

**Board of Registration in Midwifery**  
General Session Minutes  
Meeting Held at  
250 Washington St, Boston MA 02108 - DPH-250-1Lobby-ConfRm  
And by Phone/Video Conference  
DATE: October 16, 2025 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:**

Rebecca Herman, Chair  
Susan Hernandez, Secretary  
Zev Colsen  
Anna Whelan  
Nicole Pegher  
Kristin Brennan  
Jessica Petrone  
Tejumola Adegoke  
April Funches

**DPH Staff Present:**

Diane Barry, Board Counsel  
Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director  
Margaret McKenna, Program Coordinator  
Monique Brown, Board Staff  
Katherine Wu, Board Intern

**Board Members Not Present:**

None

**Administrative Tasks:**

- Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call Vote for attendance

Board Chair, Rebecca Herman, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The chair established quorum via calling attendance: Tejumola Adegoke, April Funches, Kristin Brennan, Zev Colsen, Jessica Petrone, Susan Hernandez, and Rebecca Herman. All members attended the meeting in person.

- Opening comments by executive director

The executive director welcomed Board members and members of the public to the hybrid meeting being held in person and by phone/video connection. The director announced that the Board would follow the agenda as written. Members of the public are invited to submit comments via email to board staff.

Nicole Pegher joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

**Board Business:**

- Review general session agenda for October 16, 2025 – VOTE

The executive director requested that the agenda be amended to show that his opening comments followed Roll Call. **Zev Colsen moved to approve the amended agenda for October 16, 2025. Anna Whelan seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “yes”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colsen – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “not present”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”; April Funches – “yes”.**

- Review general session minutes for September 18, 2025 – VOTE

**Zev Colson moved to approve the September 18, 2025 general session minutes. Anna Whelan seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “yes”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colsen – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “not present”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”; April Funches – “yes”.**

- Board counsel report

Board counsel reviewed statutory definitions in M.G.L. c. 112, §§ 290-297 and discussed the role of the commissioner of public health in relationship to DPH licensing boards in M.G.L. c. 112 § 1. Counsel addressed additional concerns and questions.

- Board chair report

The chair welcomed members of the public and discussed the midwifery model of care. The chair discussed how the model of care is integral to the practice of certified professional midwifery and the development of board regulations. She noted that the regulations must also be based on and developed from statutory requirements so that they enact what the law requires.

### **Board Discussion:**

- 274 CMR 3.00: Licensed Certified Professional Midwife Licensure Requirements – VOTE

The Board reviewed the amended regulation that establishes general licensure eligibility requirements for LCPMs in Massachusetts. **Following review, Zev Colsen moved to send 274 CMR 3.00 for administrative review and public hearing. Rebecca Herman seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “yes”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colsen – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “not present”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”; April Funches – “yes”.**

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

Board members continued discussion of draft regulation 274 CMR 5.00: Scope of Practice for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives and proposed changes. Board counsel will present a clean version of the amended regulation at the subsequent meeting.

Susan Hernandez left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

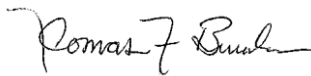
- 274 CMR 7.00 Investigations, Complaints and Board Actions – Draft

Deferred.

**Adjournment:**

**At 2:48 p.m., April Funches moved to adjourn the general session meeting. Tejumola Adegoke seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “yes”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colsen – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”; April Funches – “yes”.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director

Documents used in the public session meeting:

- General session agenda for October 16, 2025 board meeting
- General session minutes for September 18, 2025 meeting
- M.G.L c. 112 ss 290-297
- Amended regulation 274 CMR 3.00 Licensed Certified Professional Midwife Licensure Requirements
- 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
- Information on transportation and parking at 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108