

**Board of Registration in Midwifery**  
General Session Minutes  
Meeting by Phone/Video Conference  
DATE: February 19, 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 Colsen  
Nicole Pegher  
Kristin Brennan  
April Funches  
Jessica Petrone  
Susan Hernandez  
Tejumola Adegoke

**DPH Staff Present:**

Thomas Burke, Executive Director  
Diane Barry, Board Counsel  
Margaret McKenna, Program Coordinator  
Monique Brown, Board Staff

**Board Members Not Present by Phone/Video:**

Anna Whelan

**Administrative Tasks:**

- Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call Vote for attendance

Board Chair, Rebecca Herman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The chair established quorum via calling attendance: Kristin Brennan, Zev Colsen, Nicole Pegher, Tejumola Adegoke and Rebecca Herman. All members participated remotely via Webex by Cisco.

**Board Business:**

- Review and approve general session agenda for February 19, 2026 – VOTE

**Zev Colsen moved to approve the agenda for February 19, 2026. Nicole Pegher seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “not present”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “not present”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colsen – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “not present”; April Funches – “yes”.**

**Kristin Brennan joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.**

- Review and prove general session minutes for January 15, 2026 – VOTE

**Zev Colsen moved to approve the January 15, 2026 general session minutes. April Funches seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “not present”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colsen – “yes”; Susan**

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

- **Board Elections**

- **Board Chair**

**Jessica Petrone moved to nominate and elect Rebecca Herman as board chair. Zev Colson seconded. Rebecca Herman accepted the nomination.**

**Nicole Pegher then moved to close nominations for board chair. April Funches seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “not present”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colson – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “not present”; April Funches – “yes”.**

**Following closure of nomination for board chair, the motion to nominate and elect Rebecca Herman as board chair passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “not present”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colson – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “not present”; April Funches – “yes”.**

- **Board Secretary**

**Rebecca Herman moved to nominate and elect Kristin Brennan as board secretary. Zev Colson seconded. Kristin Brennan accepted the nomination.**

**Zev Colson then moved to closed nominations for board secretary. Rebecca Herman seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “not present”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colson – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “not present”; April Funches – “yes”.**

**Following closure of nomination for board secretary, the motion to nominate and elect Kristin Brennan as board secretary passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “not present”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colson – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “not present”; April Funches – “yes”.**

- **Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) Activity Report, January 2026**  
Read and filed.

- **Board chair report**

- **Update on LCPM licensure**

The chair outlined goals for the next year, including completion of review of board regulations, creation of sub-regulatory guidance documents, and issuance of temporary licenses.

**Tejumola Adegoke joined the meeting at 10:29 a.m.**

- Executive director report

The executive director reported that 274 CMR 3.00 Licensed Certified Professional Midwife Licensure Requirements is at the last stop in regulatory review and applications for temporary licensure will be available following promulgation. Eligible applicants may apply for initial licensure or licensure by reciprocity and complete the application for Controlled Substance Registration.

- Board counsel report

Board counsel reviewed the procedure for notification of the public hearing for 274 CMR 3.00 and discussed the next steps for completing regulations and issuing standard licenses. Counsel reminded the Board that stakeholder organizations may contact board staff to provide guidance on applications and licensure.

### **Board Discussion:**

- Draft 274 CMR 7.00 Investigations, Complaints and Board Actions

Counsel advised on various disciplinary actions that the Board may take when reviewing violations of its standards, rules, and regulations. Board members discussed the procedures for investigations and grounds for board action and edited sections of 274 CMR 7.00.

### **Susan Hernandez left the meeting at 11:56 a.m.**

- Draft 274 CMR 2.00 Definitions – TIME PERMITTING

Deferred.

- List of standard informed consents to develop per statute and board discretion – TIME PERMITTING. No document was distributed to board members.

Deferred.

- Informed refusal guidance document – TIME PERMITTING. No document was distributed to board members. No document was distributed to board members.

Deferred.

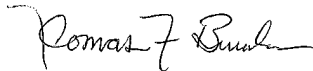
- Guidance for LCPM on upholding autonomy and reproductive choice – TIME PERMITTING.

Deferred.

**Adjournment:**

**At 1:04 p.m., Zev Colsen moved to adjourn the general session meeting. Rebecca Herman seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “not present”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colsen – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “not present”; 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 February 19, 2026 meeting.
- General session minutes for January 15, 2026 meeting.
- Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) Activity Report for January 2026 calendar year,
- 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
- Supplementary guidance document for board discussion on upholding autonomy and reproductive choice.