

**October 13, 2023, Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Open Session Meeting minutes
 Approved by Committee on October 20, 2023**

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

**Open Session Meeting Minutes
 October 13, 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			
Carla Boyd	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General		X

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Guests (Members of Public), if Applicable			
Hadaffah Bellot			X
Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM			X

Agenda Item (Subject)	Responsible Party	Discussion	Results
1. Call to Order	Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson) Monica Mentzer (Board staff)	Ms. Gordon, Committee Chairperson, called the October 13, 2023, Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) 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. Roxann Gordon, CNM; 2. Dr. Ann Burke, MD; 3. Tess Brody, LDEM; 4. Paige Barocca, LDEM; 5. Jessica Watkins (Consumer member); 6. Brittany Coffman, LDEM. 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.	Ms. Roxann Gordon, Committee chairperson, called the October 13, 2023, Committee meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
2. Minutes – Review and approval of the October 6, 2023, open session meeting minutes	Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)	The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from its Open Session meeting on October 6, 2023.	Dr. Ann Burke, MD, moved and Tova Brody, LDEM, seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the Committee’s Open Session meeting on

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<p>5. Review of any Applications for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)</p>	<p>assigned, and then report the results back to the Committee.</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer reported that she removed any identifying information on the submitted forms to ensure the Committee’s review is only of collecting the numbers reported for the data required to be collected, and then summarizing the results of the reviewed data.</p> <p>The Committee members were reminded of the signed confidentiality agreement form when they accepted an appointment to the Committee, and that the information to be reviewed today is to be reviewed in a confidential manner.</p> <p>Ms. Gordon reported that she was unable to access her State assigned email account from her location, despite having had her password reset by the Board’s IT Department staff yesterday and is not able to access any of the Committee’s documents for today’s meeting.</p> <p>The Committee members volunteered or were assigned the following numbered questions for review of each of the 32 Annual Data Collection forms:</p> <p>Dr. Ann Burke (#4), (#5) Tova Brody (#2), (#8) Paige Barocca (#4), (#8)</p>	

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	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)</p>	<p>Jessica Watkins (#3), (#9) Brittany Coffman (#1), (#7)</p> <p>The Committee members proceeded to work on the review and tabulation from each of the 32 Annual Data Collection forms for the next 45 minutes. Dr. Burke reported she was unable to look at the Annual Data Collection forms and Ms. Paige Barocca agreed to review the reported data for questions (#4) and (#5), in addition to questions (#4) and (#8).</p> <p>Following the review of the questions assigned on each of the 32 Annual Data Collection forms, the Committee members shared the results of their review of the Annual Data Collection forms. Ms. Mentzer and Ms. Gordon recorded the reported results of the aggregate data.</p> <p>Ms. Gordon led the Committee’s discussion of the Committee’s Recommendations to the Board, which are to be included, along with a summary of the results of the Annual Data Collection forms, in the Direct-Entry Midwifery Committee’s Annual Report to the Board, due by November 1. The Committee’s Annual Report to the Board is scheduled to be presented to the Board at its Open Session Board meeting, on November 15, 2023. The information on the Committee’s Annual Report to the Board is and</p>	<p>Jessica Watkins motioned and Tova Brody, LDEM, seconded the motion to accept the Committee’s recommendations for the Committee’s Annual Report to the Board to include the recommendations from the FY 2022 Annual Report to the Board, and</p>

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<p>4. Review of any Applications for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received to the Board</p>	<p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)</p> <p>Carla Boyd, AAG (Board Council)</p>	<p>included in the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee’s Annual Report to the Legislature.</p> <p>The Committee reviewed the recommendations made to the Board on the FY 2022 Annual Report to the Board and discussed keeping the same recommendations, but adding an additional recommendation to the Board, to require in the future, that the Annual Data Collection forms be available to be typed and collected electronically.</p> <p>After a brief discussion, the Committee determined it necessary to table this agenda item. Ms. Gordon requested a vote to table the review of the renewal applications received by the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Boyd advised the Committee that direct communication with renewal applicants regarding the sufficiency of their renewal applications should be conducted by Board staff and not by Committee members.</p>	<p>to add an additional recommendation to have the Annual Data Collection forms submitted electronically. There was one opposed, and no abstentions, The motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD, motioned, and Tova Brody seconded the motion, to table the review of the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, until the next scheduled Committee meeting on October 20, 2023. The motion passed unanimously, there were no objections and no abstentions.</p>

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<p>5. 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>6. Public Business</p> <p>7. Other</p>	<p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)</p>	<p>See discussion under agenda Item #3.</p> <p>Ms. Paige Barocca left the meeting at 11:50 a.m. to attend to a patient.</p> <p>Ms. Gordon asked if there were any items for review by the Committee from the public audience in attendance today and there were none presented to the Committee.</p>	
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Gordon requested a motion to close the October 13, 2023, Open Session Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee.</p>	<p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD, motioned, and Tova Brody seconded the motion to adjourn the October 13, 2023, Open Session Committee meeting at 12:20 p.m.</p>