

# **Midwifery Council Public Meeting Minutes**

Midwifery Council Sep 7, 2023 at 1:00 PM EDT

## **Attendance**

Present:

Members: Elizabeth Gaby, Kathryn Hartwell, Sherry Stevens, Martha Testerman

Absent:

Members: Mark Carney, Heidi Rinehart

I. Call To Order

Chair Kathryn Hartwell called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

II. Review of Public Draft August 11, 2023 Minutes

# Motion to Approve as presented:

Motion moved by Kathryn Hartwell and motion seconded by Sherry Stevens. roll call vote 4-0-0

- III. Public Appearances
- IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

Could the Council consider the 4th Wednesday of the month?

I see on the website the Council is supposed to meet quarterly. Do you want to go back to that? Or keep it once a month?

Please review the dates I have provided so we can talk about at the meeting.

#### No Motion:

The council is choosing to move the meeting date to the 4th Friday of the Month. However, they want to wait until we hear from the Physicians on the Council before voting. Board Administrator will make the changes to the rest of the year and 2024 calendar and send out to all members to review their calendars for the next meeting.

A. Rules Notice from OPLC Rules Coordinator

Revisions are being proposed to Plc 100 (Organization) and Plc 200 (Practice and Procedure) that will affect all boards and professions, whether directly or indirectly. The Council is encourage to review the rules. The proposed rules are posted in the **Proposed Rules** section of the OPLC webpage.

Remote attendance options for Board/Council members will be in effect October 7th. It is up to the chair's discretion. The Council will need to have at least 1/3 of the council in attendance.

- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Licensure
- VIII. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics
  - A. Mid 500 based on the August 11, 2023 discussion.

The Council reviewed additional rules submitted by Tina. The Board administrator took notes on the document itself and will forward to Tina electronically. Next Month the Board should begin at Mid 502.05.

B. Cover Letter for signature Mid 401.01 and 407.01

Cover letter was signed. It will be forwarded to Tina Kelley electronically and paper.

#### IX. Non-Public Session

Non-Public session conducted 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 to move into Non-Public session at 2:30 p.m.:

Motion moved by Kathryn Hartwell and motion seconded by Sherry Stevens. roll call vote 4-0-0

- X. Resume Public Session at 3: 15 p.m.
- XI. Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Minutes of the non-public session are sealed 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 to Seal the Non-Public session including the minutes:

Motion moved by Kathryn Hartwell and motion seconded by Sherry Stevens. roll call vote 4-0-0

XII. The Council adjourned at 3:30 p.m.