



Midwifery Council Public Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2023

Midwifery Council

Feb 10, 2023 at 1:00 PM EST

7 Eagle Square Concord NH 03301

Attendance

Present:

Members: Mark Carney, Sherry Stevens, Elizabeth Gaby, Kathryn Hartwell, Heidi Rinehart

Guests: Elizabeth Eaton, Martha Testerman, Jenna Wilson

- I. Call To Order
- II. Review of Public Minutes

Motion:

Approve the 1/13/23 public minutes as written

Motion moved by Heidi Rinehart and motion seconded by Kathryn Hartwell. Passed.

- III. Public Appearances - None
- IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

- A. Staffing Changes

Jenna Wilson notified the Board that she has taken a position at another state agency and her last day will be 2/23/23. Chris Senko will likely cover Jenna Wilson's boards until replaced because Jessica Whelehan has accepted a position in the OPLC Legal Unit.

- V. Old Business - None
- VI. New Business

- A. Correspondence

1. UNH study: LGBTQ+ inclusion in sexual and reproductive health services
Informational. No action taken.

- VII. Licensing

- A. DAVIS, MARISSA - renewal

Motion: To approve the license renewal application from Marissa Davis.

Motion moved by Kathryn Hartwell and motion seconded by Heidi Rinehart.
Passed.

B. STIMMING, Lael - initial application

Motion:

To contact the applicant and advise that the application must include a backup plan for this state; to request a copy of the NARM CPM card, and for more information about the required college A&P course (such as a syllabus, or contact hours; and explanation about whether the course was equal to a college course or sponsored by the National Midwifery Insitute); and to authorize a Board member to review the supplemental documents on behalf of the Board.

Motion moved by Heidi Rinehart and motion seconded by Kathryn Hartwell.
Passed.

VIII. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

A. SB 83

 [SB83 \(LSR 2023-0994\).pdf](#)

Motion:

To authorize Liz Eaton to send written testimony to the committee indicating that NHCMS are not "nurses" and shouldn't be included in the Nursing Practice Act. This appears to be an editorial error for creectiong.

Motion moved by Heidi Rinehart and motion seconded by Kathryn Hartwell.
Passed.

Motion:

To Authorize Liz Eaton to provide oral and written testimony on the Boards behalf opposing the bill; and to authorize any Board member to testify orally if they wish.

Motion moved and motion seconded. Passed.

B. HB 655 - Large OPLC Bill

 [HB 655.pdf](#)

The Board discussed the need to quickly formulate a letter of testimony for this bill. The Board decided that all members would email their written comments

about the bill and send to Jenna Wilson by 2/17/2023 so that Liz Eaton can compile the comments and draft something for the Board.

C. OPLC Legislation info - Liz Eaton

Motion:

To authorize Liz Eaton to write written testimony opposing the bill, and to authorize Liz Eaton to testify at the committee hearing with the information provided by the Board at the meeting today.

Motion moved by Heidi Rinehart and motion seconded by Kathryn Hartwell.
Passed.

D. HB 346

Letter of opposition sent. House Judiciary Committee Hearing scheduled for 2/16/23 at 10AM.

 [HB346 - NH Midwifery Council.pdf](#)

Informational only.

E. HB 321 - Related to non-public meeting minutes

This bill requires public bodies to review meeting minutes withheld from public disclosure at least every 10 years to determine whether they should continue to be withheld. Minutes not reviewed after 10 years shall be made public

 [HB 321 non public minutes.pdf](#)

Liz Eaton advised the Board that the draft legislation it worked on in the summer and fall of 2022 with former Board counsel Lauren Warner appears to have not been filed by the sponsor. OPLC has reached out to the sponsor but have not received a reply

IX. Non-Public Session

Motion:

to enter non-public session at 2:55PM 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 Heidi Rinehart. Passed by roll call vote.

X. Resume Public Session

the Board resumed public session at 3:00PM.

XI. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Motion:

to seal 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 Heidi Rinehart. Passed.

XII. Adjournment

Kathryn Hartwell adjourned the meeting at 3:06PM

Next meeting is March 10, 2023, at 8:30AM.