



Midwifery Council Public Session Minutes

Midwifery Council
3/19/2025 1:00 PM EDT
@ 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH

Attendance

Present:

Members: Elizabeth Gaby, Kathryn Hartwell (remote), Heidi Rinehart, Martha Testerman, Sherry Stevens

Staff: Rahkiya Medley - Board Counsel, Tina Kelley - Rules Administrator, Jeanne Lester - Board Administrator

Absent:

Members: Mark Carney

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm.

- #### II. Meeting called to order. If a voting member has been allowed to attend remotely, identify that member, have them check that they can clearly hear and be heard, and that they are alone in the room.

III. Review of Public Minutes

Draft Midwifery January 15, 2025 Public Minutes (February meeting was cancelled)

Motion:

Upon a motion by KH, and seconded by HR, the Board voted to approve the January 15, 2025 Public Meeting Minutes. Unanimous, by roll call.

IV. Public Appearances

A. Public Comment

Mary Behnke from NHPHP joined the meeting via Zoom, and thanked the Council members for their support. Dayanah Similcar introduced herself as a student nurse midwife.

V. Hearings

A. Ranee LaPointe Hearing - CONTINUED - June 18, 2025 - 1:00 PM

VI. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

A. Heather Kelley - 1:15pm

Standing Order - NSF

Motion:

Upon a motion by HR, and seconded by KH, the Board voted to adopt the updated Standing Order related to failed license fee payments. Unanimous by roll call.

Motion:

Because Chairperson Kate Hartwell was not physically present for the meeting, upon a motion by KH, and seconded by HR, the Board voted to allow Sherry Stevens to sign the Standing Order. Unanimous, by roll call.

VII. Old Business - no items

VIII. New Business

IX. Licensure

X. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

A. Mid 100 Initial Proposal - Draft

The Board will continue to review Mid 100 at the next meeting.

B. Mid 300 Initial Proposal

C. Mid 500 - Initial Proposal

The Board reviewed the proposal and made additional requests for changes to the draft.

XI. Non-Public Session

Motion to move into Non-Public session for the purpose of board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 326-B: 38, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Motion:

Upon a motion by HR, and seconded by SS, the Board voted to move into Non-Public session at 1:23pm. Unanimous by roll call.

XII. Resume Public Session

Motion:

Upon a motion by KH, and seconded by HR, the Board voted to resume Public Session at 1:34pm. Unanimous, by roll call.

XIII. Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Motion to keep minutes of the non-public session confidential from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and/or to render the proposed action ineffective and/or is not subject to public disclosure pursuant to RSA 236-B: 38.

Motion:

Upon a motion by KH, and seconded by SS, the Board voted to seal the minutes of the Non-Public session. Unanimous, by roll call.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.