

Board of Registration in Midwifery
General Session Minutes
Meeting by Phone/Video Conference
DATE: March 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
Anna Whelan

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:

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, Nicole Pegher, Anna Whelan, Jessica Petrone, April Funches and Rebecca Herman. All members participated remotely via Webex by Cisco.

Board Business:

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

Jessica Petrone moved to approve the March 19, 2026 general session agenda. Kristin Brennan 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 – “not present”; April Funches – “yes”.

Zev Colsen joined the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

- Review and prove general session minutes for February 19, 2026 – VOTE

Jessica Petrone requested that the minutes be amended to show that she was present at the February 19, 2026 meeting. April Funches moved to approve the amended February 19, 2026 general session minutes. Zev Colsen 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 – “not present”; April Funches – “yes”.

**Susan Hernandez joined the meeting at 10:14 a.m.
Tejumola Adegoke joined the meeting at 10:17 a.m.**

- Investigative procedures – Lauren McShane, Chief Investigator at the Bureau of Health Professions Licensure

Chief Investigator Lauren McShane met with the Board to discuss the initial steps in the complaint intake overview and triage process prior and up to board review. She noted that cases reviewed in triage may be evaluated and closed for insufficient grounds or moved to the level of a formal investigation that requires board deliberation. She stressed that the goal of investigative procedures is public safety and welfare.

- Board chair report

Board chair noted that certain agenda items and topics for discussion require the Board to act as required by statute. She encouraged board members to conclude discussion on the remaining regulations and begin discussion on required policy items.

- Executive director report

Deferred.

- Board counsel report

Board counsel reviewed the procedure for notification of the public hearing for 274 CMR 3.00 License Certified Professional Midwives License Requirements and discussed the next steps for completing regulations and issuing standard licenses.

Correspondence:

- Query to the Board of Registration in Nursing on nurse midwives seeking licensure as certified professional midwives

Read and filed.

Board Discussion:

- Draft 274 CMR 7.00 Investigations, Complaints and Board Actions

Counsel presented an amended copy of 274 CMR 7.00 regulation containing prior edits made at the February meeting. Following brief discussion, the Board concluded its review.

- Draft 274 CMR 2.00 Definitions

Counsel presented a draft of 274 CMR 2.00 for board discussion. Board members proposed edits to the regulation and instructed counsel to present a clean version at the subsequent meeting.

- Draft 274 CMR 4.00 Standards and Scope of Practice for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives

Counsel presented a draft of 274 CMR 4.00 and board members proposed edits. Counsel agreed to present a clean version at the subsequent meeting.

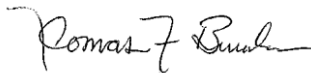
- Draft guidance documents
 - Informed Consent – Deferred
 - Bodily Autonomy and Reproductive Choice – Deferred
 - Restorative Justice Framework – Deferred

Tejumola Adegoke left the general session at 1:04 p.m. and did not return to the meeting.

Adjournment:

At 1:05 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 – “yes”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colsen – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “not present”; April Funches – “yes”.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director

Documents used in the public session meeting:

- General session agenda for March 19, 2026 meeting.
- General session minutes for February 19, 2026 meeting.
- Sample risk assessment document
- Sample informed consent document
- Sample refusal of care document
- Draft guidance on restorative justice
- Summary of board chair report from February 19, 2026 meeting
- Correspondence to the Board of Registration in Nursing on nurse midwives seeking licensure as certified professional midwives

- Supplementary guidance document for board discussion on upholding autonomy and reproductive choice.
- Draft regulation 274 CMR 4.00 Standards and Scope of Practice for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives
- 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