

Board of Registration in Midwifery
General Session Minutes
Meeting by Phone/Video Conference
DATE: April 16, 2026 TIME: 10:00 am

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

Board Members Present by Phone/Video:

Rebecca Herman, Chair
Zev Colsen
Nicole Pegher
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
Jessica Petrone
April Funches
Kristin Brennan

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: Zev Colsen, Tejumola Adegoke, Nicole Pegher, Jessica Petrone, and Rebecca Herman. All members participated remotely via Webex by Cisco.

Board Business:

- Review and approve general session agenda for April 16, 2026 – VOTE

Rebecca Herman moved to approve the April 16, 2026 general session agenda. Zev Colsen seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “not present”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “not present”; Jessica Petrone – “not present”; Zev Colsen – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”; April Funches – “not present”.

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

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

- Public Hearing on 274 CMR 3.00 Licensed Certified Professional Midwives Licensing Requirements, April 23, 2026 at 2:00pm

Board chair invited members of the public and board members to attend the public hearing on 274 CMR 3.00. Individuals may present comments at the hearing or submit written comments to board staff.

- Board chair report

Deferred.

- Executive director report

Deferred.

- Board counsel report

Board counsel reminded board members of the statutory requirement to propose and approve standards or forms for informed consent and emergency transfer of care.

Board Discussion:

- Draft 274 CMR 2.00 Definitions

Board members reviewed and edited 274 CMR 2.00 and requested board counsel generally agreed to advance the regulation for administrative review.

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

Board members reviewed and edited draft 274 CMR 4.00. Board counsel requested time for legal review and agreed to bring back for discussion at a subsequent meeting.

- Required policy items
 - Informed Consent
 - Emergency Transfer


Board chair briefly addressed the format for creating informed consent and emergency transfer of care standards and forms. The chair announced that she will recuse from any discussion on emergency transfer of care.

Adjournment:

At 11:57 a.m., Tejumola Adegoke moved to adjourn the general session meeting. Nicole Pegher seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “not present”;

Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “not present”; Jessica Petrone – “not present”; Zev Colsen – “not present”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; 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 meeting for April 16, 2026 meeting
- General session minutes for March 19, 2026 meeting
- Sample risk assessment document
- Sample informed consent document
- Sample refusal of care document
- Draft guidance on restorative justice
- Supplementary guidance document for board discussion on upholding autonomy and reproductive choice
- Draft regulation 274 CMR 2.00 Licensed Certified Professional Midwives Definitions
- Draft regulation 274 CMR 4.00 Standards and Scope of Practice for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives REDLINE
- Draft regulation 274 CMR 4.00 Standards and Scope of Practice for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives CLEAN
- Draft regulation 274 CMR 7.00 Investigations, Complaints and Board Actions REDLINE
- Draft regulation 274 CMR 7.00 Investigations, Complaints and Board Actions CLEAN