitment. A member must regularly participate in MMMRC meetings and may also have to participate in subcommittee meetings, projects, and presentations. Meetings will be held in Austin at least four times per year or at the call of the DSHS Commissioner. In-person meeting participation is strongly encouraged. Members will not receive compensation for participation or reimbursement for travel.

- Each MMMRC meeting may last one or two days during regular business hours.
- Case review team meetings occur up to twice monthly. Each meeting is scheduled for approximately two hours and requires independent preparation in advance.
- Members serving on subcommittees will be required to attend subcommittee meetings.
- If a member does not attend three consecutive MMMRC meetings within a one-year period with or without notice, the member may be removed from the MMMRC.

If you would like to serve on the MMMRC, please complete and return the application, a résumé or curriculum vitae, and two letters of recommendation no later than **11:59 p.m., December 29, 2025**. Only complete applications with supporting documents will be considered.

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DSHS will notify applicants if they have been selected to serve as a member of the MMMRC in Spring 2026.

The agency does not discriminate against applicants and members of the Department of State Health Services advisory committees on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, religion, age or sex.

If you have [any questions](#) about the application or the MMMRC, contact Shruthi Arismendez, PhD by email at MaternalHealth@dshs.texas.gov.