

Board of Registration in Midwifery
General Session Minutes
Meeting Held by Phone/Video Conference
DATE: July 17, 2025 TIME: 10:00am

**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 Colsen
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
Margaret McKenna, Program Coordinator
Katherine Wu, 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 10:07 a.m. The chair established quorum via calling attendance: Kristin Brennan, Zev Colsen, Jessica Petrone, Nicole Pegher and Rebecca Herman. All members participated remotely via Webex by Cisco.

Board Business:

- Approve general session agenda for July 17, 2025 – VOTE
Kristin Brennan moved to approve the agenda for July 17, 2025. Zev Colsen seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “not present”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colsen – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “not present”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “not present”.
- Review general session minutes for June 26, 2025
Kristin Brennan moved to approve the June 26, 2025 general session minutes. Zev Colsen seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “not present”; Jessica Petrone – “yes”; Zev Colsen – “yes”; Susan Hernandez – “not present”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “not present”.

Anna Whelan joined the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

- Future board meeting dates

The Board agreed to meet on the third Thursday of the month for the remainder of 2025 starting with the September Board meeting.

- Board counsel report

Board counsel reminded the Board of the Open Meeting law. Counsel notified board members that a draft of 274 CMR 5.00 was included in the board packet for future discussion.

Correspondence:

- The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH)/Fenway Health Training Initiative
Read and filed.

Susan Hernandez joined the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Board Discussion:

- Midwifery Ethical and Professional Standards of Practice
Deferred.

Tejumola Adegoke joined the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

- Midwifery Scope of Practice

The Board discussed the draft regulation 274 CMR 5.00: Scope of Practice for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives. During discussion, the Board proposed changes to sections of the regulation. The chair instructed board staff to present a redline version of the regulation as amended at the subsequent meeting.

Anna Whelan left the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Adjournment:

At 12:42 p.m., Nicole Pegher moved to adjourn the general session meeting. Zev Colsen seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: The motion passed by roll call vote: Kristin Brennan – “yes”; Nicole Pegher – “yes”; Anna Whelan – “not present”; 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 July 17, 2025 board meeting
- General session minutes for June 26, 2025 meeting
- The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH)/Fenway Health Training Initiative
- Draft regulation 274 CMR 4.00 Midwifery Ethical and Professional Standards of Practice
- Draft regulation 274 CMR 5.00 Scope of Practice for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives