



# Midwifery Public Meeting Minutes

Midwifery Council  
June 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. EDT  
@ 7 Eagle Square Concord NH 03301

## **Members Attendance**

Kathryn Hartwell, Certified Midwife, Chair  
Mark Carney, Medical Doctor  
Martha Testerman, Public Member  
Elizabeth Gaby, Certified Midwife  
Sherry Stevens, Certified Midwife  
Heidi Rinehart, Medical Doctor – Attended via zoom

## **Administration**

Traci Weber, Board Administrator  
Elizabeth Eaton, Board Counsel  
Samantha Kinstrey, Legal Intern

- I. Call To Order  
The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman, Kathryn Hartwell.
- II. Review of Draft Public Minutes of May 12, 2023 – On motion from Kathryn, second by Sherry to approve, roll call vote 4-0-1 Heidi Rinehart abstained and Martha attended after the vote at 1:07 p.m.
- III. Public Appearances
- IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Licensing
- VIII. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics
  - A. Mid 500 – The Council reviewed the definition section of the rules and made some amendments. Tina will make the changes and bring back to the Council at the next meeting.
  - B. Legislative Updates – provided by Board Council.  
HB 409 – This bill is the Cosmotology bill and it relates to the criminal backgrounds. Additionally, Telehealth and Social Workers are included as well.  
SB 107 – This Council is not changing to an Advisory Board. It also speaks about Council Members can be removed for very specific reasons outlined in the bill.  
Plc 310-A authorizes OPLC to do investigations, issue licenses, etc.

HB 655 – has passed and is waiting for the Governor’s signature. This bill creates a distinct line between the Council and the Complaint Process. And Hearings Officers will automatically be appointed if the Council needs to hold a hearing.

SB 105 – Relative to information collected by the division of vital records and administration as part of the live birth worksheet.

- IX. Non-Public Session - Upon motion by Kathryn Hartwell and second by Mark Carney, members voted to enter into nonpublic session at 2:21 p.m. 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 Carried.
- X. Resume Public Session: 3:03 p.m.
- XI. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session  
Upon motion by Kathryn Hartwell, second by Sherry Stevens, members voted unanimously 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.
- XII. Adjournment - Upon motion by Kathryn Hartwell and second by Sherry Stevens, members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m.