



Midwifery Council Public Session Minutes

Midwifery Council
12/18/2024 1:00 PMEST

Attendance

Present:

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

Absent:

Members: Mark Carney, Martha Testerman

Staff: Elizabeth Eaton - Board Counsel, Jeanne Lester - Board Administrator, Tina Kelley - Rules Administrator

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:06pm.

- #### 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.

Motion:

Motion by Sherry Stevens and seconded by Heidi Rinehart to allow Kate Hartwell to attend remotely due to childcare needs. Roll call vote was unanimous.

III. Review of Public Minutes

Motion:

Motion by Heidi Rinehart and seconded by Sherry Stevens to approve the November 20, 2024 Public Meeting minutes. Unanimous via roll call vote.

IV. Public Appearances

A. Public Comment

Mary Behnke participated via Zoom to suggest contacting Sean Thomas for any help needed with legislation advocacy.

V. Hearings

A. Ranee LaPointe

The hearing for Ranee LaPointe is scheduled for February 19, 2025.

VI. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

- A. Website distinction of Nurse Midwives vs. NH Certified Midwives
Sherry Stevens will go through the list to ensure that Certifications are listed appropriately.

VII. Old Business - no items

The Board would like to see a list of newly licensed midwives for the last 6 months for the next Board Meeting.

VIII. New Business

- A. Definition of obstetrician

The Rules Administrator will work with the Board to incorporate a definition of Obstetrician into Rules.

- B. Midwife Council Letter

Motion:

Upon a motion by Sherry Stevens and seconded by Kathryn Hartwell, the Board voted to approve the Midwife Council Letter to be sent from the Board to New Hampshire Certified Midwives. Unanimous via roll call vote.

IX. Licensure

X. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

- A. **Motion:**

Upon a motion by Sherry Stevens and seconded by Heidi Rinehart, the Board voted to adopt a Standing Order with regard to travel and in-person participation for Board Meetings. Unanimous via roll call vote.

- B. Mid 100 - Draft Initial Proposal

- C. Mid 300 - Draft Initial Proposal

- D. Mid 400 - Draft Initial Proposal

- E. Mid 500 - Draft Initial Proposal

The Board worked through revisions, and will continue with 503.04 at the next meeting.

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 Kathryn Hartwell, and seconded by Sherry Stevens, the Board voted to move into Non-Public Session at 2:31pm. Unanimous via roll call.

XII. Resume Public Session

Motion:

Upon a motion by Kathryn Hartwell and seconded by Heidi Rinehart, the Board voted to move into Public Session at 2:40pm. Unanimous via 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 Heidi Rinehart and seconded by Sherry Stevens, the Board voted to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session. Unanimous via roll call.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51pm.