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

**Open Session Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2023**

NAME	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
<b>Committee Members</b>			
Paige Barocca, LDEM	Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: June 22, 2022 – December 31, 2025	X	
Tess Brody, LDEM	Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2026	X	
Brittany Coffman, LDEM	Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: January 26, 2022 – December 31, 2025	X	
Dr. Mairi Breen Rothman, CNM	Certified Nurse Midwife Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: January 31, 2023 – January 31, 2027		X
Roxann Gordon, CNM (Chair)	Chair, Certified Nurse Midwife Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024	X	
Dr. Ann B. Burke, M.D.	Representative of Maryland Hospital Association Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: January 31, 2022 – December 31, 2026 <b>Note:</b> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Four-Year Term: January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2025	X	
<b>Board Staff</b>			
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice, Maryland Board of Nursing	X	
Iman Farid	Health Planning Administrator, Maryland Board of Nursing	X	
<b>Board Counsel</b>			
Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General		X

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Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General	X	
<b>Guests (Members of Public), if Applicable</b>			
Jane Krienke	Maryland Hospital Association	X	
Jael Marajh	Student midwife	X	
Hadassah Bellot		X	
Shannon Serrano		X	

Agenda Item (Subject)	Responsible Party	Discussion	Results
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee chairperson)  Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)	Ms. Gordon, called the March 3, 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"> <li>1. Roxann Gordon, CNM;</li> <li>2. Tess Brody, LDEM;</li> <li>3. Paige Barocca, LDEM;</li> <li>4. Dr. Ann B. Burke, MD (MHA Representative); and</li> <li>5. Brittany Coffman, LDEM.</li> </ol> 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 March 3, 2023 Committee meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
<b>2. Minutes – Review and approval of the February 3, 2023, open session meeting minutes</b>	Paige Barocca, LDEM (Committee member, leader of meeting)	The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from its Open Session meeting on February 3, 2023.	Ann Burke, MD, FACOG, moved and Tess Brody, LDEM, seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the Committee’s Open

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		<p>Ms. Katherine Cummings, AAG, Board Counsel and Ms. Jessica Watkins joined the Committee meeting by conference call at 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Session meeting on February 3, 2023, as written. The motion passed unanimously, with no objections and no abstentions.</p>
<p><b>3. Committee member appointment by the Maryland Board of Nursing</b>  <b>–Dr. Ann Burke, M.D., F. A. C. O. G.</b></p>	<p>Roxann Gordon, CNM            (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Gordon welcomed Dr. Ann Burke, M.D., F.A. C. O.G. to the Committee. Dr. Burke was appointed by the Board at its Open Session Board meeting on February 22, 2023, as the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA) representative on the Committee, to complete the term vacated by Dr. Monica Buescher, M.D.</p> <p>Dr. Burke introduced herself to the Committee, including sharing, - that she has been practicing as an OB/GYN physician for 34 years, has served as the OB/GYN Medical Director for Holy Cross Hospital, and has been involved administratively with work on various Committees, including the Maryland Perinatal Safety Initiative, and is active in the Maryland Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).</p>	
<p><b>4. Review and Discussion of the Appendix A to the Informed Consent and Disclosure for</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer            (Board Staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with the approved “Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife (with attachment Appendix A)” and a copy of the proposed changes to the Appendix A portion of the document (dated September 1, 2020)</p>	

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<p><b>Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife</b></p>	<p>Paige Barocca, LDEM (Committee member)</p> <p>Katherine Cummings, AAG (Board Counsel)</p>	<p>provided by Ms. Paige Barocca, LDEM, for review and discussion.</p> <p>Ms. Barocca provided the rationale for the need to update Appendix A of the current Board approved “Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife” document should be updated at this time. (ref.: Md. Code Ann., Health Occ.,- § 8-6C-09 (Informed consent agreements.(b)(1) “The Board, in consultation with stakeholders, shall review and update as necessary the informed consent agreement at least every 4 years.”</p> <p>Ms. Cummings suggested that the Committee consider attaching copies of Md. Code Ann., Health Occ., § 8-6C-03 (Conditions for Which Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife May Not Take Responsibility for Patient’s Pregnancy and § 8-6C-04 (Procedures to be Followed when Patient Presents with Certain Conditions), to the “Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife” document itself, in lieu of Appendix A.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the pros and cons of replacing Appendix A with copies of the statutes.</p>	<p>Roxann Gordon, CNM, moved, and Ms. Brittany Coffman, LDEM, seconded the motion to recommend to the Board that the Appendix A portion of the Board approved “Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife” be replaced with copies of Md. Code Ann., Health Occ., § 8-6C-03 and § 8-6C-04. The motion passed unanimously, with no</p>

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			<p>objections and no abstentions.</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer will update the “Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife” document and will present the document to the Practice and Education Committee, scheduled to meet on March 10, 2023, and then to the full Maryland Board of Nursing as its next scheduled Open Session Board meeting on March 22, 2023.</p>
<p><b>5. Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session (SB376 Health Occupations – Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives – Previous Cesarean Section)</b></p>	<p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p> <p>Jane Krienke, (Maryland Hospital Association)</p>	<p>Ms. Gordon provided information to the Committee on the status of SB 376 cross filed with HB351, noting the testimony last week went very late and that HB 351 passed unanimously.</p> <p>Ms. Krienke, of the Maryland Hospital Association, provided information to the Committee, regarding the new provisions within SB376 and HB351, which provide for the Board</p>	<p>There is no action required by the Committee at this time.</p>

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<p><b>6. Public Business</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>to work with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System (“MIEMSS”) and other stakeholders to develop a transfer protocol specific to a client and a vaginal birth after Cesarean (VBAC).</p> <p>In addition to the Board’s development of a transfer protocol, in collaboration with MIEMSS and other stakeholders, a second provision in SB 376 and HB351, is to include a separate informed consent specific to a client and a Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife.</p>	<p>The additional members of the public attending the meeting did not raise any questions for discussion.</p>
	<p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Gordon asked those present at the meeting from the community if they wanted to address the Committee with any further items/topics for discussion and further consideration.</p>	
	<p>Iman Farid, MPH (Health Planning Administrator)</p>	<p>Ms. Farid provided the Committee with a status update on the Maryland Board of Nursing approved updated Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), Title10, Subtitle 64, Chapter 01 (10.64.01.15) to be in compliance and alignment with Md. Code Ann., Health Occ., § 8-6C-13.</p>	

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<b>7. Adjournment</b>	Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee chairperson)	Ms. Gordon requested a motion to adjourn this Open Session meeting of the Committee.  The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.	Ms. Gordon motioned, and Jessica Watkins seconded the motion, to adjourn the March 3, 2023, open session meeting of the Committee. The Committee adjourned at 11:34 a.m.