

TEMPORARY COMMISSION ON DROWNING PREVENTION
FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023
9:30-11:30 AM

Agenda:

Call to Order

Reminder: Commissioners need to be on camera. The volume needs to be unmuted. Your name needs to be displayed.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

Public Participation discussion

Guest Speaker: Lisa Zarda - Executive Director, US Swim School Association

Discussion:

Focus on Goal A-1 Determine an appropriate age and/or stage of childhood development when children can properly begin water safety and swimming instructions

Focus on Goal A-2 and develop statewide standards for such instruction;

Program Research

11:15 For the Good of the Group

Game Plan for next meeting - 3/24/2023

11:30 Adjourned

Goals of Commission:

The commission shall:

(a) Determine an appropriate age and/or stage of childhood development when children can properly begin water safety and swimming instructions and develop statewide standards for such instruction;

(b) Investigate and evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of programs which incentivize parents and guardians to enroll children in water safety and swimming instruction;

(c) Develop a comprehensive plan for public-private partnerships between the state and community centers, nonprofit organizations, recreational facilities, swimming instructors, and other relevant stakeholders and expanding existing state resources such as parks and pools to provide access to free swimming instruction, and determine the feasibility of such programs;

(d) Develop an implementation plan to ensure its swimming safety programs are available in underserved communities; and

(e) Develop a comprehensive plan for a public awareness campaign to ensure parents and guardians receive information on the importance of children receiving basic water safety and swimming instruction.