

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

**Open Session Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 7, 2021**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<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>			
Lindsey Snyder	Assistant Attorney General	X	
<b>Board Staff</b>			
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice	X	
<b>Guests:</b>			

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1. <b>Call to Order</b>	Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Committee member	There were five Committee members present at the open session DEMS Advisory Committee meeting.	At 10:18 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Ms. Elizabeth Reiner, in the absence of Dr. Kai Parker, Committee chairperson.
2. <b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Committee member	The Committee members present reviewed the April 2, 2021, open session meeting minutes.	A motion was made by Jan Kriebs and seconded by Jessica Watkins for the Committee's approval of the April 2, 2021 open session meeting minutes. The motion was voted upon by the Committee members present. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.
3. <b>Review of an Application for Initial Licensure to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery</b>	Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Committee member  Monica Mentzer, Board staff member	The Committee members present reviewed two applications received to the Maryland Board of Nursing for Initial Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery in Maryland.  1. Elyana B. Verkley  The Committee members present reviewed the application and supporting documentation for Elyana B. Verkley, for initial licensure as a direct-entry midwife in	A motion was made by Elizabeth Reiner, to accept the application for Elyana B. Verkley as complete and meeting all of the minimum requirements for initial licensure as a direct-entry midwife in Maryland and to recommend to the Board to approve the applicant for licensure. The motion was seconded by Roxann Gordon.

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	<p>Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM Committee member</p> <p>Monica Mentzer, Board staff member</p>	<p>Maryland. The checklist for review of an application was utilized to review the application for Elyana B. Verkley and the Committee members determined that the application is complete.</p> <p>2. Valerie R. Monterrey</p> <p>The Committee members present reviewed the application and supporting documentation for Valerie R. Monterrey for initial licensure as a direct-entry midwife in Maryland. The checklist for review of an application was utilized to review the application for Valerie R. Monterrey. Monica Mentzer reported to the Committee members that the official results of the Criminal History Record Check are pending. The Committee members determined that the application is complete except for the official results of the CHRC in the licensing system.</p>	<p>The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p> <p>A motion was made by Elizabeth Reiner to accept the application for Valerie Monterrey, pending the official report of a negative criminal history record check, as complete and meeting all of the minimum requirements for initial licensure as a direct-entry midwife in Maryland and to recommend to the Board to approve the applicant for licensure. The motion was seconded by Roxann Gordon. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p> <p>Monica Mentzer will follow-up regarding the Background Review Department's receipt of the report of a negative CHRC in the MyLO system.</p>

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<p><b>4. Review of AIMM proposed changes to “Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife” document.</b></p>	<p>Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Committee member</p> <p>Lindsey Snyder, AAG, Board Counsel</p>	<p>The Committee members present were provided with an updated copy of the proposed changes by the Association of Independent Midwives of Maryland (AIMM), to the “Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife” document that was discussed and approved by the Committee at the April 2, 2021 meeting. The Committee members present reviewed and discussed each page to assure that all of the approved changes by the Committee members at the April 2, 2021 meeting were addressed in the document and for any typographical corrections to the document.</p> <p>The Committee members present requested the document, following the approval by the Maryland Board of Nursing be made available on the Maryland Board of Nursing website in a pdf fillable format.</p> <p>The Committee was informed that additional interested stakeholders (AIMM, Maryland Hospital Association, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American College of Nurse Midwives) will be invited to attend the Maryland Board of Nursing Open Session when the document is presented to the Board for consideration.</p> <p>The Committee members discussed whether any members can attend the</p>	<p>A motion was made by Jessica Watkins to accept the updated document with the original Appendix A “Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife” and additional typographical changes discussed. The motion was seconded by Jan Kriebs. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p> <p>A motion was made by Jan Kriebs to request that the updated document be made available on the Maryland Board of Nursing website in a pdf fillable format. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Reiner. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p>

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		Maryland Board of Nursing open session meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m. to address any questions from the Board members regarding the Informed Consent form.	
<b>5. House Bill 1032</b>	Lindsey Snyder, AAG, Board Counsel  Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Committee member	HB 1032 passed in the House and moved to the opposing chamber subcommittee. The subcommittee chair did not move the bill forward for a vote. The bill may be reintroduced to the General Assembly in the 2022 Legislative Session.	HB 1032 did not pass by the Maryland General Assembly in the 2021 Legislative Session.
<b>6. Adjournment</b>	Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Committee member Lindsey Snyder, AAG, Board Counsel  Monica Mentzer, Board staff member	Lindsey Snyder announced her last day at the Maryland Board of Nursing is May 12, 2021. The Committee members thanked Ms. Lindsey Snyder, AAG, Board Counsel, for the assistance and expertise Ms. Snyder provided to the Committee during her time assigned to the Committee. Ms. Snyder reported to the Committee that Mr. Michael Conti, AAG, Board Counsel, will be providing assistance to the DEMS Advisory Committee.  The next scheduled meeting is June 4, 2021.	At 11:39 a.m. a motion was made by Roxann Gordon to close the open session meeting. The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.  Monica Mentzer will send out the Expense Report forms

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		Ms. Mentzer will send the Expense Report forms to the Committee members present to be completed and returned for attendance at today's Committee meeting.	from the Board of Nursing office on May 10, 2021.