

**Board of Registration in Midwifery**  
General Session Minutes  
Meeting Held by Phone/Video Conference  
DATE: September 18, 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

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

Diane Barry, Board Counsel  
Margaret McKenna, Program Coordinator  
Monique Brown, Board Staff  
Katherine Wu, Board Intern  
Lauren Nelson, BHPL Deputy Director  
Amy Kaplan, Director of Policy and  
Regulatory affairs

**Board Members Not Present by Phone/Video:**

Tejumola Adegoke  
April Funches

**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: Kristin Brennan, Zev Colsen, Jessica Petrone, Nicole Pegher and Rebecca Herman. All members participated remotely via Webex by Cisco.

**Board Business:**

Anna Whelan joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

- Approve general session agenda for September 18, 2025 – VOTE  
**Zev Colsen moved to approve the agenda for September 18, 2025. Jessica Petrone 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 – “not present”.**
- Review general session minutes for August 28, 2025  
**Rebecca Herman moved to approve the August 28, 2025 general session minutes. 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 – “not present”.**

- Board counsel report

Board counsel discussed exemptions to the jurisdiction of licensure requirements established by midwifery law and the risks of unlicensed practice and administration of controlled substances. Counsel reminded the Board of plans for the hybrid meeting in October and reviewed requirements to comply with state laws for hybrid board meetings.

- Process for promulgation of board regulations

Bureau of Health Professions Licensure (BHPL) deputy director Lauren Neslson and BHPL director of policy and regulatory affairs, Amy Kaplan, presented a general overview of the process for reviewing, amending and promulgating board regulations. They provided an update on the status of board regulation 274 CMR 3.00 Licensed Certified Professional Midwife Licensure Requirements.

### **Board Discussion:**

Susan Hernandez joined the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

- 274 CMR 5.00 Scope of Practice for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives (LCPM) – Draft

Board members discussed the draft regulation 274 CMR 5.00: Scope of Practice for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives and proposed changes. Board chair instructed staff to present a redlined copy of amended regulation at the subsequent meeting.

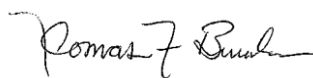
- 274 CMR 7.00 Investigations, Complaints and Board Actions – Draft

Deferred.

### **Adjournment:**

**At 12:56 p.m., Anna Whelan moved to adjourn the general session meeting. Nicole Pegher 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 – “yes”; Rebecca Herman – “yes”; Tejumola Adegoke – “not present”; April Funches – “not present”.**

Respectfully submitted,




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Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director

Documents used in the public session meeting:

- Agenda for September 18, 2025 board meeting
- General session minutes for August 28, 2025 meeting
- Draft regulation 274 CMR 5.00 Scope of Practice for Licensed Certified Professional Midwives
- Draft regulation 274 CMR 7.00 Investigations, Complaints and Board Actions