

**Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee  
 Maryland Board of Nursing  
 4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215  
Open Session Committee Meeting Minutes  
 September 3, 2021**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Committee Members</b>			
Elizabeth Reiner	Committee member (LDEM) and Co-Chairperson, 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 Reappointment ends 12/31/2021	X	
<b>Board Staff</b>			
Michael Conti, AAG	Board Counsel		X
Margaret Lankford, AAG	Board Counsel	X	
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice, Board Staff	X	
Rhonda Scott	Deputy Director/Director of Enforcement Division, Board Staff	X	
<b>Guests:</b>			
Maureen Mclver, LDEM		X	
Jennifer Witten	Vice President, Government Policy, Maryland Hospital Association	X	
Caitlyn McDonough	Association of Independent Midwives of MD (AIMM) and the MD Families for Safe Birth	X	
Pam Kasemeyer	ACOG, Maryland Section and American Academy of Pediatrics, Med-Chi (The Maryland State Medical Society)	X	
Dr. Rafi, MD	OB/GYN Physician , MD ACOG, St. Agnes Hospital	X	
Dr. Megan Rao, MD	Practicing OB/GYN Physician at Upper Chesapeake, Shady Grove JHH at Bayview, and St. Agnes Hospitals	X	

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<p><b>1. Call to Order</b></p>	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, Committee Chairperson</p> <p>Monica Mentzer, Board staff member</p>	<p>There were 6 Committee members present meeting the requirement for a quorum.</p> <p>Dr. Parker requested it be noted, addition to Dr. Harold Fox, and Elizabeth Reiner, that her reappointment term ends on 12/31/2021. Ms. Jessica Watkins initial appointment to the Committee ends on 12/31/2021.</p> <p>The meeting was held by conference call and the call-in information and agenda were posted on the Board's website.</p>	<p>At 10:05 A.M. the meeting was called to order by Dr. Kai Parker.</p>
<p><b>2. Review and Approval of the July 2, 2021, July 23, 2021, August 6, 2021, and August 20, 2021, open session meeting minutes</b></p>	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, Committee Chairperson</p> <p>Monica Mentzer, Board staff member</p>	<p>The Committee members were provided with the documents (word documents and scanned documents) for their review of the July 2, 2021, July 23, 2021, August 6, 2021, and August 20, 2021, open session meetings minutes for review.</p> <p>In discussion, Committee members reviewed the July 2, 2021 open session meeting minutes.</p> <p>In discussion, Committee member reviewed the July 23, 2021 open session meeting minutes.</p>	<p>A motion was made to accept and approve the July 2, 2021 open session meeting minutes by Jan Kriebs. The motion was seconded by Karen Webster. There was one abstention by Dr. Harold Fox. There were none opposed. The motion carried to accept and approve the July 2, 2021, open session minutes.</p> <p>A motion was made to accept and approve the July 23, 2021 open session meeting minutes by Jan Kriebs. The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins.</p>

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		<p>In discussion, Committee members reviewed the August 6, 2021 open session meeting minutes.</p> <p>In discussion, Committee members reviewed the August 20, 2021, open session minutes with Ms. Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, (Committee, Co-Chair) with suggested changes to edit the August 20, 2021 open session meeting minutes document (pgs. 4, 7, 8, 9, and 13).</p>	<p>There was one abstention by Dr. Harold Fox. There were none opposed. The motion carried to accept and approve the July 23, 2021, open session minutes.</p> <p>A motion was made to accept and approve the August 6, 2021 open session meeting minutes by Jan Kriebs. The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. There were two abstentions by Dr. Harold Fox and Dr. Kai Parker. There were none opposed. The motion carried to accept and approve the August 6, 2021, open session minutes.</p> <p>The Committee members reviewed the August 20, 2021, open session minutes. There were several suggested edits to the August 20, 2021 open session minutes and the Committee members determined it necessary to table the August 20, 2021 open session minutes. The recommended edits to the August 20, 2021 open session meeting minutes will be made</p>

