

Board of Registration in Midwifery
General Session Minutes
Meeting by Phone/Video Conference
DATE: January 15, 2026 TIME: 10:00 am

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Midwifery (“the Board”) was held in person and via Webex

Board Members Present by Phone/Video:

Rebecca Herman, Chair
Zev Colson
Tejumola Adegoke
Nicole Pegher
Kristin Brennan
April Funches

DPH Staff Present:

Diane Barry, Board Counsel
Margaret McKenna, Program Coordinator

Board Members Not Present by Phone/Video:

Jessica Petrone
Anna Whelan
Susan Hernandez, Secretary

Administrative Tasks:

- Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call Vote for attendance

Board Chair, Rebecca Herman, called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. The chair established quorum via calling attendance: Kristin Brennan, Zev Colson, Nicole Pegher, Tejumola Adegoke and Rebecca Herman. All members participated remotely via Webex by Cisco.

Board Business:

- Review and approve general session agenda for January 15, 2026 – VOTE

Board Chair, Rebecca Herman, recommended to amend the agenda, and move the correspondence to after the completion of board business. Zev Colson moved to approve the amended agenda for January 15, 2026. Rebecca Herman seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “not present”; Jessica Petrone – “not present”; Zev Colson – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “not present”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”; April Funches – “not present”.

- Review and prove general session minutes for December 18, 2025 – VOTE

Zev Colson moved to approve the December 18, 2025 general session minutes. Rebecca Herman seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “not present”; Jessica Petrone – “not present”; Zev Colson

– “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “not present”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”; April Funches – “not present”.

- Licensure by reciprocity for states with substantial equivalency

The Board discussed licensure by reciprocity for states that have substantially similar licensing requirements to Massachusetts. Board members agreed to notify staff of states that they consider to have similar licensing requirements and whose licensees should be eligible for licensure by reciprocity.

- Board chair report

The chair reviewed the topic of informed refusal when LCPM clients decline treatment and withhold consent for care, and the role of reproductive justice in the practice of midwifery in Massachusetts. The chair thanked board members for their efforts in reviewing and discussing scope of practice regulation.

- Board counsel report

Board counsel discussed the role of informed consent regarding transfer of care in emergent situations for LCPMs. She thanked board members for their input and work on the scope of practice regulation 274 CMR 5.00.

Correspondence:

- TR/RCB

The board chair acknowledged receipt of correspondence regarding the scope of practice regulation. The chair noted that specific designated practitioners of midwifery who do not seek licensure are exempt per MGL c. 112, §§209-297. Board Chair reminded the public that they may attend the public hearing to offer support or raise concerns regarding pending board regulations. The chair thanked the individuals for their correspondence.

April Funches joined the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Board Discussion:

- 274 CMR 5.00 Scope of Practice for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives (LCPM) – Draft

The Board added protocols on informed refusal and transfer of care in emergent situations in 274 CMR 5.03. Board counsel will present a clean copy of the amended regulation at the subsequent meeting.

- 274 CMR 7.00 Investigations, Complaints and Board Actions – Draft

The Board reviewed draft regulation 274 CMR 7.00. Board counsel led discussion on disciplinary action the Board may take when reviewing violations of standards, rules, and regulations.

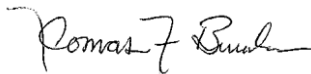
- Draft 274 CMR 2.00 Definitions – TIME PERMITTING

Deferred.

Adjournment:

At 1:00 p.m., Zev Colson moved to adjourn the general session meeting. Nicole Pegher seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “not present”; Jessica Petrone – “not present”; Zev Colson – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”; April Funches – “yes”.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director

Documents used in the public session meeting:

- General session agenda for January 15, 2026
- General session minutes for December 18, 2025
- Emailed correspondence to board
- Draft regulation 274 CMR 5.00 Scope of Practice for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives
- Draft regulation 274 CMR 7.00 Investigations, Complaints and Board Actions