

**November 3, 2023, Open Session Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
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**Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee  
 Maryland Board of Nursing  
 4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215**

**Open Session Meeting Minutes  
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<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<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>			
Carla Boyd	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General		X
Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General		X

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<b>Guests (Members of Public), if Applicable</b>			
Hadaffah Bellot			X
Dianna Shu	Maryland Hospital Association		X

<b>Agenda Item (Subject)</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Results</b>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)  Monica Mentzer (Board staff)	Ms. Gordon, Committee Chairperson, requested a motion to call the November 3, 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"> <li>1. Roxann Gordon, CNM;</li> <li>2. Dr. Ann Burke, MD;</li> <li>3. Tess Brody, LDEM;</li> <li>4. Paige Barocca, LDEM;</li> <li>5. Jessica Watkins (Consumer member);</li> <li>6. Brittany Coffman, LDE;</li> <li>7. Dr Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM.</li> </ol> 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.	Tess Brody, LDEM, motioned and Jessica Watkins seconded the motion, to call the November 3, 2023, Committee meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The motion passed unanimously, there were no objections and no abstentions.
<b>2. Minutes – Review and approval of the October 20, 2023, open session meeting minutes</b>	Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)	The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from its Open Session meeting on October 20, 2023.	Dr. Ann Burke, MD, moved and Tova Brody, LDEM, seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the Committee’s Open

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			Session meeting on October 20, 2023, as written. The motion passed unanimously, there were no objections and no abstentions.
<p><b>3. Review of any Applications for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with the additional information received by the Board from Anne Monson, LDEM (DEM00040) and Maureen McIver, LDEM (DEM00031), and updated the Committee regarding the additional information required to be submitted to the Board, to complete the “Applications for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” submitted to the Committee by Anne Monson, LDEM (DEM00040), and Maureen McIver, LDEM (DEM00031). The renewal applications for Anne Monson, LDEM and Maureen McIver, LDEM, were reviewed by the Committee at its October 20, 2023, Open Session Committee meeting, with additional information requested received. The renewal applications were recommended by the Committee to be presented to the Board at its October 25, 2025, Open Session Board meeting, if the additional required information was received by the Board.</p>	<p>No further action was required by the Committee, as the Applications for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery were already reviewed and voted upon with recommendations for the Board to approve the renewal of licensure to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, if the additional information, as requested, was submitted and received by the Board.</p>

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	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)</p> <p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)</p>	<p><b>1. <u>Aza Nedhari, LDEM (DEM00024)</u></b></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 on October 24, 2023, from Ms. Aza Nedhari, LDEM (DEM00024), for review and discussion.</p> <p>Following the review and discussion of the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, with supporting documentation, submitted by Ms. Aza Nedhari, LDEM (DEM00024), Ms. Gordon determined that the Committee vote to recommend to the Board to accept Ms. Aza Nedhari’s submitted renewal applications as complete, including documentation provided for 20 Board-approved Continuing Education Units (“CEUs”), meeting all minimum regulatory requirements for the Committee to recommend to the Board to approval to renew Aza Nedhari’s license (DEM00024) to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland.</p>	<p>Tess Brody, LDEM, motioned to recommend to the Board to approve the renewal application submitted by Ms. Aza Nedhari, LDEM (DEM00024), as complete and meets the requirement for documentation of 20 Board-approved CEUs for renewal of a license to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery in Maryland. Dr. Ann Burke, MD, seconded the motion. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

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	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)</p>	<p><b>2. Samantha Sewell, LDEM (DEM00028)</b></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 on October 26, 2023, from Ms. Samantha Sewell, LDEM (DEM00028), for review and discussion.</p> <p>Following the review and discussion of the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, submitted by Ms. Samantha Sewell, LDEM (DEM00028), Ms. Gordon determined that the Committee vote to recommend to the Board to accept Ms. Samantha Sewell’s submitted renewal applications as complete, including documentation provided for 20 Board-approved Continuing Education Units (“CEUs”), meeting all minimum regulatory requirements for the Committee to recommend to the Board to approval to renew Samantha Sewell’s license (DEM00028) to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland.</p>	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, motioned to recommend to the Board to approve the renewal application submitted by Ms. Samantha Sewell, LDEM (DEM00028), as complete and meets the requirement for documentation of 20 Board-approved CEUs for renewal of a license to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery in Maryland. Brittany Coffman, LDEM, seconded the motion. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

