

Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Open Session Meeting Minutes July 12, 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	
Tiffani Shannon	Assistant Attorney General		X
Guests (Members of Public), if Applicable			
Dianna Shu	Maryland Hospital Association		
Shannon Serrano			

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 July 12, 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. Tess Brody, LDEM; 3. Brittany Coffman, LDEM; 4. Darcie Tough, CNM; and 5. Paige Barocca, LDEM. 	Dr. Mairi Rothman called the July 12, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting to order at 10:08 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 June 7, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes and the June 7, 2024, Closed Session Committee meeting minutes and June 7, 2024, Closed Session meeting</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>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 June 7, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes for review and discussion.</p>	<p>Tess Brody, LDEM, moved and Darcie Tough, CNM, seconded, to approve the June 7, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes as written. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Tess Brody, LDEM, moved and Paige Barocca, LDEM, seconded, to approve the June 7, 2024, Closed Session Committee meeting minutes as written. There were none opposed and no</p>
	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>Following the Committee’s review and discussion of the June 7, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes, Dr. Mairi Rothman asked for the Committee to vote to approve the June 7, 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 June 7, 2024, Closed 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 June 7, 2024, Closed Session Committee meeting minutes, Dr. Mairi Rothman requested for the Committee to vote to approve the June 7, 2024, Closed 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>-Hadassah Bellot</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</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>-Hadassah Bellot</u></p> <p>Following the Committee’s review of Ms. Hadassah Bellot’s “Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board on June 28, 2024, page by page, utilizing the Committee’s checklist, Dr. Mairi Rothman requested for the Committee vote to approve to recommend to the Board, Hadassah Bellot’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>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 Hadassah Bellot, 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. The Board’s Legislative Affairs staff requested the Board to submit an amendment, submitted as a Departmental, to the Maryland Department of Health, Nurse Practice Act – Health Occupations Article, Section 8-6C-20(a), Annotated Code of Maryland</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Michael Conti, AAG (Board Counsel)</p> <p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided notification to the Committee Ms. Mentzer of the approval by the Board, at its June 26, 2024, Open Session Board meeting, to recommend to the Department of Health, an amendment, submitted as a Departmental, to the Md. Ann. Code, Health Occupations Article, Section 8-6C-20(a). This request to the Board was presented by Ms. Mitzi Fishman, Director of Legislative Affairs, staff member at the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Conti further explained that this proposed amendment, submitted as a Departmental, would impact an applicant who has engaged in any behavior that may necessitate the Board issuing a disciplinary action, to permit the Board to not only deny, but grant a license, to an applicant subject to a discipline by the Board, and provide a tool for the Board to provide more flexibility to the Board to resolve an issue. The Board’s vote on June 26, 2024, to send the proposal to the Department of Health will require a sponsor, and if the amendment passes, the earliest it would be made effective is October 1, 2025.</p> <p>Dr. Rothman thanked Ms. Mentzer for bringing this agenda item to the attention of the Committee, and thanked Mr. Conti for explaining the nature of the request by the Board to submit a Departmental, to propose an amendment to Md.</p>	<p>The Committee took no action regarding this agenda item.</p>

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<p>6. Review of proposed changes to the approve “Information Sheet for an applicant seeking licensure to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery”</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>		<p>Ms. Mentzer will consult with Ms. Rhonda Scott, Executive Director, regarding sending notification to the Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives regarding the Committee’s request to submit the Annual Data Collection forms prior to the due date of October 1, 2024, as the law requires.</p>
	<p>Michael Conti, AAG (Board staff)</p>	<p>Mr. Conti will consult with Ms. Carla Boyd, regarding any recommended changes from Board Counsel to the “Information Sheet for an applicant seeking licensure to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” required for consistency with the Board’s other applications and current law and provide an update to the Committee at the next scheduled Committee meeting.</p>	<p>This item was tabled for further review by the Committee at its next scheduled Committee meeting.</p>
<p>7. Public Business</p>	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>Dr. Rothman asked if any members of the public present at today’s Committee meeting wanted to address the Committee</p>	<p>The public attendees at the July 12, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting did not have any items to address the Committee.</p>

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<p>8. Quarterly Report to the Board for the 4th Quarter FY '2024 (April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024)</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provide the Committee with a copy of the Quarterly Report to the Board for the 4th Quarter FY '2024 with notification to the Board of the Committee's activities occurring during the period of April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024, for review and discussion.</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided this information to the Committee for review and discussion. The Committee was not required to vote on this agenda item.</p>
<p>9. Adjournment</p>	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 2, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Committee discussed cancelling the August 2, 2024, if there is no new business to discuss.</p> <p>Dr. Rothman requested a vote to cancel the August 2, 2024, Committee meeting. Ms. Mentzer will confirm with Ms. Rhonda Scott, Executive Director, that the meeting may be cancelled and sent an email notification to the Committee members that the August 2, 2024, Committee meeting is cancelled.</p> <p>Dr. Rothman requested a motion to adjourn the July 12, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting.</p>	<p>Tess Brody, LDEM, moved, and Paige Barocca, LDEM, seconded the motion to cancel the August 2, 2024, Committee meeting. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Jessica Watkins moved, and Darcie Tough, CNM, seconded the motion to adjourn the July 12, 2024, Open Session</p>

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			Committee meeting at 10:51 a.m. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously