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

**Open Session Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2023**

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 1 st Four-Year Term: January 31, 2023 – January 31, 2027	X	
Roxann Gordon, CNM (Chair)	Chair, Certified Nurse Midwife Member 1 st Four-Year Term: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024		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	Assistant Attorney General		X
Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General	X	

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Guests (Members of Public), if Applicable			
Carla L. Boyd, AAG	Assistant Attorney General, Maryland Department of Health	X	
Jane Krienke	Maryland Hospital Association	X	
Hadaffah Bellot		X	

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1. Call to Order	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, Roxann, DM, CNM (Committee member)</p> <p>Katherine Cummings, AAG (Board Counsel)</p>	<p>Ms. Rothman volunteered to chair the September 1, 2023, Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) meeting and called the 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. Brittany Coffman, LDEM; 3. Paige Barocca, LDEM; 4. Jessica Watkins (Consumer member). <p>Ms. Rothman notified the Committee that she would need to leave today’s meeting at 10:50 a.m. and requested a volunteer to take her place as chair of today’s meeting. Ms. Brody volunteered to continue to chair the meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Katherine Cummings invited Ms. Carla Boyd, AAG, Maryland Department of Health. Ms. Boyd introduced herself to the Committee.</p>	<p>Ms. Rothman, Committee chairperson, called the September 1, 2023, Committee meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.</p>

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	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.	
2. Minutes – Review and approval of the August 4, 2023, open session meeting minutes	Dr. Mairi Rothman, Roxann, DM, CNM (Committee member)	The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from its Open Session meeting on August 4, 2023.	Jessica Watkins moved and Brittany Coffman, LDEM, seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the Committee’s Open Session meeting on August 4, 2023, as written. The motion passed, with no objections and no abstentions.
3. Review of any Applications for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery	Monica Mentzer (Board staff)	Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with an update from the August 23, 2023, Open Session Maryland Board of Nursing meeting regarding the Board’s approval of the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (“IBLCE”) as an acceptable continuing education provider for CEUs for licensed Direct-Entry Midwives. The IBLCE has been added to the list of current “Approved Continuing Education Providers” on the Board’s website. On August 23, 2023, at the Open Session meeting, the Board accepted the Committee’s	

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	<p data-bbox="632 613 850 683">Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p data-bbox="632 1052 810 1268">Dr. Mairi Rothman, Roxann, DM, CNM (Committee member)</p>	<p data-bbox="884 289 1522 537">recommendation and approved the licensure renewal of Ms. Monika Karaosman, LDEM (DEM00026) and Ms. Katrina Nakao, LDEM (DEM00023) licenses to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery. The licenses were renewed on 8/30/2023, with expiration dates noted as October 28, 2025.</p> <p data-bbox="884 581 1522 792">Application Hannah Burba (DEM00027) Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board from: Ms. Hannah Burba, LDEM (DEM00027), for review and discussion.</p> <p data-bbox="884 836 1495 1015">The Committee reviewed each page of the application and discussed their review of the documentation of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) that Ms. Burba, LDEM, submitted with the renewal application.</p> <p data-bbox="884 1058 1522 1414">Following the review and discussion of the renewal application submitted by Ms. Hannah Burba, LDEM (DEM00027), Dr. Rothman determined that the Committee vote to recommend to the Board to accept Ms. Burba’s submitted renewal application as complete and meets all minimum regulatory requirements for the Board’s approval to renew Ms. Burba’s license (DEM00027) to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland.</p>	<p data-bbox="1551 1052 1894 1414">Jessica Watkins moved to recommend that the Board accept the CEUs and approve the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board from Ms. Hannah Burba, LDEM (DEM00027). The motion</p>

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	Monica Mentzer (Board staff)	<p>Application Nicole Williams (DEM00030) Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board from: Ms. Nicole Williams, LDEM (DEM00030), for review and discussion.</p> <p>The Committee reviewed each page of the application and discussed their review of the documentation of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) that Ms. Williams, LDEM, submitted with the renewal application, and agreed that the renewal applicant meets the minimum requirements for renewal of a license to practice as a licensed Direct-Entry Midwifery in Maryland.</p>	was seconded by Tess Brody, LDEM. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.
	Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member)	Following the review and discussion of the renewal application submitted by Ms. Nicole Williams, LDEM (DEM00030), Dr. Rothman determined that the Committee vote to recommend to the Board to accept Ms. Williams submitted renewal application as complete and meets all minimum regulatory requirements for the Board’s approval to renew Ms. Williams	Tess Brody, LDEM, moved to recommend that the Board accept the CEUs and approve the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board