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	<p data-bbox="632 396 850 467">Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p data-bbox="632 651 850 792">Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)</p> <p data-bbox="632 1166 850 1307">Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)</p>	<p data-bbox="884 289 1367 354"><b>3. Shanna Mastrangelo, LDEM (DEM00004)</b></p> <p data-bbox="884 396 1522 607">Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board on October 26, 2023, from Ms. Shanna Mastrangelo, LDEM (DEM00004), for review and discussion.</p> <p data-bbox="884 651 1507 1122">Following the review and discussion of the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, submitted by Ms. Shanna Mastrangelo, LDEM (DEM00004), Ms. Gordon and the Committee determined that Ms. Shanna Mastrangelo’s documentation of the requirement of 20 Board-approved Continuing Education Units (“CEUs”), was insufficient. Ms. Shanna Mastrangelo did not provide an official college transcript or course description for courses she took towards a degree to be licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse, nurse practitioner, in Maryland.</p> <p data-bbox="884 1166 1501 1414">Ms. Gordon requested that Ms. Mentzer contact Ms. Shanna Mastrangelo, to notify her that the Committee reviewed her submitted Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, and the Committee determined the renewal application Ms. Mastrangelo submitted as incomplete, and to request that Ms.</p>	

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	<p>Carla Boyd, AAG (Board Counsel)</p> <p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Boad chairperson)</p>	<p>Mastrangelo, LDEM, provide any additional documentation to support that she meets the minimum requirement of 20 Board-approved CEUs for renewal of a license to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery in Maryland.</p> <p>Ms. Boyd advised the Committee that any correspondence or communication with renewal applicants is to be addressed by Board staff and not by a Committee member.</p> <p>Monica Mentzer agreed to contact Ms. Shanna Mastrangelo, LDEM, by phone and email, to provide notification that the Committee determined her Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, to be incomplete and to request that she submit further documentation to support the renewal requirement of 20 Board-approved CEUs to the Board for the Committee to further review.</p> <p>Ms. Gordon requested the Committee to vote to table the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, submitted by Shanna Mastrangelo, LDEM.</p>	<p>Tess Brody, LDEM, motioned to table the review and recommendation of the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, received by the Board, from Shanna Mastrangelo, LDEM (DEM00004), for</p>

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	<p data-bbox="632 873 848 938">Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p data-bbox="632 1130 848 1268">Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p data-bbox="919 800 1430 829"><b>4. Nicole Jolley, LDEM (DEM00015)</b></p> <p data-bbox="884 873 1520 1081">Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board on October 24, 2023, from Ms. Nicole Jolley, LDEM (DEM00015), for review and discussion.</p> <p data-bbox="884 1130 1520 1414">Following the review and discussion of the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, submitted by Ms. Nicole Jolley, LDEM (DEM00015), Ms. Gordon determined that the Committee vote to recommend to the Board to accept Ms. Nicole Jolley’s submitted renewal applications as complete, including documentation provided for</p>	<p data-bbox="1549 289 1881 792">further review when Ms. Mastrangelo submits additional documentation of 20 Board-approved CEUs, for the Committee to review at its next scheduled meeting on December 1, 2023. Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, seconded the motion. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p data-bbox="1549 1130 1892 1414">Tess Brody, LDEM, motioned to recommend to the Board to approve the renewal application submitted by Ms. Nicole Jolley, LDEM (DEM00015), as complete and meets the requirement</p>



