

Approved by Committee on May 5, 2023

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

**Open Session Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2023**

NAME	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
<b>Committee Members</b>			
Paige Barocca, LDEM	Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: June 22, 2022 – December 31, 2025	X	
Tess Brody, LDEM	Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2026		X
Brittany Coffman, LDEM	Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: January 26, 2022 – December 31, 2025	X	
Dr. Mairi Breen Rothman, CNM	Certified Nurse Midwife Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: January 31, 2023 – January 31, 2027		X
Roxann Gordon, CNM (Chair)	Chair, Certified Nurse Midwife Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024	X	
Dr. Ann B. Burke, M.D.	Representative of Maryland Hospital Association Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: January 31, 2022 – December 31, 2026 <b>Note:</b> Vacancy because prior member resigned. A member appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed. Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-6C-11(g)(4).	X	
Jessica Watkins	Consumer Member 2 <sup>nd</sup> Four-Year Term: January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2025		X
<b>Board Staff</b>			
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice, Maryland Board of Nursing	X	
<b>Board Counsel</b>			
Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General		X



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			3, 2023, as written. The motion passed unanimously, with no objections and no abstentions.
<p><b>3. Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session (SB376 Health Occupations – Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives – Previous Cesarean Section and HB351 Health Occupations – Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives – Previous Cesarean Section)</b></p>	<p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p> <p>Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Gordon provided the Committee with an update on the SB376 and HB351, including information obtained from Ms. Caitlyn McDonough, lobbyist, representing the Association of Independent Midwives of Maryland (“AIMM”), who provided a call to action to push to vote on the passage of the two bills regarding Health Occupations – Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives – Previous Cesarean Section. This was the third year the bills regarding Health Occupations – Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives – Previous Cesarean Section were presented to the Maryland General Assembly, and although progress was made, HB351 passed unanimously with support and was approved, the SB376 was referred to the Finance Committee. Ms. Gordon reported that Melanie Griffith was unable to speak to Mr. Ellis, Sponsor of SB376. The 2023 Maryland General Assembly adjournment “Sine Die” is Monday, April 10, 2023.</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer will continue to check the Maryland General Assembly 2023 Legiscan website for any further updates to share with the Committee</p>	<p>There is no action required by the Committee at this time.</p>



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	<p>Katherine Cummings, AAG (Board Counsel)</p>	<p>application, with Ms. Mentzer noting the suggested changes to the document.</p> <p>Ms. Cummings suggested that the Committee develop an Instructions Sheet to accompany the 2023 renewal application.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the need for an “Instructions Sheet” (cover page) with information and guidance to the Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife (“LDEM”) completing the renewal application, including the date the renewal applications must be received to the Board, to allow time for the Committee to review each renewal application to be sure it is complete, before each renewal application is presented to the Board for approval to renew each LDEM license.</p> <p>Each LDEM renewal applicant is required to submit documentation for 20 <u>Board-approved</u> Continuing Education Units (CEUs). Regarding the peer review requirement, the Committee discussed the need to require the LDEM renewal applicant to provide a copy of the LDEM’s current North American Registry of Midwives (“NARM”) certification as evidence of completion of this requirement. The Committee discussed adding this requirement on the 2023 renewal application.</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer will provide an “Instructions Sheet” document to include all of the required renewal instructions and a “Renewal of 2023 License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” application document for further review and discussion at the May 5, 2023 Committee meeting.</p>

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		The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.	motion, to adjourn the April 7, 2023, open session meeting of the Committee. The Committee adjourned at 11:23 a.m.