



Board of Direct-Entry Midwives - HB334 & SB192 Discussion

March 18, 2022 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

By the authority of AS 08.065.020 and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled videoconference meeting of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives was held March 18, 2022; 333 Willoughby Ave, 9th Floor, Division Director's Office, Juneau, AK.

1. 8:00am Call to Order/Roll Call

Attendance

Members Present:

Bethel Belisle, Lacey Derr, Tanya Kirk, Rachel Pugh

Members Absent:

Sara Chambers, Melissa Dumas, Hannah St. George, Glenn Hoskinson, Colleen Kautz, Cole Moniz

Guests Present:

Elke Barnes, Morgan Bunch, Mary Yanagawa

2. 8:02am Review/Approve Agenda

Motion:

Approve agenda as presented

Motion moved by Tanya Kirk. By consensus

3. 8:15am HB 334 & SB 192 Discussion

Ms. Pugh recapped the Senate Health and Social Services committee hearing on SB 192 and what she was hearing regarding possible amendments to the bill. Ms. Kirk mentioned that she wasn't sure when the board sunset or what the Legislative Audit recommendations were. Chair Belisle stated that the audit period predated any sitting board members. Board members recounted their understanding of the auditor's report and expressed concern that if aspects of Legislative Audit's recommendations are withheld due to confidentiality, the board does not have enough information to ensure compliance with the future audit or how to avoid similar errors in the future. They discussed the lack of meaningful opposition to the proposed legislation and lack of response from senators who are considering amendments to water down the bill. Ms.

Kirk recommended analyzing the opposition's concerns and identify what can be negotiated and what is essential. Ms. Pugh stated that the changes are deeply integrated to ensure compliance with NARM standards. The board discussed some possible alternatives to various sections of bill language.

The board discussed writing a letter and empowering the chair to speak about their concerns with APRN Alliance objections and possible amendments to the bill. The board settled on the following talking points and positions:

- Opposing a change of the board name and licensees to "licensed midwife" instead of "certified direct-entry midwife"
- Agree with keeping OB/GYN and CNM members on the board if more midwives can be added to create a majority
- If something new comes up that the board hasn't previously discussed, the board will meet again

Ms. Kirk said she cannot approve an amendment before she sees how it is written.

Motion:

To adopt the talking points and positions as stated above.

Motion moved by Rachel Pugh and motion seconded by Bethel Belisle. Passed; Belisle and Pugh: yea, Kirk: Nay

Motion:

To hold another meeting to discuss the legislation on March 25 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion moved by Bethel Belisle. Passed by consensus

Motion:

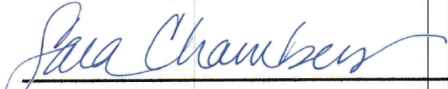
Move to adjourn

Motion moved by Rachel Pugh and motion seconded by Bethel Belisle. Passed unanimously

4. 9:00am Adjourn

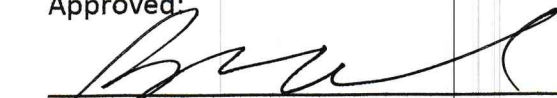
Meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Sara Chambers, Division Director

Approved:



Bethel Belisle, CDM, Chair