



Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives Meeting - May 21, 2025 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
5/21/2025 12:00 PM AKDT
Videoconference

1. Call to Order

- Roll Call

Board Members:

- Holly Steiner, RN, CDM, CPM, Chair
- Bethel Belisle, CDM, CPM
- Darcy Lucey, APRN, CNM
- Lori Lindsay, MD
- Stacia Miller

The Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives board meeting was called to order on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, by chair Holly Steiner at 12:02 pm.

Board members present: Holly Steiner, Chair; Bethel Belisle, Lori Lindsay

Board Members absent: Darcy Lucey and Staci Miller, both excused

Staff present: Reid Bowman, Program Coordinator 2, Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator 1, Sara Chambers, Boards and Regulations Advisor, Sylvan Robb, Director, and Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner

Guests: Mary Yanagawa, Melissa Little, and Rachel Pugh

Quorum established. 3 of 5 appointed board members present.

The board welcomes new member Dr. Lori Lindsay, OBGYN in Soldotna.

- Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were reported by any board member present.

- Accept Agenda

Motion by Lori Lindsay to accept the agenda for the May 21, 2025 Midwives board meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Bethel Belisle. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Public Comment

No public comment given.

3. Board Administrative Business

Tabled Application - Melissa Little

Concern expressed by board member Bethel Belisle that majority of births submitted for CPM done without an active apprentice permit in Alaska. Only the 10 observations may be completed without an active apprentice permit. AK apprentice permit active May, 2023 - May, 2025. Lori Lindsay asked where this information was listed on the application. Ms. Belisle indicated she had communication – text messages – from Ms. Little back to 11/2023 and Ms. Little had also submitted her NARM certificate birth records.

In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310 (c), I, Bethel Belisle, move to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential. Motion seconded by Lori Lindsay.

Board off record at 12:13 pm. Board staff - Sheri Ryan and Shane Bannarbie to remain in Executive Session.

Board back on record at 1:49 pm. Board members present: Holly Steiner, Chair; Bethel Belisle, and Lori Lindsay.

Staff present: Reid Bowman, Program Coordinator 2, Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator 1, Sara Chambers, Boards and Regulations Advisor, and Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner

Guests: Melissa Little and Mary Yanagawa.

I, Bethel Belisle, move to table application #236866, Midwife certificate by credentials, for Melissa Little pending further review. Motion seconded by Lori Lindsay.

Roll call vote:

Holly Steiner = Yes

Bethel Belisle = Yes

Lori Lindsay = Yes

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Industrial Hemp and Intoxicating Hemp Products FAQ for Professional Licensees (Presenters: Glenn Saviers)

Sara Chambers provided overview on information of Industrial Hemp and Intoxicating Hemp Products for Professional Licensees.

Action items:

Holly Steiner to post FAQ from website on Midwives Association of Alaska (MAA) Basecamp thread.

5. FY2025 Annual Report

Bethel Belisle moved to accept the MID Annual Report FY2025 as written. Motion seconded by Holly Steiner. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

6. Letters of Support

- [HB 158/SB 145: Professional Licensing; Temporary Permits](#)
- [SB 124/HB131: Nurse Licensure Compact](#)
- [SB 121: Health Insurance Allowable Charges](#)

Sylvan Robb, Director joined the meeting and gave history on legislative efforts for Universal Temporary Licensing and Nursing Licensure Compact. All proposed letters of support tabled for consideration at next meeting on Wednesday, July 30 from 9am - 12pm.

7. Next Steps

Holly Steiner to post Industrial Hemp and Intoxicating Hemp Products FAQ for Professional Licensees from MID website on Midwives Association of Alaska (MAA) Basecamp thread.

8. Adjourn

The Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives Board meeting was discontinued at 2:14 pm on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 because the meeting lost quorum when Bethel Belisle left the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, 2025 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

These minutes were approved by the board in accordance with PL-12/online voting 06/24/2025.