



Midwifery Council Public Session Minutes

Midwifery Council

Mar 28, 2024 at 1:00 PM EDT

Attendance

Present:

Members: Mark Carney, Kathryn Hartwell (remote), Heidi Rinehart (remote), Sherry Stevens, Martha Testerman

Absent:

Members: Elizabeth Gaby

I. Call To Order at 1:12 p.m.

II. Discussion Topic

Vote to allow Remote Assistance for

Kate Hartwell - No Babysitter

Heidi Rinehart - Vehicle Trouble

Motion to accept remote attendance made by SS motion seconded by MC, roll call vote 5-0-0.

III. Review of Public Minutes

Motion to Approve 2/22/24 as amended.

NNEPQIN-Northern New England Perinatal Quality Improvement Network

second to last paragraph, they are inviting anyone who is a "CPM" to join them. "**NHCM**" Narm at the beginning of page 2 first line. Make **NARM** all caps. North American Registry of Midwives.

FYI - it is not clear, for certification, it talks about the NARM exam and they get their CPM. Then when doing the app with us, they do a jurisprudence exam.

It was written a little loose regarding the exam, in case NARM dissolves, the Council could create a National Jurisprudence Exam.

Motion moved by HR and motion seconded by MC. roll call vote 5-0-0

IV. Public Appearances

V. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

A. Meeting Dates changing to the Third Wednesday of the month beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Motion re: change of meeting dates

Motion moved by SS and motion seconded by KH. roll call vote 5-0-0

B. Rule Procedures

2026 is when most of their 500 rules expire.

If they turn to advisory Council, who will be taking care of this rules process? Will the Council be aware and be able to make any changes.

C. 91-A had Legislative Changes. FYI

The Memo came out this week from the AG's office.

Can the Council form a subcommittee of 2 people to work on rules, that is too cumbersome for the whole Council. Board Counsel would need to review the laws and rules for the Council and also the office to determine if the Council has the statutory authority.

the 2 people would need to named on rules form and then they could work with the office to create those rules. I can amend the form to include two people.

Motion to add two people:

to work on the rules. HR and KH to work on the 500's.

Motion moved by SS and motion seconded by MC. roll call vote 5-0-0

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Licensure

IX. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

HB 1676 - that has gone to Interim study and don't expect it to come out.

HB 1010 - Expanding midwifery council. They are expecting it to still be worked on over the summer. Referred to Interim Study.

HB 1271 - Bill purported to advisory Board. They do want additional input. What it will look like as an Advisory Board.

HB 1095 - house to pronounce concord. Recommended ought to pass, recommended today 3/28/24.

A. Mid 500 Rules

B. Legislative Schedule

X. 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 to :

NP session at 1:44 p.m.

Motion moved by KH and motion seconded by SS. roll call vote 5-0-0.

XI. Resume Public Session 2:14 p.m.

XII. 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 Minutes:

Motion moved by KH and motion seconded by SS. Roll Call Vote 5-0-0.

XIII. Adjournment at 2:21 p.m.

Change in RSA 91-A 2 IV (b) will allow a standing order from the Council that would allow attendance under certain circumstances. On motion from HR with a second from MC to endorse the standing order as written to be in effect from 3/28/2024 and will expire on 3/28/2026, roll call vote 5-0-0.