

Board of Registration in Midwifery
General Session Minutes
Meeting Held by Phone/Video Conference
DATE: May 22, 2025 TIME: 12:00pm

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
Susan Hernandez, Secretary
Zev Colson
Anna Whelan
Nicole Pegher
Kristin Brennan
Jessica Petrone
Tejumola Adegoke

DPH Staff Present by Phone/Video:

Diane Barry, Board Counsel
Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director
Lisa Park, Board Intern

Board Members Not Present by Phone/Video:

None

Administrative Tasks:

Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call Vote for Attendance

Board Chair, Rebecca Herman, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. The chair established quorum via calling attendance: Kristin Brennan, Anna Whelan, Zev Colson, Jessica Petrone, Tejumola Adegoke and Rebecca Herman. All members participated remotely via Webex by Cisco.

Board Business:

- Approve general session agenda for May 22, 2025 – VOTE
Zev Colson moved to approve the agenda for May 22, 2025. Anna Whelan seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “not present”; Anna Whelan – “yes”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colson – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “not present”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”.

- Review general session minutes for April 17, 2025
Rebecca Herman moved to approve the April 17, 2025 general session minutes. Zev Colson seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “not present”; Anna Whelan – “yes”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colson – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “not present”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “yes”.

Tejumola Adegoke left the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

- Board meeting dates:
 - Upcoming: June 26, 2025
 - Proposed dates

After brief discussion, the Board proposed to meet July 17, 2025, and August 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. The next Board meeting will be on June 26, 2025.

- Executive Director Report

Deferred.

- Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel reported that an approved list of medications necessary for temporary licensure may be presented as a policy document or guideline. Counsel advised the Board to proceed with discussion, review and approval of subsequent regulation sections and present them collectively for administrative review so that the board may add cross references.

Correspondence:

- North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) – Certification verification procedure

The North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) executive director provided guidance for future applicants to obtain verification of their NARM certification.

Board Discussion:

- Midwifery Ethical and Professional Standards of Practice – Discussion

After discussion, board counsel agreed to present a clean version of draft 274 CMR 4.00 at the subsequent general session meeting.

Tejumola Adegoke rejoined the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Susan Hernandez joined the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Nicole Pegher joined the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

- Midwifery Controlled Substances List – Discussion

After discussion, board counsel agreed to present a revised draft list of medications at a subsequent general session meeting. Counsel agreed to research prescribing authority for non-controlled substances. No vote was taken.

- Midwifery Scope of Practice - Discussion

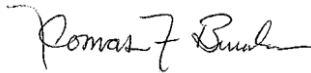
Deferred.

Kristin Brennan left the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Adjournment:

At 2:04 p.m., Zev Colsen moved to adjourn the general session meeting. Nicole Pegher seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: 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”.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director

Documents used in the public session meeting:

- Agenda for May 22, 2025 board meeting
- General session minutes for April 17, 2025
- Correspondence from the National Association of Registered Midwives
- Proposed list of midwifery drugs
- Draft of 274 CMR 4.00 Midwifery Ethical and Professional Standards of Practice
- Draft of 274 CMR 5.00 Scope of Practice for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives