# **Board of Registration in Midwifery**

General Session Minutes
Meeting Held by Phone/Video Conference
DATE: Apil 17, 2025 TIME: 10:00am

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Optometry ("the Board") was held via Webex.

### **Board Members Present by Phone/Video**

Rebecca Herman, Chair Susan Hernandez, Secretary Zev Colson Anna Whelan Nicole Pegher Kristen Brennan Jessica Petrone Tejumola Adegoke

# **DPH Staff Present by Phone/Video**

Diane Barry, Board Counsel Thomas Burke, Executive Director Margaret McKenna, Program Coordinator Lisa Park, Board Intern

### **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 10:07 a.m. The director established quorum via calling attendance: Kristin Brennan, Nicole Pegher, Anna Whelan, Zev Colson, Susan Hernandez. Jessica Petrone, and Rebecca Herman. All members participated remotely via Webex by Cisco.

## **Board Business:**

- Approve general session agenda for Apil 17, 2025 VOTE
   Kristen Brennan moved to approve the agenda for April 17, 2025. Anna Whelan seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristen Brennan "yes"; Nicole Pegher "yes"; Anna Whelan "yes"; Jessica Petrone "yes"; Zev Colsen "yes"; Susan Hernandez "yes"; Rebecca Herman "yes"; Tejumola Adegoke "not present".
- Review general session minutes for March 28, 2025
   Susan Hernandez moved to approve the general session minutes from March 28, 2025.
   Rebecca Herman seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristen Brennan "yes"; Nicole Pegher "yes"; Anna Whelan "yes"; Jessica Petrone "yes"; Zev Colsen "yes"; Susan Hernandez "yes"; Rebecca Herman "yes"; Tejumola Adegoke "not present".

Tejumola Adegoke joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

- Board meeting dates:
  - o Upcoming: May 29, 2025 and June 26, 2025
  - Proposed dates

The Board discussed upcoming Board meeting dates. The Board agreed to reschedule the proposed date of May 29, 2025 to May 22, 2025 at 12 p.m. The Board will meet on June 26, 2025 and discuss future meeting dates at a subsequent meeting.

- Board counsel report
  - o Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS)
  - Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT)

## **Board Discussion:**

• Midwifery Ethical and Professional Standards of Practice – Discussion

The Board reviewed a regulatory draft of ethical and professional standards and made minor changes. The Board instructed counsel to present a clean version of the regulation and a red-lined version with changes at the subsequent meeting.

• Midwifery Controlled Substances List – Discussion

The Board reviewed a proposed list of potential medications consistent with the scope of practice of licensed certified professional midwives in Massachusetts. Counsel advised board members that they may consider creating a list of medications for use with temporary licenses and adjust the list to include other medications for use with ordinary licenses. The Board advised board counsel and executive director that the current draft could be presented for internal DPH review and comment. No vote was taken.

• Midwifery Scope of Practice - Discussion

Deferred.

### **Adjournment:**

At 12:48 p.m., Rebecca Herman moved to adjourn the general session meeting. Anna Whelan seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristen Brennan – "yes"; Nicole Pegher – "yes"; Anna Whelan – "yes"; Jessica Petrone – "yes"; Zev Colsen – "yes"; Susan Hernandez – "yes"; Rebecca Herman – "yes"; Tejumola Adegoke – "yes".

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas Burke, Executive Director

Documents used in the public session meeting:

- Agenda for April17, 2025 Board meeting
- General session minutes for March 28, 2025
- Midwifery Controlled Substance List DRAFT
- Midwifery Ethical and Professional Standards of Practice DRAFT
- 274 CMR 5.00 Scope of Practice for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives (LCPM) -**DRAFT**