

**October 20, 2023, Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Open Session Meeting minutes
Approval by the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee on 11/3/2023**

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

**Open Session Meeting Minutes
October 20, 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			
Carla Boyd	Assistant Attorney General		X
Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General		X

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Guests (Members of Public), if Applicable			
Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM			X
Karen Webster, LDEM			X

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1. Call to Order	<p>Tess Brody, LDEM (Committee member)</p> <p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Tess Brody, LDEM, volunteered to lead the October 20, 2023, Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) meeting in the absence of Ms. Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee chairperson) and requested a motion to call the October 20, 2023, Committee meeting to order.</p> <p>The following Committee members were present at the time the meeting was called to order, sufficient for a quorum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tess Brody, LDEM; 2. Brittany Coffman, LDEM; 3. Paige Barocca, LDEM; and 4. Dr. Ann Burke, MD. <p>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.</p>	<p>Brittany Coffman, LDEM motioned, and Paige Barocca, LDEM, seconded the motion to call the October 20, 2023, Committee meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. The motion passed unanimously, there were no objections and no abstentions.</p>
2. Minutes – Review and approval of the October 13, 2023, open session meeting minutes	Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)	The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from its Open Session meeting on October 13, 2023.	Dr. Ann Burke, MD, moved and Brittany Coffman, LDEM, seconded the motion to approve the minutes from

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		<p>At 10:20 Ms. Jessica Watkins joined the October 20, 2023, Committee meeting.</p>	<p>the Committee’s Open Session meeting on October 13, 2023, as written. The motion passed unanimously, there were no objections and no abstentions.</p>
<p>3. Review of any Applications for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board</p> <p>4. Committee discussion regarding inactive license application</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)</p>	<p>1. <u>Maureen McIver, LDEM (DEM00031)</u></p> <p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the additional documentation provide by Ms. Maureen McIver in addition to the “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board from Ms. Maureen McIver, LDEM (DEM00031), for review and discussion.</p> <p>The Committee members present reviewed the letter to the Board and the additional documentation of 14.5 Board-approved CEUs, in addition to the CEUs achieved by the National Ayurvedic Medical Association (“NAMA”) that is currently not identified on the list of Board - approved Continuing Education Unit Providers for Direct-Entry Midwives) submitted by Ms. McIver, LDEM, and noted that the additional documentation provided did not equate to the requirement of 20 Board-approved CEUs for</p>	

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	<p>Tess Brody, LDEM (Committee member, acting chairperson)</p>	<p>renewal of a license to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery in Maryland.</p> <p>Following the review and discussion of the renewal application and additional documents submitted by Ms. Maureen McIver, LDEM (DEM00037), Ms. Brody determined that the Committee vote twice, once to recommend to the Board to approve NAMA as a Board-approved provider for CEUs for Direct-Entry Midwives, and the vote to recommend to the Board to accept Ms. Maureen McIver’s submitted renewal applications as complete, meeting all minimum regulatory requirements for the Board’s approval to renew Maureen McIver’s license (DEM00037) to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland.</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer agreed to contact Ms. McIver to notify her of the Committee’s decision to make a request to the Board and to place an additional item on the October 25, 2023, Open Session Board meeting agenda for the Board to consider the approval of NAMA as a Board-approved provider for CEUs for licensed Direct-Entry Midwives.</p>	<p>Jessica Watkins motioned to recommend to the Board to approve the National Ayurvedic Medical Association to the Board for approve as a Board-approved provider of CEUs for license Direct-Entry Midwives in Maryland. Brittany Coffman, LDEM, seconded the motion. There was one opposed, and no abstentions. The motion carried.</p> <p>Brittany Coffman, LDEM, motioned to recommend to the Board to approve the renewal application submitted by Ms. Maureen McIver, LDEM (DEM00037), as complete and meeting the 20 Board-approved CEUs for renewal of a license to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery in Maryland, if</p>

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	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Tess Brody, LDEM , (Committee</p>	<p>2. <u>Karen Webster, LDEM (DEM00008)</u></p> <p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the two “Applications for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board from Ms. Karen Webster, LDEM (DEM00008), for review and discussion.</p> <p>The Committee reviewed each page of the applications and discussed their review of the documentation of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) that Ms. Karen Webster submitted with the renewal application and the additional documentation submitted with the second renewal application, received by the Board on October 13, 2023.</p> <p>Following the review and discussion of the renewal applications submitted by Ms. Karen Webster, LDEM (DEM00008), Ms. Brody determined that the Committee vote to</p>	<p>the Board approves the NAMA as a provider of CEUs for licensed Direct-Entry Midwives in Maryland. Jessica Watkins seconded the motion. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Brittany Coffman, LDEM, moved to recommend that the Board accept the CEUs and approve the</p>

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	<p data-bbox="632 760 850 829">Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p data-bbox="632 1235 835 1414">Tess Brody, LDEM (Committee member, acting chairperson)</p>	<p data-bbox="884 285 1499 464">Mullen’s submitted renewal application as complete, meeting all minimum regulatory requirements for the Board’s approval to renew Felicia Mc Mullen’s license (DEM00038) to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland.</p> <p data-bbox="919 688 1451 719">4. <u>Anne Monson, LDEM (DEM00040)</u></p> <p data-bbox="884 764 1520 938">Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board from Ms. Anne Monson, LDEM (DEM00040), for review and discussion.</p> <p data-bbox="884 984 1472 1157">The Committee reviewed each page of the application and discussed their review of the documentation of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) that Ms. Anne Monson, LDEM, submitted with the renewal application.</p> <p data-bbox="884 1203 1514 1414">Following the review and discussion of the renewal application submitted by Ms. Anne Monson, LDEM (DEM00040), the Committee noted that the dates on two of the documents for CEUs were achieved prior to the two year period preceding the expiration date (10.28.2023) of the</p>	<p data-bbox="1549 285 1892 683">of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board from Ms. Felicia Mc Mullen, LDEM (DEM00038). The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins, LDEM. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p data-bbox="1549 1203 1892 1414">Brittany Coffman, LDEM, moved to recommend that the Board accept and recommend to the Board to approve the Application for Renewal</p>

