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

**Open Session Meeting Minutes  
August 4, 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	
<b>Board Counsel</b>			
Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General		X
Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General	X	

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

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<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Dr. Mairi Rothman, Roxann, DM, CNM (Committee member)	Ms. Rothman volunteered to chair the August 4, 2023, Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) meeting and called the 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. Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM;</li> <li>2. Brittany Coffman, LDEM;</li> <li>3. Paige Barocca, LDEM;</li> <li>4. Jessica Watkins (Consumer member).</li> </ol>	Ms. Rothman, Committee chairperson, called the August 4, 2023, Committee meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
	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.	
<b>2. Minutes – Review and approval of the June 2, 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 June 2, 2023.	Brittany Coffman, LDEM, moved and Paige Barocca, LDEM, seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the Committee’s Open Session meeting on June 2, 2023, as written. The

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		<p>Committee member Ms. Tess Brody, LDEM, announced that she had joined the Committee meeting after the Call to Order.</p>	<p>motion passed, with no objections and no abstentions.</p>
<p><b>3. Review of any Applications for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p><b>Application Monika Karaosman (DEM00026)</b>  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. Monica Karaosman, LDEM (DEM00026), 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. Karaosman, LDEM, submitted with the renewal application.</p> <p>The Committee noted that one of the documents included a Certificate of Completion but did not include the number of CEUs provided on the Certificate of Completion. The Committee requested that Ms. Mentzer contact Ms. Karaosman, LDEM, to request further documentation of the 16 CEUs achieved for the American College of Nurse -Midwives “Breach Pro” Workshop attended on February 19, 2023.</p>	

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	<p>Katherine Cummings, AAG (Board Counsel)</p> <p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member)</p>	<p>The Committee noted that two of the documents included CEUs that were issued by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (“IBLCE”). The IBLCE organization is not listed on the current list of “Approved Continuing Education Providers” posted on the Maryland Board of Nursing website at the following link: <a href="https://www.maryland.gov/health/boards-and-commissions/boards/boards-of-nursing/continuing-education-providers">Pages - Direct-Entry Midwifery Forms &amp; Documents (maryland.gov)</a>.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the appropriateness of the IBLCE as a CEU Provider and requested that Ms. Mentzer present to the Board a request for approval to add IBLCE as an acceptable continuing education provider to the current list as the Board’s next Open Session Board meeting scheduled for August 23, 2023.</p> <p>Ms. Cummings advised the Committee that the onus is on the applicant to submit a complete renewal application, including all of the required documentation for 20 Board-approved CEUs.</p> <p>Following the review and discussion of the renewal application submitted by Ms. Monika Karaosman, LDEM (DEM00026), Dr. Rothman determined that the Committee vote to recommend to the Board to accept Ms. Karaosman’s submitted renewal application as complete and meets all minimum regulatory requirements for the Board’s approval to renew</p>	<p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM, moved to recommend that the Board approve the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, if the Board accepts the Committee’s</p>

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		<p>Ms. Karaosman’s license (DEM00026) to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland, pending that the applicant provides the additional documentation for the 16 CEUs obtained from the “Breech Pro Workshop” and that the Board approves the IBLCE as an acceptable CEU provider.</p>	<p>recommendation to approve IBLCE as an acceptable continuing education provider for Direct-Entry Midwives and if Ms. Karaosman, LDEM, submits additional documentation regarding the 16 CEUs obtained from the ”Breech Pro Workshop”. The motion was seconded by Paige Barocca, LDEM. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Monica Mentzer will present the Committee’s recommendation to the Board to add the IBLCE to the currently posted list of Acceptable Continuing Education Providers for Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery to the Board at its August 23, 2023, Open Session Board meeting.</p>

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	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member)</p>	<p><b>Application Katrina Nakao (DEM00023)</b> 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. Katrina Nakao, LDEM (DEM00023), 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. Nakao, 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. Katrina Nakao, LDEM (DEM00023), Dr. Rothman agreed that the Committee is able to vote to make a recommendation to the Board to accept Ms. Nakao’s renewal application, as meeting all minimum regulatory license renewal requirements, for the Board’s approval to renew Ms. Nakao’s (DEM00023) license to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland.</p>	<p>Tess Brody, LDEM, moved to recommend to the Board to approve the Application for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery of Katrina Nakao as meeting the minimum requirements for renewal of a license to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery. The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Ms. Mentzer will present the Committee’s recommendation to the Board at the August 23, 2023, Open Session Board meeting.</p>

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<p><b>4. Update for amendments to COMAR 10.64.01.15(B).</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided an update on the status of the Board-approved proposal to update the Code of Maryland Regulations, Title 10, Subtitle 64, Chapter 01, that speak to education requirements for an applicant seeking to obtain initial licensure to practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife, to be in alignment with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations Article, Title 8. Nurses, Subtitle 6C, § 8-6C-13(b)(2)(ii). The emergency/proposal regulations have been signed by the Secretary of Health and have been submitted to the Administrative, Executive, and Legislature Review (“AELR”) Committee. It is anticipated that the emergency/proposal regulations (COMAR 10.64.01.15) will be printed in the July 28, 2023, Maryland Register with the comment period ending on August 28, 2023.</p>	<p>There is no action required by the Committee regarding this agenda item.</p>
<p><b>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</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of COMAR 10.64.01.17 and COMAR 10.64.01.18 and the corresponding statutes, Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations Article, Title 8., Subtitle 6C, § 8-6C-18 License expirations, renewal, and reinstatement., and § 8-6C-15 License fees., for review and discussion.</p>	

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	Katherine Cummings, AAG (Board Counsel)	Ms. Cummings recommended that the Committee convene a subcommittee of Committee members to discuss and provide suggested language for any recommendations for amendments to the COMAR regulations.	
	Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member)	Ms. Rothman agreed that a subcommittee to address any concerns that may be identified would be helpful and asked the Committee members present who would be able to be on the subcommittee.	
	Tess Brody, LDEM (Committee member)	Ms. Brody, LDEM, volunteered to be on the subcommittee.	
	Paige Barocca, LDEM (Committee member)	Ms. Barocca, LDEM, agreed to be on the subcommittee, and as a member of the legislative committee of the Association of Independent Midwives of Maryland (“AIMM”), she will carry the information back to AIMM and offered to report back to the Committee at the September Committee meeting. Ms. Mentzer will add the topic to the September Open Session Committee meeting scheduled for September 1, 2023.	
	Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM	Dr. Rothman asked those present at the meeting from the community if they wanted to address the Committee with any further items/topics for	



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6. Public Business	(Committee member)	discussion and further consideration. No additional topics were discussed.	
7. Other	Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)	Ms. Mentzer notified the Committee of the advocacy provided by the federal government “Maternal and Child Health Stillborn Prevention Act”. Information is available at the following link: <a href="https://healthybirthday.org/advocacy/stillbirth-prevention-act/">https://healthybirthday.org/advocacy/stillbirth-prevention-act/</a> .	
8. Adjournment	Dr. Mairi Rothman, DM, CNM (Committee member)	Dr. Rothman requested a motion to adjourn this Open Session meeting of the Committee.  The Committee’s next meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m.	Ms. Jessica Watkins motioned, and Ms. Tess Brody, LDEM, seconded the motion, to adjourn the August 4, 2023, open session meeting of the Committee. The Committee adjourned at 11:15 a.m.