

Board of Registration in Midwifery

General Session Minutes

Meeting by Phone/Video Conference

DATE: July 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
Kristin Brennan, Secretary
Anna Whelan
Jessica Petrone
Nicole Pegher
Zev Colsen
April Funches

DPH Staff Present:

Diane Barry, Board Counsel
Thomas Burke, Executive Director
Lauren Nelson, Deputy Director
Jonathan Dillon, Policy Director
Gillian Coffey, Health Communications Mgr.
Margaret McKenna, Program Coordinator
Monique Brown, Office Support Specialist

Board Members Not Present by Phone/Video:

Susan Hernandez
Tejumola Adegoke

Administrative Tasks:

- Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call Vote for attendance

Board Chair, Rebecca Herman, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The chair established quorum via calling attendance: Zev Colsen, Nicole Pegher, Jessica Petrone, April Funches, Anna Whelan, Kristin Brennan and Rebecca Herman. All members participated remotely via Webex by Cisco.

Board Business:

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

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

- Review and approve general session minutes for June 18, 2026 – VOTE

Board secretary, Kristin Brennan, requested that the minutes be amended to correct the spelling of her last name. Rebecca Herman then moved to approve the June 18, 2026 general session minutes as amended. Zev Colsen seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “not present”; Anna Whelan – “yes”;

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

- Board counsel report

Counsel informed the Board that the recent loss of Title IV federal financial aid to Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC) accredited programs will have no direct effect on the Board’s regulations or its work. Counsel reported that licensed certified professional midwives (LCPMs) who receive their controlled substance registration may prescribe controlled substances consistent with the practice of midwifery. The Board does not regulate prescriptions that fall outside of the scope of practice of midwifery. Such prescriptions would be prescribed at the discretion of the LCPM.

Board Discussion:

The Board Chair requested that the initial topic for discussion be tabled and moved to follow discussion on instructions and guidance for emergency client and newborn transfer forms. **At 10:25 a.m., the board chair recused from discussion on emergency transfer and left the meeting.**

Nicole Pegher joined the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

- Required policy item for instructions and guidance for emergency transfer of newborn or client – VOTE

The Board instructed counsel to prepare a guidance document on emergency transfer and present it to the Board for discussion at a subsequent meeting. **Nicole Pegher moved to approve the amended emergency transfer forms for client and newborn. April Funches 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 – “recused”; Tejumola Adegoke – “not present”; April Funches – “yes”.**

Rebecca Herman returned to the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

- Public hearing comments 274 CMR 3.00: Licensed Certified Professional Midwife Licensure Requirements – VOTE
 - Presentation by Lauren Nelson, Deputy Director at the Bureau of Health Professions Licensure

Jonathan Dillon presented to the Board a chart of both oral and written comments from the public hearing on 274 CMR 3.00 Licensed Certified Professional Midwife Licensure requirements along with suggested amendments and Department responses and recommendations. The Board chair encouraged board members to consider future discussion on topics raised in the public comments. **Following discussion, Rebecca Herman moved to advance regulation 274 CMR 3.00 for promulgation. Zev Colsen seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “no”; 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”.

- Policy 17-01 Social Security Numbers and Department of Revenue License Actions – VOTE

The executive director presented policy 17-01 for the Board’s consideration. The policy authorizes the executive director to act on the Board’s behalf to expedite the issuance of licenses for initial and renewal applicants. **Following discussion, Rebecca Herman moved to adopt policy 17-01 Social Security Numbers and Department of Revenue License Actions. 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”.**

The Board directed staff to inquire if there is a policy on licensure for undocumented workers and report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

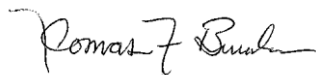
- Review adopted formulary with edits – VOTE possible

Tabled.

Adjournment:

At 12:50 p.m., Anna Whelan moved to adjourn the general session meeting. 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”.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director

Documents used in the public session meeting:

- General session agenda for meeting for July 16, 2026 meeting
- General session minutes for June 18, 2026 meeting
- Comment chart from public hearing on 274 CMR 3.00: Licensed Certified Professional Midwife Licensure Requirements
- Amended Form for transfer of birthing parent or client
- Amended Form for transfer of newborn

- Draft Board instructions for Department of Public Health guidance on the use of recommended emergency transfer forms
- M.G.L. c. 30A, § 13A and M.G.L. c. 119A, § 16 related to the requirement to collect and use social security numbers
- Policy 17-01 Social Security Numbers and Department of Revenue License Actions
- Draft of Board of Registration in Midwifery controlled substances policy with amendments from June 18, 2026 meeting