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<p><b>3. Review of Memorandum to the Board and preparation of the accompanying report with recommendations from the Committee regarding the provisions from the Committee regarding the provisions of HB 1032 (2021 Legislative Session)</b></p>	<p>Dr. Harold Fox, Committee member, MHA</p> <p>Dr. Kai Parker, Committee Chairperson</p> <p>Monica Mentzer, Board staff member</p>	<p>Dr. Fox expressed his view to the Committee that many things reflected in the minutes are personal opinions and concerns regarding what is factual and what is personal opinion.</p> <p>The Committee members were provided with a draft Memorandum to the Board document to add the Committee's report and recommendations, pursuant to a written request from delegates of the Maryland General Assembly, to conduct a study, as subject matter experts, and having obtained input from interested stakeholders, to provide the results of the study and the recommendations from the Committee to be presented by a Committee member to the Board at its September 22, 2021 open session Board meeting.</p> <p>The four key areas of the study are to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The provisions of the HB 1032 from the 2021 Legislative Session</li> <li>-Scope of practice for CPMs permitted to provide vaginal birth after Cesarean delivery ("VBAC") services in other states</li> </ul>	<p>by Monica Mentzer, as requested by the Committee for their review at their next scheduled meeting.</p> <p>The Committee provided an opportunity for interested stakeholders to provide written statements to the Committee Chairperson and Co-Chairperson, Maryland Board of Nursing Executive Director, and to the President of the Maryland Board of Nursing.</p> <p>The Committee chairperson or chairperson's designee will identify a point person who will be able to present the results and recommendations of the Committee (as subject matter experts) to the Maryland Board of Nursing for review (to include a disclaimer the document does not represent an official position of the Board).</p>

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	<p>Jennifer Witten, Vice President, Government Policy, Maryland Hospital Association</p> <p>Jan Kriebs, CNM, Committee member</p>	<p>-Potential risks associated with LDEMs providing VBAC services in an out-of-institution setting; and</p> <p>-The expansion of the scope of practice of Maryland LDEMs to include VBAC</p> <p>Ms. Witten advised the Committee that the Maryland Hospital Association participated in providing a written statement addressed to the Committee Chair, Co-Chair, Board of Nursing Executive Director, and Board of Nursing President this morning. Ms. Witten asked the Committee how will the information submitted be communicated to the Board and the Legislature?</p> <p>Jan Kriebs advised that the document with statements and concerns of the stakeholders will be reviewed by the Committee as the Committee members work through the process of writing their report with recommendations. The Maryland General Assembly asked that the Committee study the four items identified and provide a report with recommendations from this Committee to the General Assembly by September 2021. The report with recommendations from the Committee will need to be presented to the Board at the September 22, 2021 open session meeting.</p>	

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	<p>Pam Kasemeyer, ACOG, Maryland Section and American Academy of Pediatrics, Med-Chi (The Maryland State Medical Society)</p> <p>Dr. Kai Parker, Chairperson</p>	<p>Pam Kasemeyer advised the Committee that their statement from the physician community is consistent with the statement from the Maryland Hospital Association and that it is being finalized and will be submitted within the next week or so.</p> <p>Dr. Kai Parker, in consultation with Elizabeth Reiner, Committee Co-Chairperson, believes that additional time will be necessary for the Committee members to finalize their report with recommendations and that they may need to request to obtain an extension to the September 30, 2021 date that the report be provided to Delegate Adriana Kelly.</p> <p>The Committee members agreed that it was reasonable to request an extension to the end of October for the report and recommendations to be completed and presented to the Board at their October open session meeting.</p>	<p>The Committee members determined that they may need to request an extension for their report and recommendations to be finalized and presented by a Committee member to the Maryland Board of Nursing in October.</p> <p>Rhonda Scott, Board Deputy Director, advised the Committee members that she will need to review the request for the Committee to have additional time to prepare their report and recommendations with Ms. Karen E. Evans, Executive Director and will</p>

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<p><b>4. Review of renewal applications received to the Board with documentation of requirements for 20 CEUs.</b></p>	<p>Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Committee member, Co-Chairperson</p>	<p>Ms. Reiner had to leave the meeting for an urgent matter. The remaining Committee members present (5) maintained a quorum.</p>	<p>report back to the Committee the results for a request for an extension to the September 30, 2021 due date.</p>
	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, Committee Chairperson  Monica Mentzer, Board Staff</p>	<p>The Committee members were provided with a copy of the renewal applications received to date with documentation of the required number of 20 CEUs for review and to determine if the following renewal applicant meet the minimum requirements for licensure renewal as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland, pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations Article, Title 8, Subtitle 6C., Section 8-6C-18, and as provided for in COMAR 10.64.01.17 Term and Renewal of License and Reinstatement of License., and COMAR 10.64.01.18 Fees.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monika Karaosman, LDEM (DEM00026)</li> <li>2. Katrina Nakao, LDEM (DEM00023)</li> </ol>	<p>A motion was made by Karen Webster to accept the renewal application and supporting documentation to meet the requirement for a minimum of at least 20 acceptable CEUs received to the Board from Monika Karaosman, LDEM, and to present a recommendation to the Board for the renewal of Monika Karaosman (DEM00026) to the Board for renewal of licensure to practice direct-entry midwifery. The motion was seconded by Jan Kriebs. There were no abstentions</p>

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		<p>3. Amy Miller, LDEM (DEM00013)</p> <p>4. Brittany Coffman, LDEM (DEM00019)</p>	<p>and none opposed. The motion carried.</p> <p>A motion was made by Jan Kriebs to accept the renewal application and supporting documentation to meet the requirement for a minimum of at least 20 acceptable CEUs received to the Board from Katrina Nakao, LDEM, and to present a recommendation to the Board for the renewal of Katrina Nakao (DEM00023) to the Board for renewal of licensure to practice direct-entry midwifery. The motion was seconded by Karen Webster. There were no abstentions and none opposed. The motion carried.</p> <p>A motion was made by Karen Webster to accept the renewal application and supporting documentation to meet the requirement for a minimum of at least 20 acceptable CEUs received to the Board from Amy Miller, LDEM, and to present a recommendation to the Board for the renewal of</p>



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<p><b>5. Next Steps</b></p>	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, Committee Chairperson</p> <p>Monica Mentzer, Board Staff</p>	<p>The Committee members discussed the possibility of scheduling another Committee meeting to complete their report with recommendations to be presented to the Board at the September 22, 2021 open session meeting.</p> <p>Monica Mentzer reminded the Committee that the agenda items for the September 22, 2021 open session Board meeting are due by September 13, 2021 agenda planning meeting.</p> <p>The Committee members discussed and agreed upon a need to request an extension to the September 30, 2021 date and that additional time is needed for the Committee to write their report and have the Committee review and vote on the document to be presented to the Board by a Committee member at the Board's October open session meeting for approval before it is submitted to the Maryland General Assembly.</p>	<p>Amy Miller, (DEM00013) to the Board for renewal of licensure to practice direct-entry midwifery. The motion was seconded by Dr. Harold Fox. There were no abstentions and none opposed. The motion carried.</p> <p>The renewal application and supporting documentation of 20 CEUs submitted to the Board for Brittany Coffman, LDEM (DEM00019) was reviewed by the Committee members and the application was tabled due to insufficient information regarding a certificate of participation in the internet point-of-care activity UpToDate (25.0) AMA PRA Category 1 Credits.</p> <p>Monica Mentzer will contact the renewal applicant Brittany Coffman to request further documentation regarding this on line internet course and will provide any further information received from Brittany Coffman to the Committee to review at their next meeting.</p>

