

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

**Open Session Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 23, 2021**

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<b>Committee Members</b>			
Elizabeth Reiner	Committee member (LDEM) Reappointment ends 12/31/2021	X	
Jessica Watkins	Committee member(consumer)Appointment ends 12/31/2021	X	
Karen Webster	Committee member (LDEM) Appointment ends 12/31/2023		X
Dr. Kai Parker	Chairperson (LDEM) Reappointment ends 12/31/2021		X
Jan Kriebs	Committee member (CNM) Reappointment ends 12/31/2022	X	
Roxann Gordon	Committee member (CNM) Appointment ends 12/31/2024	X	
Dr. Harold Fox	Committee member (Maryland Hospital Association Representative) Reappointment ends 12/31/2021		X
<b>Board Counsel</b>			
Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General	X	
<b>Board Staff</b>			
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice	X	
Karen E. Evans	Executive Director, Maryland Board of Nursing	X	
Rhonda Scott	Deputy Director, Maryland Board of Nursing	X	
Iman Farid	Health Policy Analyst	X	
<b>Guests:</b>			
Caitlyn McDonough, AIMM		X	
Karen Carr, LDEM		X	

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<p><b>1. Call to Order</b></p>	<p>Karen E. Evans, MSN, RN-BC, Executive Director, Maryland Board of Nursing</p> <p>Monica Mentzer, Board staff member</p>	<p>This emergency meeting of the Committee was requested and led by Ms. Karen E. Evans, Executive Director, Maryland Board of Nursing, in response to a letter received from Delegate Ariana B. Kelly.</p> <p>The meeting was held by conference call and the call-in information and agenda were posted on the Board's website.</p>	<p>At 10:06 A.M. the emergency meeting requested by Ms. Karen E. Evans was called to order.</p>
<p><b>2. Review and Discuss HB 1032 (2021 Legislative Session) and request for the Committee to submit a report with recommendations to the Maryland General Assembly by September 30, 2021</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer, Board staff member</p>	<p>The Committee members were provided with a copy of the letter received by the Board from Delegate Kelly, dated July 13, 2021, requesting the Committee provide a study with additional information in a report to include recommendations from the Committee members to the General Assembly regarding HB 1032 2021 Legislative Session that may be reintroduced in the 2022 Legislative Session.</p>	

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<p><b>3. Other (Stakeholders input)</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer, Board staff member</p>	<p>A copy of HB 1032 was provided to the Committee members for review. Health Occupations – Licensed Direct–Entry Midwives – Previous Cesarean Section (Summary: For the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a licensed direct–entry midwife is prohibited from assuming or taking certain responsibility for a patient who had a previous cesarean section; requiring a licensed direct–entry midwife to consult with a health care practitioner and document the consultation if a patient had a previous cesarean section that resulted in a certain incision and was performed at least a certain number of months before a certain date; and generally relating to the practice of licensed direct–entry midwifery and cesarean sections.)</p>	
	<p>Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Committee member</p>	<p>The Committee members expressed concern that there is a limited amount of time to obtain the requested information by September 30, 2021.</p>	
	<p>Karen E. Evans, Executive Director, Maryland Board of Nursing</p>	<p>The Committee members will discuss this agenda topic further at the next Committee meeting scheduled for August 6, 2021 and that it would be appropriate to invite interested stakeholders to the August 6, 2021 open session Committee meeting.</p>	

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<p><b>4. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Karen E. Evans, Executive Director, Maryland Board of Nursing</p>	<p>The open session Committee meeting ended at 10:40 A.M.</p> <p>The next open session Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 6, 2021, from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.</p>	



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