

Board of Registration in Midwifery
General Session Minutes
Meeting by Phone/Video Conference
DATE: May 21, 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
Anna Whelan
Jessica Petrone
April Funches

DPH Staff Present:

Diane Barry, Board Counsel
Thomas Burke, Executive Director
Margaret McKenna, Program Coordinator
Lauren Nelson, Deputy Director
Gillian Coffey, Health Communications Mgr.

Board Members Not Present by Phone/Video:

Kristin Brennan, Secretary

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: Zev Colsen, Tejumola Adegoke, Nicole Pegher, Jessica Petrone, April Funches, Susan Hernandez, Anna Whelan and Rebecca Herman. All members participated remotely via Webex by Cisco.

Board Business:

- Review and approve general session agenda for May 21, 2026 – VOTE

Anna Whelan moved to approve the May 21, 2026 general session agenda. Jessica Petrone seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “not present”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “yes”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colsen – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”; April Funches – “yes”.

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

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

- DPH 140 CMR 2.00 on requirements applicable to all health care providers licensed by boards within the Department of Public Health

Deputy Director Lauren Nelson offered a brief presentation on proposed Department of Public Health regulation 140 CMR 2.00. The regulation would apply to all boards at the Bureau of Health Professions Licensure. DPH 140 CMR 2.00 would prohibit Massachusetts licensed health care providers from reporting medical debt to consumer reporting agencies and require health care providers in the Commonwealth to include a provision in contracts with debt collectors that prohibits debt collectors from reporting debt to consumer reporting agencies. Ms. Nelson welcomed questions and requested board approval of the regulation to progress to public comment period.

Following the presentation, Zev Colsen moved to approve DPH 140 CMR 2.00 to progress to public comment period. Anna Whelan seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “not present”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “yes”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colsen – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”; April Funches – “yes”.

- Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) Quarterly Activity Report, April 2026

Read and filed.

- Board chair report

The chair encouraged members to focus on meeting statutory requirements in anticipation of issuing temporary licenses. Chair thanked the public for their comments at the recent public hearing. She reported that comments will be reviewed by the Board at a subsequent meeting.

- Board counsel report

Counsel reported that public hearing comments are being analyzed and prepared for board presentation at a subsequent meeting. Prepared comments will be presented with the full text and requested or recommended change. Per statutory requirement, the Board will establish standards or forms for informed consent and emergency transfer of care.

Board Discussion:

- Required policy items
 - Emergency Transfer of Newborn or Client – VOTE Possible

Rebecca Herman recused from discussion on emergency transfer and left the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Anna Whelan left the meeting at 10:46 am.

- Presentation by Board Consultant Cristina Alonso Lord, Director of Pregnancy, Infancy and Early Childhood (DPIE)

The DPIE director reviewed a proposed standardized form for transfer of care for birthing parents and newborns. The form would allow attending midwives to provide standardized information that both emergency medical services and receiving hospitals would be able to track. Board members reviewed the forms and suggested changes. The Board instructed counsel and staff to edit the form and present for review at a subsequent meeting.

Zev Colson left the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and did not return.

Anna Whelan returned to the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Rebecca Herman returned to the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

- Standardized Informed Consent – VOTE Possible

The Board generally agreed to establish standards for informed consent and discussed proposed topics to create draft standards for informed consent for midwives. **Following discussion, Rebecca Herman moved to adopt the draft standards for informed consent for sub-regulatory guidance. Anna Whelan seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “not present”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “yes”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colson – “not present”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”; April Funches – “yes”.** The Board agreed to consider revisions to standards at future meetings.

April Funches left the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

April Funches returned to the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

- Standard Guidance: Upholding Bodily Autonomy, Reproductive Choice, and Informed Consent – VOTE POSSIBLE

The Board discussed the guidance on bodily autonomy, reproductive choice, and informed consent. **Following discussion, Rebecca Herman moved to adopt the standard guidance. Nicole Pegher seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “not present”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “yes”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colson – “not present”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”; April Funches – “yes”.**

- Sending Regulations for Administrative Review – VOTE
 - 274 2.00: Definitions; 274 CMR 4.00 LCPM Standards and Scope of Practice; and 264 CMR 5.00: Investigations, Complaints & Board Actions

Following discussion, April Funches moved to send the regulations for administrative review. Tejumola Adegoke seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “not present”; Nicole Pegher – “no”; Anna Whelan – “yes”; Jessica Petrone

– “no”; Zev Colsen – “not present”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”; April Funches – “yes”.

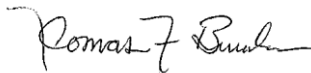
- Policies – TIME PERMITTING
 - 15-01 Delegation of Authority for Staff Actions Relative to Monitoring Licensure Conditions
 - Policy 14-001 Valor Act Implementation
 - Policy 17-01 Social Security Numbers and Department of Revenue License Actions

Tabled.

Adjournment:

At 12:57 p.m., April Funches 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 – “yes”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colsen – “not present”; Susan Hernandez – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”; April Funches – “yes”.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director

Documents used in the public session meeting:

- General session agenda for meeting for May 21, 2026 meeting
- General session minutes for April 16, 2026 meeting
- Sample template forms for transfer of care of newborn and client
- Sample informed consent document
- Perinatal Transitions Form for Client
- Perinatal Transitions Form for Newborn
- Informed Consent for Primary Reproductive and Perinatal Care by a Licensed Certified Professional Midwife standards
- Draft Guidance for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives on upholding bodily autonomy and reproductive choice
- 2026.05.21 274 CMR 2.00 LCPM Definitions FINAL DRAFT
- 2026.05.21 BRMW 274 CMR 4.00 LCPM Standards Scope of Practice Final Draft
- 2026.05.21 274 CMR 5.00 Investigation Complaints Bd Actions Final Draft