

**Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee  
Maryland Board of Nursing  
4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215**

**Open Session Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2021**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Committee Members</b>			
Elizabeth Reiner	Committee member (LDEM) Reappointment ends 12/31/2021	X	
Jessica Watkins	Committee member(consumer)Appointment ends 12/31/2021	X	
Karen Webster	Committee member (LDEM) Appointment ends 12/31/2023	X	
Dr. Kai Parker	Chairperson (LDEM) Reappointment ends 12/31/2021		X
Jan Kriebs	Committee member (CNM) Reappointment ends 12/31/2022	X	
Roxann Gordon	Committee member (CNM) Appointment ends 12/31/2024	X	
Dr. Harold Fox	Committee member (Maryland Hospital Association Representative) Reappointment ends 12/31/2021		X
<b>Board Counsel</b>			
Lindsey Snyder	Assistant Attorney General	X	
<b>Board Staff</b>			
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice	X	
<b>Guests:</b>			

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1. Call to Order	Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Committee member	There were five Committee members present at the open session DEMS Advisory Committee meeting.	At 10:15 a.m., a motion was made by Elizabeth Reiner to call the open session Committee meeting to order. The motion was seconded by Jan Kriebs. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.
2. Approval of Minutes	Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Committee member	<p>The Committee members present reviewed the December 4, 2020 open session meeting minutes.</p> <p>The Committee members present reviewed the December 4, 2020 closed session minutes, which contained only the approval of the September 4, 2020 closed session minutes.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Jessica Watkins and seconded by Jan Kriebs for the Committee's approval of the December 4, 2020 open session meeting minutes. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p> <p>A motion was made by Jan Kriebs to approve the December 4, 2020 closed session minutes with one change regarding attendance. The motion was seconded by Roxann Gordon. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p>

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		<p>The Committee members present reviewed the December 4, 2020 closed session meeting summary, which contained only the approval of the September 4, 2020 closed session meeting summary.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Karen Webster to approve the December 4, 2020 closed session summary with one change regarding attendance. The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p>
<p><b>3. Welcome to Roxann Gordon, CNM, newly appointed by the Board to the DEMS Advisory Committee</b></p>	<p>Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Committee member</p>	<p>The Committee members welcomed Roxann Gordon, CNM, as a new appointee to fill the position held by Julia Perkins, CNM, whose reappointment term to the Committee ended on December 31, 2020.</p>	<p>Ms. Gordon introduced herself and provided the Committee members with information regarding her education and professional experience.</p>
<p><b>4. Review of AIMM proposed changes to "Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife" document.</b></p>	<p>Karen Webster, LDEM, Committee member</p>	<p>Karen Webster, LDEM, provided the Committee with an update on the status of the Association of Independent Midwives of Maryland (AIMM)'s proposed changes to the document "Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife." Ms. Webster reported that the AIMM meeting was cancelled in December, 2020, so there are no additional updates at this time.</p>	<p>The Committee agreed to table the discussion regarding the Informed Consent document until AIMM has the opportunity to discuss and implement the changes recommended by the Committee at its previous meetings.</p>

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<p><b>5. Review of the proposed FY '21 Second Qtr. (October 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020) Quarterly Report to the Board on January 27, 2021</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer, Manager of Practice, Board staff member</p>	<p>The Committee members present reviewed the FY '21 Second Qtr. Quarterly Report to the Board, which will be presented to the Board at the open session meeting on January 27, 2021.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Roxann Gordon to approve the document FY '21 Second Qtr. Quarterly Report to the Board, with typographical corrections. The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p>
<p><b>6. Email inquiry received on December 30, 2020 from a newly licensed Direct-Entry Midwife</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer, Manager of Practice, Board staff member</p>	<p>The Committee members reviewed an email received by a licensee citing concerns that: (1) she paid an initial license fee of \$900 and must renew her license in only 10 months and (2) she must complete 20 CEUs in only 10 months to qualify for renewal.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Jan Kriebs, and seconded by Elizabeth Reiner to present the following proposals to the Board at the Board's January 2021 open session meeting to address the constituent's concern:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Committee proposes that the Board reduce the initial license and renewal fees charged to DEMs, in consideration of equity, to be more consistent with other licensees regulated by the Board; or</li> </ol>

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			<p>2. The Committee proposes that the Board pro-rate a DEM's first renewal fee if the licensee is due to renew within 18 months of being issued an initial license; or</p> <p>3. The Committee proposes that DEMs be required to renew every two years based upon the date their license was issued.</p> <p>The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p> <p>The constituent will also be advised that she may submit evidence of 20 CEUs that she completed <i>anytime</i> in the two years prior to renewal, including CEUs that she completed prior to licensure, so long as those CEUs meet the Board's requirements for renewal.</p>

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7. Adjournment	Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Committee member		<p>At 11:36 a.m. a motion was made by Elizabeth Reiner to close the open session meeting. The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p> <p>The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2021.</p>