

**Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Open Session Meeting Minutes April 5, 2024**  
**Approved by the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee on May 3, 2024**

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

**Open Session Meeting Minutes**  
**April 5, 2024**

<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	
Darcie Tough, CNM, MSN, RN	Certified Nurse Midwife Member – term expires December 31, 2024 (Appointment by the Board 3/27/2024 to fill vacancy 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	
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	

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Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General		X
Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General		X
<b>Guests (Members of Public), if Applicable</b>			
Hadaffah Bellot		X	
Karen Carr, LDEM		X	
Dianna Shu	Maryland Hospital Association	X	
		X	

<b>Agenda Item (Subject)</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Results</b>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Dr. Ann Burke, MD (Committee member, Acting Chairperson)	<p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD, volunteered to lead the meeting in the absence of an elected chairperson. Dr. Burke, MD, requested a motion to call the April 5, 2024, 2024, Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Open Session 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. Dr. Ann Burke, MD;</li> <li>2. Brittany Coffman, LDEM;</li> <li>3. Paige Barocca, LDEM;</li> <li>4. Darcie Tough, CNM; and</li> <li>5. Jessica Watkins, Consumer member.</li> </ol>	Brittany Coffman, LDEM, moved and Paige Barocca, LDEM, seconded the motion, to all the April 5, 2024, Committee meeting to order at 10:09 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.	

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<p><b>2. Committee Assignments –  – Appointment of Darcie Tough, CNM (R250827)</b></p> <p><b>– Election of Chairperson to the Committee</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, and Committee member, joined the Committee meeting. Tess Brody, LDEM, and Committee member, joined the Committee meeting after Roll Call occurred.</p>	
	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with an update regarding the appointment of Ms. Darcie Tough, CNM (R250827) by the Board on March 27, 2024, at the Board’s Open Session Board meeting to fill the remainder of the term (December 31, 2024) due to a vacancy for a nurse certified as a registered nurse midwife on the Committee.</p>	<p>The Committee members, Board Counsel, and Board staff introduced themselves and welcomed Ms. Darice Tough, CNM, to the Committee, and</p>	
	<p>Committee members, Carla Boyd, AAG (Board Counsel), Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Tough introduced herself to the Committee providing information regarding her 7 years of experience and clinical practice as a certified nurse midwife.</p>	
	<p>Darcie Tough, CNM (Committee member)</p> <p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of Md., Ann, Code, Health Occupations, Title 8, Subtitle 6c, § 8-6c-11 and reviewed § 8-6c-11</p>	

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	<p>Carla Boyd, AAG (Board Counsel)</p> <p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD (Committee member, Acting Chairperson)</p> <p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member)</p> <p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD (Committee member, Acting Chairperson)</p>	<p>(g)(1)-(6) <i>Term of members.</i>, with the Committee. Ms. Mentzer also provided the Committee members with a handout of the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Chairperson’s Duties for review.</p> <p>Ms. Boyd advised the Committee about the process to elect a DEMs Committee Chair in accordance with Health Occ. § 8-6c-11(f) and the process that the Committee has followed in the past.</p> <p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD, opened the Committee floor to accept nominations from among the Committee members for the Chair.</p> <p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, nominated herself for the position as Chair. There were no additional Committee members nominated for Committee chairperson.</p> <p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD, asked for a motion to elect Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, as Committee chairperson.</p>	<p>Jessica Watkins moved, and Tess Brody, LDEM, seconded the motion, to accept Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, as chairperson of the Committee. There were none opposed, and one</p>

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<p><b>3. Review and approval of the February 2, 2024, and March 1, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD (Committee member, Acting Chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the February 2, 2024, and March 1, 2024, Committee Open Session Committee meeting minutes for review.</p> <p>Following the Committee’s review and discussion of the February 2, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes, Dr. Ann Burke, asked the Committee for a motion to approve the February 2, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes, with one suggested change to page 1 of the document.</p> <p>Dr. Burke, MD, noted that the March 1, 2024, Committee meeting was unable to be held due to a lack of a quorum.</p>	<p>abstention. The motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, moved, and Tess Brody, LDEM, seconded, to approve the February 2, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes, with one change to page 1 of the document. The motion passed unanimously; there were no objections and no abstentions.</p>
<p><b>4. Annual Financial Disclosure Forms due to the State Ethics Commission by April 30, 2024</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a reminder that the Annual Financial Disclosure Forms are due to the State Ethics Commission by April 30, 2024, and that each Committee member should have received an email from Financial Disclosure Administrator with the State Ethics Commission, regarding their obligation to submit the completed Financial Disclosure Form by April 30, 2024.</p>	<p>The Committee members are required to submit an Annual Financial Disclosure form to the State Ethics Commission by April 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year.</p>

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<b>5. Public Business</b>	Dr. Ann Burke, MD (Committee member, Acting Chairperson)	There were no items to be addressed by the Committee from the audience or public present at today’s Committee meeting.	
<b>6. Upon completing the Open Session Agenda, the Committee expects to close the meeting in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305.</b>	Dr. Ann Burke, MD (Committee member, Acting Chairperson)	Dr. Ann Burke, MD and Acting Chairperson, presiding over the Committee today, read the statement to close the Open Session Committee meeting, as required by Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305.	Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, moved, and Paige Barocca, LDEM, seconded, to close the Open Session Committee meeting, at 10:24 a.m. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.
<b>7. Adjournment</b>	Dr. Ann Burke, MD (Committee member, Acting Chairperson)	Dr. Ann Burke, MD, requested a motion to adjourn the April 5, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting at 11:01 a.m. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m.	Brittany Coffman, LDEM, moved and Tess Brody, LDEM, seconded the motion to adjourn the April 5, 2024, open session Committee meeting at 11:01 a.m. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.