

**Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Open Session Meeting minutes for December 1, 2023**  
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**Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee**  
**Maryland Board of Nursing**  
**4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215**

**Open Session Meeting Minutes**  
**December 1, 2023**

<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>			
Rhonda Scott	Executive Director of the Maryland Board of Nursing	X	
Dianna Shu	Maryland Hospital Association	X	
Shannon Serrano		X	

<b>Agenda Item (Subject)</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Results</b>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member, acting chairperson)</p> <p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman volunteered to act as chairperson for the December 1, 2023, Committee meeting, as Ms. Roxann Gordon, CNM, is absent from today’s meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Rothman called the December 1, 2023, Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee (the “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"> <li>1. Paige Barocca, LDEM;</li> <li>2. Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM;</li> <li>3. Brittany Coffman, LDEM;</li> <li>4. Dr. Ann Burke, MD;</li> <li>5. Jessica Watkins (Consumer member); and</li> <li>6. Tess Brody, LDEM;</li> </ol> <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>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, called the December 1, 2023, Committee meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The motion passed unanimously, there were no objections and no abstentions.</p>

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<p><b>Update provided to the Committee from Ms. Rhonda Scott, Executive Director, of the Maryland Board of Nursing</b></p>	<p>Rhonda Scott (Executive Director of the Maryland Board of Nursing)</p>	<p>Ms. Scott addressed the Committee with several updates regarding the changes occurring at the Board, including the appointment of new Board members to the Board and the requirements for individuals seeking to be considered for a Board appointment by the GAO, as per HB 611, passed in the 2023 Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly. Ms. Scott shared information regarding the plans to update the IT systems , including an upgrade to the licensing system, that are in process and additional resources, including hiring of staff to fill vacant positions, that have been provided by the Maryland Department of Health, though HB 611 to allow the Maryland Department of Health, Secretary of Health (Dr. Laura Herra Scott, MD, MPH), to provide much needed assistance to the Board.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes – Review and approval of the November 3, 2023, open session meeting minutes</b></p>	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member, acting chairperson)</p>	<p>The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from its Open Session meeting on November 3, 2023.</p> <p>Following the review, Dr. Rothman requested a motion to approve the November 3, 2023, open session Committee meeting minutes, as written.</p>	<p>Tova Brody, LDEM, moved, and Brittany Coffman, LDEM seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the Committee’s Open Session meeting on November 3, 2023, as written. The motion passed unanimously, there were no objections and no abstentions.</p>



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	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)</p>	<p><b>2. Susan Blaum-DiNatale, LDEM (DEM00010)</b></p> <p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the initial “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery”, submitted by Ms. Susan Blaum-DiNatale, LDEM (DEM00010) received by the Board on October 30, 2023, and reviewed by the Committee at its November 3, 2023, Committee meeting, and an additional second “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery”, submitted by Ms. Blaum-DiNatale, LDEM, and received by the Board on November 8, 2023, with additional information requested by the Committee, for review.</p>	<p>additional documentation provide to support that Ms. Shanna Mastrangelo, LDEM, meets the minimum requirement 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>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member, acting chairperson)</p>	<p>The Committee reviewed the second “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery”, page by page, and following the review of the additional information submitted by Ms. Susan Blaum Di-Natale, LDEM, determined that the second application submitted by Ms. Blaum Di-Natale, LDEM, was incomplete.</p>	<p>The Committee was unable to take any action regarding the review of the two “Applications for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery”, received by the Board, by Susan Blaum Di-Natale, LDEM, at this time.</p>
<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer agreed to contact Ms. Susan Blaum-DiNatale, to provide notification that the Committee determined the second renewal application that she submitted as incomplete, and that the Committee requests that she submit a third “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” that is complete, with all questions answered.</p>		
<p>Carla Boyd, AAG (Board Counsel)</p>	<p>Ms. Boyd advised the Committee that further discussion of confidential information submitted with Ms. Blaum-DiNatale’s second “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery”, is required under the Open Meetings Act to occur in closed session. The Committee agreed to schedule a closed session meeting to discuss the confidential information at a later time.</p> <p>Following discussion of the Committee members ability to meet again this month, the Committee members agreed to conduct a closed session</p>		

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<p><b>4. Review and discussion of an Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>meeting on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer agreed to provide for the agenda for an additional Committee meeting to be scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and will work with the Maryland Board of Nursing IT team to provide for call-in phone number and access code to be posted for the Open Session Committee meeting, and to provide technical assistance to Dr. Mairi Rothman, who reported to the Committee that she was unable to access her State assigned email account.</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the “Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” for the Committee to review and discuss.</p> <p>The “Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” is the application a licensed Direct-Entry Midwife, who did not submit a 2023 “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” prior to the expiration date of a Direct-Entry Midwife License, to the Board, for the Committee to review, will be required to submit an “Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery”, as required in the Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”), Title 10, Subtitle 64, Chapter 01, COMAR</p>	

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<p><b>5. Public Business</b></p> <p><b>6. Other</b></p>	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member, acting chairperson)</p>	<p>regulation 10.62.01.17(I)(3) Submits to a completed application for reinstatement to the Board;”. The reinstatement fee for reinstatement of a Direct-Entry Midwife license is noted as \$900.00 pursuant to COMAR 10.64.01.18(C)(4)</p> <p>Following review and discussion of the proposed “Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” document, Dr. Rothman, determined that the Committee vote to approve the “Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery”, with one additional change to add (since April 1, 2022) to Section VI – Implicit Bias Training (attestation).</p>	<p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD, moved, and Tess Brody, LDEM, seconded the motion, to recommend to the Board to approve the “Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” document, with one suggested change to the document, and to present the “Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” to the Board for approval. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer agreed to make the addition to the “Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” document and advised the Committee that the document will also need to be reviewed and recommended for approval by the Board, at the next Practice and Education Committee meeting, scheduled for the month of December.</p>	
		<p>There were no topics presented to the Committee from the public in attendance.</p>	
	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with information, as For Your Information (“FYI”) that has been in the news regarding infant</p>	



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		<p>mortality and congenital syphilis released to the public from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), as an FYI for review. It was suggested that those interested may sign up for Medscape and receive the information directly to their email for updates related to topics of interest. The Committee members offered to share the educational information provided with their Association of Independent Midwives of Maryland professional association members.</p>	
<p><b>7. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM            (Committee member, acting chairperson)</p>	<p>Dr. Rothman asked for a motion to close the December 1, 2023, open session Committee meeting, with a reminder that the Committee will meet again on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Brittany Coffman, LDEM, moved to adjourn the December 1, 2023, open session Committee meeting, and Ms. Tess Brody, LDEM, seconded the motion. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p>