

**Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes January 5, 2024**  
**Approved by Committee on February 2, 2024**

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

**Open Session Meeting Minutes**  
**January 5, 2024**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<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>			
Carla Boyd	Assistant Attorney General		X
Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General		X
Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General	X	

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<b>Guests (Members of Public), if Applicable</b>			
Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM		X	

<b>Agenda Item (Subject)</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Results</b>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee, chairperson)	<p>Roxann Gordon, CNM, requested a motion to call the January 5, 2024, Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Open Session 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"> <li>1. Roxann Gordon, CMM;</li> <li>2. Tess Brody, LDEM;</li> <li>3. Dr. Ann Burke, MD; and</li> <li>4. Brittany Coffman, LDEM.</li> </ol> <p>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.</p>	Tess Brody, LDEM, moved and Dr. Ann Burke, MD, seconded the motion to call the January 5, 2024, Committee meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The motion passed unanimously; there were no objections and no abstentions.
<b>2. Review and approval of the December 1, 2023, and December 4, 2023, Open Session</b>	Monica Mentzer (Board staff)	Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the December 1, 2023, and December 4, 2023, Open Session Committee meeting minutes for review and discussion.	

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<p><b>Committee meeting minutes</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Following the Committee’s review and discussion of the December 1, 2023, Open Session Committee meeting minutes, the Committee voted to approve the December 1, 2023, Open Session Committee meeting minutes, as written.</p> <p>Ms. Paige Barocca, LDEM, joined the Committee meeting at 10:15 a.m. and Ms. Jessica Watkins joined the Committee meeting at 10:20 a.m.</p> <p>Following the Committee’s review and discussion of the December 4, 2023, Open Session Committee meeting minutes, the Committee voted to approve the December 4, 2023, Open Session Committee meeting minutes, with amendments to Item 1, on page 1, and Item 4, on page 3, as recommended by Mr. Michael Conti, AAG.</p>	<p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD, moved, and Tess Brody, LDEM, seconded, to approve the December 1, 2023, Open Session Committee meeting minutes, as written. The motion passed unanimously; there were no objections and no abstentions.</p> <p>Tess Brody, LDEM, moved, and Dr. Ann Burke, MD, seconded, to approve the December 4, 2023, Open Session Committee meeting minutes, with amendments as discussed. The motion passed unanimously; there were no objections and no abstentions.</p>
<p><b>3. Review of the Committee’s Duties and Responsibilities pursuant to Md. Code Health Occupations, § 8-6C-12</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provide the Committee with a copy of the Md. Code Health Occupations, § 8-6C-12 and reviewed each of the Committee’s Duties and Responsibilities with the Committee.</p>	<p>The Committee did not take any action regarding this agenda item.</p>

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<p><b>4. Review of an Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board from Karen A. Milgate</b></p>	<p>Dr. Ann Burke, MD</p>	<p>Dr. Burke commented that as a relatively new member appointed to the Committee that this information was helpful in clarifying the Committee’s Duties and Responsibilities.</p>	
		<p>Dr. Burke asked for clarification as to when the Committee may make recommendations to the Board regarding the practice of licensed Direct-Entry Midwives in Maryland.</p>	
	<p>Michael Conti, AAG (Board Counsel)</p>	<p>Mr. Conti advised the Committee that the Committee may make recommendations for regulatory changes to address practice areas in the Code of Maryland Regulations specific to the scope of practice in COMAR 10.64.01.02 Scope of Practice., at any time, in addition to the specific areas of recommendations, that are required to be included in the Committee’s annual report to the Board.</p>	
	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board from Karen A. Milgate on December 15, 2023, for the Committee to review and discuss.</p>	
	<p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Gordon, CNM, assisted the Committee with the review and discussion of Ms. Karen Milgate’s Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-</p>	

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		<p>Entry Midwifery, page by page, and Ms. Mentzer assisted the Committee with utilizing the Initial Direct-Entry Midwife Application Checklist – for Review and Recommendations for Approval, to review Ms. Milgate’s Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery.</p> <p>Following the Committee’s review and discussion of the review of Karen A. Milgate’s Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, Ms. Gordon requested a motion to recommend to the Board to accept and approve Ms. Milgate’s Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, as complete, and to issue a license to Ms. Karen A. Milgate as a licensed Direct-Entry Midwife, to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery in Maryland.</p>	<p>Tess Brody, LDEM, moved, and Brittany Coffman, LDEM, seconded, to recommend to the Board to accept and approve the Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, received by the Board, from Ms. Karen A. Milgate, as meeting the minimum requirements for licensure as a Direct-Entry Midwife. The motion passed unanimously; there were no objections and no abstentions.</p>

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<p><b>5. Review of an Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board from Dianne Sellers, LDEM (DEM00003)</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p> <p>Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with an Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, received by the Board, from Dianne Sellers, LDEM (DEM00003) on December 21, 2023.</p> <p>Ms. Gordon assisted the Committee to review, page by page, Ms. Dianne Sellers’ Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery and supporting documentation of 20 Board-approved Continuing Education Units (“CEUs”) and determined Ms. Sellers’ reinstatement application as complete.</p> <p>Following the Committee’s review and discussion of the Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery and supporting documentation, submitted by Ms. Dianne Sellers, LDEM (DEM00003), Ms. Gordon requested a motion to recommend to the Board to accept and approve Ms. Sellers’ Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, and reinstate Ms. Sellers’ license to practice Direct-Entry Midwifery in Maryland.</p>	<p>Tess Brody, LDEM, moved, and Dr. Ann Burke, MD, seconded, to recommend to the Board to accept and approve the Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery, received by the Board, from Dianne Sellers, LDEM (DEM00003) as meeting the minimum requirements for reinstatement of a license to Practice as a Direct-Entry Midwife in</p>

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			Maryland. The motion passed unanimously; there were no objections and no abstentions.
<b>6. Public Business</b>	Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)	There were no items to be addressed by the Committee from the audience or public present at today’s Committee meeting.	
<b>7. Upon completing the Open Session Agenda, the Committee expects to close the meeting in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305.</b>	Roxann Gordon, CNM (Committee Chairperson)	Due to technical difficulties, Ms. Gordon was unable to read the statement to close the Open Session Committee meeting to move the Committee into Closed Session, as required by Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305.	The Committee tabled all items that were scheduled for the Closed Session Committee meeting. The Committee did not hold a Closed session.
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	Roxann Gordon, CNM	Ms. Gordon, CNM, asked for a motion to adjourn the January 5, 2024, Open Session Committee meeting.	Tess Brody, LDEM, moved to adjourn the January 5, 2024, open

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	(Committee Chairperson)	The next Committee meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m.	session Committee meeting, and Ms. Brittany Coffman, LDEM, seconded the motion. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.