

Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Open Session meeting minutes for November 1, 2024
 Approved by the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee on December 6, 2024

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

**Open Session Meeting Minutes
 November 1, 2024**

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			
Michael Conti, AAG	Assistant Attorney General	X	

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Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General		X
Guests (Members of Public), if Applicable			
Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM	Maryland Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife	X	
Shannon Serrano	Midwife Student	X	
Michelle Disney, LDEM	Maryland Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife	X	

Agenda Item (Subject)	Responsible Party	Discussion	Results
1. Call to Order	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member, Chairperson)</p> <p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, Committee Chair, called the November 1, 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"> 1. Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM; 2. Tova Brody, LDEM; 3. Dr. Ann Burke, MD; 4. Darcie Tough, CNM; and 5. Jessica Watkins. <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, Committee Chairperson, called the November 1, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.</p>

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<p>2. Review and approval of the October 18, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member, Chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the October 18, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes for review and discussion.</p> <p>Following the Committee’s review and discussion of the October 18, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes, Dr. Mairi Rothman asked for the Committee to vote to approve the October 18, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes, as written.</p> <p>Brittany Coffman, LDEM, joined the Committee meeting after the Roll Call was taken.</p>	<p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD, moved and Tova Brody, LDEM, seconded, to approve the October 18, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting minutes, as written. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>3. Committee assignments</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Darcie Tough, CNM (Committee member)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer notified Ms. Darcie Tough, CNM, that her term on the Committee expires on December 31, 2024, and that she may submit in writing notification to the Board that she is interested in seeking reappointment by the Board, for a full 4-year term, for a full 4-year term, for a position of a licensed certified nurse midwife member on the Committee.</p> <p>Ms. Tough, CNM, notified the Committee that she is interested in being considered by the Board for reappointment by the Board to a full 4-year term as a licensed certified nurse midwife Committee member.</p>	<p>The Committee was not required to and did not take any action regarding this agenda item.</p> <p>Ms. Tough, CNM, agreed to provide written notification via email directed to Ms. Christine Lechlitter, Board President, and Ms.</p>

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<p>4. Review and final discussion of the document “FY ‘2024 Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee’s recommendations to the Board, to be included in the Committee’s Annual report to the Board (ref.: Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations § 8-6C-12(c)(1)-(4)).</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)</p> <p>Michael Conti, AAG (Board Counsel)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the document “FY ‘2024 Direct-Entry Midwifery Committee Annual Report to the Board” for review and discussion of any necessary final changes to the document.</p> <p>Mr. Conti, AAG, provided the Committee with a review of the suggested changes to the “FY ‘2024 Direct-Entry Midwifery Committee’s Annual Report to the Board” document, including an update to the number of FY ’24 Annual Data Collection forms reviewed (34 FY ’24 Annual Data Collection forms were received by the Board for review) and that the number of non-compliant Direct-Entry Midwives who did not submit an FY ’24 Annual Data Collection form was a total of 4 (one active LDEM and three LDEMs who did not submit a renewal application</p>	<p>Rhonda Scott, Executive Director, with a copy to Ms. Mentzer, to present a request to the Board at its November 20, 2024, Open Session Board meeting for the request that Ms. Darcie Tough, CNM, be approved for a reappointment to the Committee</p>

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	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member, Chairperson)</p>	<p>and whose LDEM licenses in Maryland expired on 10/28/2023).</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer reported to the Committee that the 4 LDEMs who did not submit an FY '24 Annual Data Collection form were sent letters of notification to the address on file in the Board's licensing system, via U.S. Postal Service certified mail and regular mail on October 21, 2024. The Committee requested notification by email as to the licensed Direct-Entry Midwives who did not submit the required FY '24 Annual Data Collection form. As advised by Mr. Conti, Ms. Mentzer will provide the information requested to the Committee members by email notification following today's Committee meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Mairi led the review and discussion of the Committee members recommendations to be included in the FY '2024 Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee's Annual Report to the Board, that were approved by a majority vote at the October 18, 2024, Committee meeting for any necessary amended changes.</p> <p>Following the Committee's review there were suggested additions to the recommendations to be included with the "FY '2024 Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Annual Report to the Board", the following suggested additions to the Committee's recommendations included</p>	

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	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member, Chairperson)</p>	<p>the following amendments to the document approved by the Committee at its October 18, 2024, Committee meeting:</p> <p>-Recommendation #1. Any Committee’s recommendations regarding the continuation and improvement of the licensure of licensed direct-entry midwives in the State. In the first paragraph, the Committee suggested clarification to the last sentence in the paragraph, to include “...that similar data is already provided by <i>all licensed health care providers that attend births</i>, as required, on birth certificates and forms submitted to the Vital Statistics Administration”, and:</p> <p>-Recommendation #2. Any recommendations regarding expanding the scope of practice of licensed direct-entry midwives. In the second paragraph, that the “...scope of practice of certified professional midwives includes vaginal birth after cesarean <i>at the national level, according to certification by NARM (North American Registry of Midwives).</i>”</p> <p>Following the Committee’s review and discussion of recommended changes to the October 18, 2024, approved “FY ‘2024 Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Annual Report to the Board”, Dr. Rothman asked for a vote to approve the recommended changes to the “FY</p>	<p>Brittany Coffman, LDEM, moved, and Tova Brody, LDEM, seconded to accept and approved the changes to the final version of the “FY ‘2024</p>

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	<p>Michael Conti, AAG (Board Counsel)</p>	<p>‘2024 Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Annual Report to the Board’ document.</p>	<p>Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Annual Report to the Board” as discussed by the Committee members, with the amended changes to the document to be made by Mr. Conti. There were none opposed and no abstentions, the motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. Conti agreed to provide Ms. Mentzer with a copy of the amended and final version of the with the “FY ‘2024 Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Annual Report to the Board”.</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer will provide by email to each Committee member, a copy of the amended and final version of the “FY ‘2024 Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Annual Report to the Board” document</p>

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<p>5. Committee meetings schedule for 2025 calendar year</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with the following suggested dates for the scheduled Committee meetings for the 2025 calendar year:</p> <p>January 3, 2025 February 7, 2025 March 7, 2025 April 4, 2025 May 2, 2025 June 6, 2025 July 11, 2025 (July 4, 2025, is a State holiday) August 1, 2025 September 5, 2025 October 17, 2025 November 7, 2025 December 5, 2025</p>	<p>with the contact information for the November 20, 2024, Board of Nursing Open Session meeting.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to the suggested dates for the scheduled Committee meeting for the 2025 calendar year.</p>
<p>6. Public Business</p>	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member, Chairperson) Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM,</p>	<p>Dr. Rothman, DM, CNM, and Chairperson, notified the Committee that she will not be able to attend the March 7, 2025, scheduled Committee meeting.</p>	

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<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>CNM (Committee member, 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 in attendance at the November 1, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting did not have any items to address the Committee.</p>
	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee Chairperson)</p>	<p>Dr. Rothman requested a motion to adjourn the November 1, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting.</p>	<p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD, moved, and Brittany Coffman, LDEM, seconded the motion to adjourn the November 1, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting at 11:05 a.m. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)</p>	<p>The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m.</p>	