

Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Open Session Meeting Minutes June 7, 2024
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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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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 and Chairperson 1 st 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 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	

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Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General		X
Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General		X
<u>Guests: (State of Maryland)</u>			
Tiffani Shannon	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Guests (Members of Public), if Applicable			

Agenda Item (Subject)	Responsible Party	Discussion	Results
1. Call to Order	Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member, Chairperson)	Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, Committee Chair, called the June 7, 2024, Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Open Session 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"> 1. Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM; 2. Dr. Ann Burke, MD; 3. Tess Brody, LDEM; 4. Brittany Coffman, LDEM; and 5. Darcie Tough, CNM. 	Dr. Mairi Rothman called the June 7, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting to order at 10:02 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>2. Review and approval of the May 3, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes and the May 10, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Paige Barocca, LDEM, Committee member, and Jessica Watkins, Committee consumer member, joined the Committee meeting after Roll Call occurred.</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the May 3, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes for review and discussion.</p>	<p>Tess Brody, LDEM, moved and Darcie Tough, CNM, seconded, to approve the May 3, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes as written. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD, moved and Darcie Tough, CNM, seconded, to approve the May 10, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes as written. There</p>
	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>Following the Committee’s review and discussion of the May 3, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes, Dr. Mairi Rothman asked for the Committee to vote to approve the May 3, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes as written.</p>	
	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the May 10, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes for review and discussion.</p>	
	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>Following the Committee’s review and discussion of the May 10, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes, Dr. Mairi Rothman requested for the Committee to vote to approve the May 10, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes as written.</p>	

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<p>3. Review and discussion of an “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board from:</p> <p>-Michelle Disney</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board from:</p> <p><u>-Michelle Disney</u></p> <p>Following the Committee’s review of Ms. Michelle Disney’s “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board on May 3, 2024, page by page, utilizing the Committee’s checklist, Dr. Mairi Rothman requested for the Committee vote to approve to recommend to the Board, Michelle Disney’s “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” is complete and meeting the minimum requirements for licensure as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland.</p>	<p>were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Brittany Coffman, LDEM, moved, and Tess Brody, LDEM, seconded to accept and recommend to the Board to approve the “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board from Michelle Disney, as meeting the minimum requirements for licensure to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

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<p>Review and discussion of an “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board from:</p> <p>-Christina Andrews</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board from:</p> <p><u>-Christina Andrews</u></p> <p>Following the Committee’s review of Ms. Christina Andrews’ “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board on June 4, 2024, page by page, utilizing the Committee’s checklist, Dr. Mairi Rothman requested for the Committee vote to approve to recommend to the Board, Ms. Christina Andrews’ “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” is complete and meeting the minimum requirements for licensure as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland</p>	<p>Tess Brody, LDEM, moved, and Paige Barocca, LDEM, seconded to accept and recommend to the Board to approve the “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board from Christina Andrews, as meeting the minimum requirements for licensure to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

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<p>4. Review of proposed changes to the approved “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” and Information Sheet for an applicant seeking licensure to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Carla Boyd, AAG (Board Counsel)</p> <p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the proposed changes to the “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” document.</p> <p>Ms. Boyd reviewed the proposed changes to the “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” document, noting that the changes were necessary to include consistency with the language in other applications for licensure processed by the Board, and to update outdated language to be in compliance with current law. The Committee was provided with an opportunity to ask Ms. Boyd questions regarding the proposed changes to the “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” document.</p> <p>Following the Committee’s review and discussion of the proposed changes to the “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” document, Dr. Rothman requested the Committee vote to approve and recommend to the Board to approve the proposed changes as written.</p>	<p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD, moved, and Brittany Coffman, LDEM, seconded, to accept the proposed changes to the “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” document, and to recommend to the Board to approve the updated “Application for Licensure to Practice</p>

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<p>5. Upon completing the Open Session Agenda, the Committee expects to close the meeting in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer notified the Committee that the proposed changes to the “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” document would be presented for review and for an additional recommendation for approval by the Board’s Practice and Education Committee, scheduled to meet on June 14, 2024.</p>	<p>Direct-Entry Midwifery” document.</p>
	<p>Carla Boyd, AAG (Board Counsel)</p>	<p>Ms. Boyd advised the Committee that Board Counsel will look at the Information Sheet for an applicant seeking licensure to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, to determine if there are any necessary updates required for consistency with the Board’s other applications and current law.</p>	<p>This item was tabled for further review by the Committee at its next scheduled Committee meeting.</p>
	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>Dr. Rothman requested a motion to close the Open Session Committee meeting as required by Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305.</p>	<p>Darcie Tough, CNM, moved and Dr. Ann Burke, MD, seconded the motion to close the Open Session Committee meeting and move the Committee into Closed Session, at 10:35 a.m. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

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6. Adjournment	Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee chairperson)	<p>After returning to the Open Session meeting, Dr. Rothman requested a motion to adjourn the June 7, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting.</p> <p>The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, <u>July 12, 2024</u>, beginning at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD, moved, and Jessica Watkins seconded the motion to adjourn the June 7, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting at 11:20 a.m. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p>