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	<p data-bbox="632 760 850 829">Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p data-bbox="632 1019 850 1159">Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p data-bbox="884 285 1524 500">20 Board-approved Continuing Education Units (“CEUs”), meeting all minimum regulatory requirements for the Committee to recommend to the Board to approval to renew Nicole Jolley’s license (DEM00015) to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland.</p> <p data-bbox="919 688 1476 719"><b>5. Ryann Bernard, LDEM (DEM00020)</b></p> <p data-bbox="884 760 1524 972">Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board on October 30, 2023, from Ms. Ryann Bernard, LDEM (DEM00020), for review and discussion.</p> <p data-bbox="884 1019 1524 1409">Following the review and discussion of the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, submitted by Ms. Ryann Bernard, LDEM (DEM00020), Ms. Gordon determined that the Committee vote to recommend to the Board to accept Ms. Ryann Bernard’s submitted renewal applications as complete, including documentation provided for 20 Board-approved Continuing Education Units (“CEUs”), meeting all minimum regulatory requirements for the Committee to recommend to</p>	<p data-bbox="1549 285 1894 683">for documentation of 20 Board-approved CEUs for renewal of a license to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery in Maryland. Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, seconded the motion. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p data-bbox="1549 1019 1894 1409">Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, motioned to recommend to the Board to approve the renewal application submitted by Ms. Ryann Bernard, LDEM (DEM00020), as complete and meets the requirement for documentation of 20 Board-approved CEUs for</p>

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	<p>Roxann Gordon,            CNM            (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer agreed to contact Ms. Susan Di-Natale, LDEM, by phone and email, to provide notification that the Committee determined the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery she submitted on October 30, 2023, to be incomplete and to request that she submit a second complete application, with attention to the Section V: Background, with further documentation as necessary to the Committee to further review.</p> <p>Ms. Gordon requested the Committee to vote to table the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, submitted by Susan Blaum-DiNatale, LDEM.</p>	<p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD, motioned to table the review and recommendation of the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, received by the Board, from Susan Blaum-DiNatale, LDEM (DEM00010), for further review, pending Ms. Blaum-DiNatale, submits a second complete application, for the Committee to review at its next scheduled meeting on December 1, 2023. Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, seconded the</p>



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<p><b>5. Quarterly Report to the Board 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY'24 (July 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023)</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>The “2023 Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee’s Annual Report to the Board” with the unchanged Committee’s Recommendations to the Board for FY 2023, will be presented to the Board at its November 15, 2023, Open Session Board meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer advised the Committee members that they are welcome to be present at the November 15, 2023, Open Session Board Meeting, if the Board has any questions for the Committee regarding the content of the “2023 Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee’s Annual Report to the Board”, or any questions regarding the Committee’s Recommendations to the Board for FY 2023.</p>	<p>Annual Report to the Board Committee’s recommendations for the Committee’s Annual Report to the Board to be presented at the November 15, 2023, Open Session Board meeting. There were no changes made to the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee’s Recommendations for FY 2023 to the Board, that were voted on at the October 20, 2023, Committee Open Session meeting. There were none opposed, and no abstentions. The motion carried.</p>
	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee’s Quarterly Report for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY '24, report to the Board.</p>	
	<p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Gordon reviewed the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee’s Quarterly Report for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY '24, report to the Board, and requested one correction to the information provided at the bottom of page 1 of the document.</p>	

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<p><b>5. Public Business</b></p> <p><b>6. Other</b></p>	<p>Carla Boyd, AAG (Board Counsel)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer made the correction, as noted, by Ms. Gordon.</p> <p><b>7. Quarterly Report to the Board 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY'24 (July 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023)</b></p> <p>Ms. Paige Barocca left the meeting at 11:58 a.m. to attend to a patient.  Tess Brody left the meeting at approximately 11:59 a.m.  Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, left the meeting at approximately 11:59 a.m.  Dr. Ann Burke, MD left the meeting at approximately 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Committee was advised that without a quorum, the Committee adjourned at 12:00 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>7. Adjournment</b></p>			