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	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Tess Brody, LDEM (Committee member, acting chairperson)</p>	<p>Direct-Entry Midwifery license and therefore, the documentation submitted by Ms. Anne Monson, LDEM, did not meet the criteria for 20 Board-approved CEUs for licensure renewal.</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer advised the Committee that she would contact Ms. Monson to notify her that she did not provide sufficient documentation of 20 Board-approved CEUs with the renewal application received by the Board on October 10, 2023, and to request she provide documentation for an additional 4 Board- approved CEUs as soon as possible.</p> <p>Ms. Brody determined that the Committee may vote to recommend to the Board to accept Ms. Anne Moson’s submitted renewal application as complete, provided Ms. Monson provides further documentation of 4 additional Board-approved CEUs, and if the documentation is provided, then Ms. Anne Monson, LDEM, would meet all minimum regulatory requirements for the Board’s approval to renew Ms. Anne Mc Monson’s license (DEM00040) to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland.</p>	<p>of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board from Ms. Anne Monson, LDEM (DEM00040), provided that Ms. Monson submit documentation of an additional 4 Board-approved CEUs to the Board. The motion was seconded by Paige Barocca, LDEM. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

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	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Tess Brody, LDEM (Committee member, acting chairperson)</p>	<p>6. Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM (DEM00007)</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board from Ms. Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM (DEM00007), for review and discussion.</p> <p>The Committee reviewed each page of the application and discussed their review of the documentation of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) that Ms. Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, submitted with the renewal application.</p> <p>Following the review and discussion of the renewal application submitted by Ms. Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM (DEM00007), Ms. Brody determined that the Committee vote to recommend to the Board to accept Ms. Elizabeth Reiner’s submitted renewal application as complete, meeting all minimum regulatory requirements for the Board’s approval to renew Elizabeth Reiner’s license (DEM00007) to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland.</p>	<p>and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Brittany Coffman, LDEM, moved to recommend that the Board accept the CEUs and approve the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board from Ms. Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM (DEM00007). The motion was seconded by Dr. Ann Burke, MD. There were none opposed and no</p>

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<p>5. Review and discussion of the 2023 Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee’s Annual Report to the Board</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the draft document “Annual Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Report to the Board” and a copy of the #33 Annual Data Collection form, submitted to the Committee on October 14, 2023, for review and discussion, and to ask the Committee members to check to be sure the new information from #33 Annual Data Collection form was correctly included to the information that was tabulated for each question at the October 13, 2023 Committee meeting.</p> <p>At the October 13, 2023, the Committee members assigned questions to review for all of the Annual Data Collection forms were as noted below:</p> <p>Dr. Ann Burke (#4), (#5) Tova Brody (#2), (#8) Paige Barocca (#4), (#8) Jessica Watkins (#3), (#9) Brittany Coffman (#1), (#7)</p>	<p>motion passed unanimously.</p>

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	<p>Katherine Cummings, AAG (Board Counsel)</p> <p>Tess Brody, LDEM (Committee member, acting chairperson)</p>	<p>Following the review and discussion of all of the information reviewed in the draft document of the Annual Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Report to the Board”, including the Committee’s Recommendations to the Board, Ms. Cummings, advised the Committee to consider to vote to approve the draft document.</p> <p>Ms. Tess Brody determined the Committee to vote to approve the draft document, with amended changes as discussed, including the Committee’s Recommendations to the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Ann Burke (#4), (#5) Tova Brody (#2), (#8) Paige Barocca (#4), (#8) Jessica Watkins (#3), (#9) Brittany Coffman (#1), (#7)</p> <p>The Committee reviewed the recommendations made to the Board on the FY 2022 Annual Report to the Board and discussed keeping the same recommendations, but adding an additional recommendation to the Board, to require in the future, that the Annual Data Collection forms be available to be typed and collected electronically.</p>	<p>Paige Barocca, LDEM, motioned and Brittany Coffman, LDEM, seconded the motion to accept the Annual Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Report to the Board with the Committee’s Recommendations to the Board with the amendments as discussed.</p> <p>There was one opposed and no abstentions. The motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer agreed to make the amendments to the Annual Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Report to the Board, and to provide a copy of the final document to the Committee for a final review at its next scheduled Committee meeting on November 3, 2023, before presenting it to the Board at its</p>

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<p>5. Public Business</p>	<p>Tess Brody, LDEM (Committee member, acting chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Brody asked if there were any items for review by the Committee from the public audience in attendance today and there were none presented to the Committee.</p>	<p>scheduled November 15, 2023, Open Session Board meeting.</p>
<p>6. Other</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer suggested the Committee confirm the dates for the 2024 Committee meeting schedule.</p> <p>The following dates were agreed upon as the schedule for the 2024 Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee meetings:</p> <p>January 5, 2024 February 2, 2024 March 1, 2024 April 5, 2024 May 3, 2024 June 7, 2024 July 12, 2024 August 2, 2024 September 6, 2024 October 18, 2024</p>	<p>.</p>

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7. Adjournment	Tess Brody, LDEM (Committee member, acting chairperson)	Ms. Brody requested a motion to close the October 20, 2023, Open Session Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee.	Brittany Coffman, LDEM motioned, and Tess Brody seconded the motion to adjourn the October 20, 2023, Open Session Committee meeting at 11:40 a.m.