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

**Open Session Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2023**

NAME	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Committee Members			
Paige Barocca, LDEM	Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife Member 1 st Four-Year Term: June 22, 2022 – December 31, 2025	X	
Tess Brody, LDEM	Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife Member 1 st Four-Year Term: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2026	X	
Brittany Coffman, LDEM	Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife Member 1 st Four-Year Term: January 26, 2022 – December 31, 2025	X	
Dr. Mairi Breen Rothman, CNM	Certified Nurse Midwife Member 1 st Four-Year Term: January 31, 2023 – January 31, 2027	X	
Roxann Gordon, CNM (Chair)	Chair, Certified Nurse Midwife Member 1 st Four-Year Term: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024	X	
Dr. Ann B. Burke, M.D.	Representative of Maryland Hospital Association Member, 1 st Four-Year Term: January 31, 2022 – December 31, 2026 Note: 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 nd Four-Year Term: January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2025	X	
Board Staff			
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice, Maryland Board of Nursing	X	
Board Counsel			
Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General		X
Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General	X	

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Guests (Members of Public), if Applicable			
Diana Shu	Maryland Hospital Association	X	
Atara Klein	Applicant for Initial Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery	X	
Pam Kasemeyer	American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter	X	
Caitlin McDonough	AIMM and Maryland Families for Safe Births (MFSB)	X	

Agenda Item (Subject)	Responsible Party	Discussion	Results
1. Call to Order	Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee chairperson)	Ms. Gordon called the June 2, 2023, Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) meeting to order. The following Committee members were present at the time the meeting was called to order, sufficient for a quorum: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roxann Gordon, CNM; 2. Tess Brody, LDEM; 3. Dr. Ann Burke, MD, FACOG (MHA Representative); 4. Brittany Coffman, LDEM; 5. Paige Barocca, LDEM; 6. Jessica Watkins (Consumer member); and 7. Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM 	Ms. Roxann Gordon, Committee chairperson, called the June 2, 2023, Committee meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
	Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)	The meeting was held via conference call and the call-in information and agenda were posted on the Board’s website at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.	
2. Minutes – Review and approval of the May 5, 2023, open session meeting minutes	Paige Barocca, LDEM (Committee member, leader of meeting)	The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from its Open Session meeting on May 5, 2023.	Ann Burke, MD, FACOG, moved and Tova Brody, LDEM, seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the

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			Committee’s Open Session meeting on April 7, 2023, as written. The motion passed, with no objections and no abstentions.
<p>3. Review of Applications for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board on May 10, 2023, from Ms. Atara Klein, for review and discussion.</p> <p>The Committee utilized the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Checklist for the Committee members review of the application.</p> <p>Following the review and discussion of the application submitted by Ms. Atara Klein, the Committee determined the application submitted is complete and meets all minimum regulatory requirements and qualification for the Board’s consideration for initial licensure as a Direct-Entry Midwife in the State of Maryland.</p>	<p>Tess Brody, LDEM, moved to recommend that the Board approve the Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery for Atara Klein to be licensed as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland. The motion was seconded by Brittany Coffman, LDEM. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

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	<p>Ms. Atara Klein</p> <p>Katherine Cummings, AAG (Board Counsel)</p>	<p>Ms. Klein asked the Committee if a newly licensed Direct-Entry Midwife, licensed by the Board in June 2023, who is required to renew the license before it expires on October 28, 2023, is required to provide documentation of 20 Board-approved Continuing Education Units (CEUs). Ms. Klein asked the Committee if her education would follow over for the first renewal period of the license.</p> <p>Ms. Cummings reviewed the regulations governing the renewal of a DEM license and noted that there are currently no provisions to permit the Board to prorate the 20 Board-approved CEUs that are required for renewal of a Direct-Entry Midwifery license.</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer will present the Committee’s recommendation to the Board to accept and approve the Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery for Ms. Atara Klein at the next scheduled Board Open Session meeting, scheduled for June 26, 2023.</p>

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	Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)	Ms. Mentzer noted that the list of the “Acceptable Continuing Education Providers for Direct-Entry Midwives” is available on the Maryland Board of Nursing website under “Direct-Entry Midwives” in the Forms and Documents section.	
	Dr. Mairi Rothman, CNM (Committee member)	Dr. Rothman asked if the courses that an applicant completed for the education requirement for initial licensure can be applied or count towards the CEU renewal requirements for renewal of a license to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery.	
	Katherine Cummings, AAG (Board Counsel)	Ms. Cummings explained that the statute requires that all licensed Direct-Entry Midwives to complete 20 Board-approved CEUs applies, and that the current regulations would need to be amended in the future if the Committee wishes to recommend to the Board to change the expiration date for newly licensed Direct-Entry Midwives.	
		Ms. Cummings suggested that the question of whether or not an applicant may submit the courses completed for the education requirement to obtain initial licensure to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, to be applied or count towards the renewal requirement for submission of documentation of 20 Board-approved CEUs, on the application for renewal of a license to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, to the Board’s Practice	

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	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)</p>	<p>and Education Committee meeting for further review and discussion.</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer explained that the Board’s Practice and Education Committee meeting usually occurs on the second Friday of each month and is for Board members and Board staff only.</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board on May 9, 2023, and to the Direct-Entry Midwifery Committee on May 25, 2023, from Ms. Anne Monson, for review and discussion.</p> <p>The Committee utilized the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Checklist for the Committee members review of the application.</p> <p>Following the review and discussion of the application submitted by Ms. Anne Monson, the Committee determined the application submitted is complete and meets all minimum regulatory requirements and qualification for the Board’s consideration for initial licensure as a Direct-Entry Midwife in the State of Maryland.</p>	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, CNM, moved to recommend that the Board approve the Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery for Anne Monson, to be licensed as a Direct-Entry Midwife to practice in Maryland. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ann Burke, MD, FACOG. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

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<p>4. Review and Discussion of Annual Data Collection Form</p>	<p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p> <p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>The Committee reviewed the approved Maryland Date Collection form currently available on the Board’s website under Direct-Entry Midwifery, Forms and Documents. At its last Committee meeting, a suggestion to provide the document in a pdf fillable format would be helpful to the licensed Direct-Entry Midwives, as sometimes the handwriting is illegible when the data collected is reviewed by the Committee. A fillable PDF format was shared with the Committee.</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer updated the pdf fillable Annual Data Collection form to include the current Board letterhead and will request for approval to have the form made available on the Board’s website.</p>
<p>5. Public Business</p>	<p>Roxann Gordon, CNM Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Gordon asked those present at the meeting from the community if they wanted to address the Committee with any further items/topics for discussion and further consideration. No additional topics were discussed.</p>	

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<p>6. Adjournment</p>	<p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Gordon requested a motion to adjourn this Open Session meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee’s next meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. However, if there are no new applications for review, Ms. Mentzer may obtain approval to cancel the July 7, 2023, meeting. Ms. Mentzer will send out a notification to the Committee members to notify them of any changes to the scheduled Committee meetings and will place notice on the Board’s website.</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer reminded the Committee members that any Expense Report forms for the Committee meetings held in FY ’23 are due to the Board by June 23, 2023, for processing by the Board’s fiscal department, before the June 30, 2023 end of the FY ’23 fiscal year.</p>	<p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD, FACOG, motioned, and Ms. Jessica Watkins, seconded the motion, to adjourn the June 2, 2023, open session meeting of the Committee. The Committee adjourned at 10:52 a.m.</p>