



Midwifery Public Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2022

NH Midwifery Council

Oct 14, 2022 at 9:30 AM EDT

7 Eagle Square Concord, NH 03301

Attendance

Members Present:

Elizabeth Gaby, Kathryn Hartwell, Sherry Stevens

Members Absent:

Mark Carney, Heidi Rinehart

Guests Present:

Shane Goulet, Jessica Whelehan, Jenna Wilson

I. Call To Order

Sherry Stevens called the meeting to order at 9:38AM.

II. Review of Public Minutes

Motion: to approve the draft public minutes of the 9/9/2022 meeting as presented.

Motion moved by Kathryn Hartwell and motion seconded by Sherry Stevens. Passed.

III. Public Appearances - None

IV. Licensure

A. COTHEN, Bianca - Application for licensure

Motion: to accept the application and approve for licensure contingent on passing the NH jurisprudence exam.

Motion moved by Kathryn Hartwell and motion seconded by Sherry Stevens. Passed.

V. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

Morgan Gaines of the NH Midwives Association joined the meeting by Zoom. She indicated that the NHMA did not have an official statement on the Mid 500 rules, but the group is still looking for clarification on what the changes mean for licensees.

A. Draft Legislation

Jenna Wilson advised the Council that the legislation drafted by OPLC counsel, Lauren Warner, has been submitted. Attorney Warner was covering another board's emergency and was unavailable to join the meeting today.

Morgan Gaines of the NH Midwives Association requested a copy of the draft legislation, but Attorney Shane Goulet advised it was still in draft format and not available.

VI. Non-Public Session

Motion: to enter non-public session at 9:57AM for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Motion moved by Kathryn Hartwell and motion seconded by Sherry Stevens. Passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VII. Resume Public Session

Sherry Stevens announced the Council was back in public session at 10:37AM.

VIII. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Motion: to seal the minutes of the non-public session to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.

Motion moved by Kathryn Hartwell and motion seconded by Sherry Stevens. Passed.

Motion: to schedule a meeting to replace the cancelled 11/11/2022 meeting and meeting on either 11/14/22 or 11/15/22; and to authorize Sherry Stevens to contact the absent Council members to determine which day and time to meet. Sherry Stevens will contact Jenna Wilson with the information for distribution to all members.

Motion moved by Kathryn Hartwell and motion seconded by Elizabeth Gaby. Passed.

IX. Adjournment

Sherry Stevens adjourned the meeting at 10:45AM.