

**December 4, 2023, Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Open Session Meeting Minutes  
Approved by Committee on January 5, 2024**

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

**Open Session Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 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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<p><b>2. Review of Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery (updated 12/1/2023)</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Board’s website at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Ms. Mentzer provide the Committee with a copy of the updated “Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” with the one addition (since April 1, 2022) to Section IV – Implicit Bias Training as recommended by the Committee at its review and approval of the document at its December 1, 2023, Open Session Committee meeting.</p>	<p>The Committee did not take any further action regarding this agenda item.</p>
<p><b>3. Public Business</b></p>	<p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD (Committee member, acting chairperson)</p>	<p>There were no members of the public present at today’s Committee meeting for public business.</p>	
<p><b>4. The Committee expects to close the meeting in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305.</b></p>	<p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD (Committee member, acting chairperson)</p>	<p>Dr. Burke read the statement to close the Open Session Committee meeting to move the Committee into Closed Session, as required by Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305.</p>	<p>Tess Brody, LDEM, moved, and Paige Barocca, LDEM, seconded the motion to move the Committee into closed session at 9:20 a.m. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

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<b>5. Adjournment</b>	Dr. Ann Burke, MD (Committee member, acting chairperson)	Dr. Burke, MD, asked for a motion to close the December 4, 2023, open session Committee meeting, with a reminder that the Committee will meet again on Monday, January 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.	Paige Barocca, LDEM, moved, and Ms. Brittany Coffman, LDEM, seconded the motion, to adjourn the December 4, 2023, open session Committee meeting, and. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.