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	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member)</p>	<p>license (DEM00030) to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland.</p> <p>Application Karen Carr (DEM00025) Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board from: Ms. Karen Carr, LDEM (DEM00025), for review and discussion.</p> <p>The Committee reviewed each page of the application and discussed their review of the documentation of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) that Ms. Carr, LDEM, submitted with the renewal application, and agreed that the renewal applicant meets the minimum requirements for renewal of a license to practice as a licensed Direct-Entry Midwifery in Maryland.</p> <p>Following the review and discussion of the renewal application submitted by Ms. Karen Carr, LDEM (DEM00025), Dr. Rothman determined that the Committee vote to recommend to the Board to accept Ms. Carr’s submitted renewal application as complete and meets all minimum</p>	<p>from Ms. Nicole Williams, LDEM (DEM00030). The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Brittany Coffman, LDEM, moved to recommend that the Board accept the CEUs and approve the Application for Renewal of License to Practice</p>

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	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM</p>	<p>regulatory requirements for the Board’s approval to renew Ms. Carr’s license (DEM00025) to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland.</p> <p>Application Atara Klein (DEM00041) Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board from: Ms. Atara Klein, LDEM (DEM00041), for review and discussion.</p> <p>The Committee reviewed each page of the application and discussed their review of the documentation of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) that Ms. Klein, LDEM, submitted with the renewal application, and agreed that the renewal applicant meets the minimum requirements for renewal of a license to practice as a licensed Direct-Entry Midwifery in Maryland.</p> <p>Following the review and discussion of the renewal application submitted by Ms. Atara Klein, LDEM (DEM00041), Dr. Rothman determined that the Committee vote to</p>	<p>Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board from Ms. Karen Carr, LDEM (DEM00025). The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Tess Brody, LDEM, moved to recommend that the Board accept the CEUs and approve the</p>

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	(Committee member)	recommend to the Board to accept Ms. Klein’s submitted renewal application as complete and meets all minimum regulatory requirements for the Board’s approval to renew Ms. Klein’s license (DEM00041) to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland.	Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board from Ms. Atara Klein, LDEM (DEM00041). The motion was seconded by Brittany Coffman, LDEM. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.
	Monica Mentzer (Board staff)	<p>Ms. Mentzer noted that the definition of “Continuing Education Unit” (“CEU”) is absent in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), Title 10, Subtitle 64, Chapter 01.</p> <p>The Committee members discussed the term “Contact hours” as the most commonly used definition for continuing education. and agreed that a definition of the term be included in the COMAR 10.64.01.01 Definitions., regulations.</p>	
	Katherine Cummings, AAG (Board Counsel)	Ms. Cummings advised the Committee that the Definition of Continuing Education in the Code of Maryland Regulations, Title 10, Subtitle 27, Chapter 01 “Examination and Licensure”, regulation COMAR 10.27.01.01(B)(7) defines	

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	Monica Mentzer (Board staff)	<p>“Continuing Education Unit (CEU) means 1 contact hour of 50-60 minutes.”</p> <p>Application Tess “Tova” Brody (DEM00029) Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the “Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery” received by the Board from: Ms. Tess Brody, LDEM (DEM00029), for review and discussion.</p>	The review and discussion of the renewal application received by the Board from Ms. Tess Brody, LDEM (DEM00029) was tabled.
	Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member)	Ms. Rothman announced that she would need to leave the meeting at 10:53 a.m.	
	Katherine Cummings, AAG (Board Counsel)	Ms. Cummings advised the Committee that the Committee should no longer discuss agenda items or continue the Open Session Committee meeting without a quorum and that it be noted at 10:53 a.m. that this Committee meeting be adjourned.	
	Monica Mentzer (Board staff)	Before ending the conference call, Ms. Mentzer notified the Committee that additional dates for scheduled Committee meetings in October may be necessary for the Committee to review the potential additional 29 renewal applications that have not yet been received by the Board. The	

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<p>4. Review and discussion of any recommendations to the Board concerning amendments to COMAR Title 10, Subtitle 64, Chapter 01, including but not limited to COMAR 10.64.01.17 and COMAR 10.64.01.18</p> <p>5. Public Business</p> <p>6. Other</p>		<p>Committee members agreed on the dates of October 6 and October 20 be added to the posted 2023 schedule of Open Session Committee meetings.</p>	<p>Committee meeting and will send email notification to all Committee members of the necessity to schedule three Committee meetings in the month of October (October 6, 2023; October 13, 2023; and October 20,2023).</p>
<p>7. Adjournment</p>		<p>.</p>	