

Board of Registration in Midwifery
General Session Minutes
Meeting by Phone/Video Conference
DATE: November 20, 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 by Phone/Video:

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
Katherine Wu, Board Intern

Board Members Not Present by Phone/Video:

None

Administrative Tasks:

- Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call Vote for attendance

Board Chair, Rebecca Herman, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. The chair established quorum via calling attendance: Tejumola Adegoke, April Funches, Kristin Brennan, Zev Colsen, Jessica Petrone, Nicole Pegher, Anna Whelan and Rebecca Herman. All members participated remotely via Webex by Cisco.

Board Business:

- Review and approve general session agenda for November 20, 2025 – VOTE

Zev Colsen moved to approve the agenda for November 20, 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 and prove general session minutes for October 16, 2025 – VOTE

April Funches moved to approve October 16, 2025 general session minutes. Zev Colson 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”.

- Executive director report

The director provided an update on application procedures for licensure and informed the Board that the amended draft 274 CMR 3.00 LCPM license requirements has been shared with the Commissioner’s office.

- Board chair report

The chair reported on correspondence received in support of midwives as autonomous providers in Massachusetts. Chair reminded the Board that draft regulations may require cross-refencing before sending for administrative review. The chair stressed the importance of having a repair mindset when reviewing and discussing 274 CMR 7.00 regulation. The chair agreed to include substantive correspondences in board packets.

- Board counsel report

Board counsel reminded board members that after they complete review of 274 CMR 5.00, the regulation will await further legal review. Counsel explained that the Board may consider creating a draft regulation on purpose and definitions at subsequent meetings.

Susan Hernandez joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Board Discussion:

- 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.

April Funches left the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Zev Colsen left the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Susan Hernandez left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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

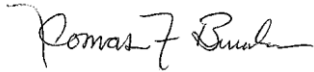
Deferred.

Adjournment:

At 1:05 p.m., Rebecca Herman moved to adjourn the general session meeting. Anna Whelan seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole

Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “yes”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colsen – “not present”; Susan Hernandez – “not present”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”; April Funches – “not present”.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director

Documents used in the public session meeting:

- General session agenda for November 20, 2025 board meeting
- General session minutes for October 16, 2025 meeting
- M.G.L c. 112 ss 290-297
- 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