



Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives Meeting - July 30, 2025 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
7/30/2025 9:00 AM AKDT
Videoconference

1. Call to Order

The Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives board meeting was called to order on Wednesday, July 20, 2025, by chair Holly Steiner at 9:02 am.

A. Roll Call

Board members present: Holly Steiner, Chair; Bethel Belisle, Darcy Lucey, and Stacia Miller. Lori Lindsay joined at 9:18 am.

Staff present: Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator 1, Christina Bona, Investigator 3, Melissa Dumas, Administrative Operations Manager, and Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner

Guests: Asher Belisle, Megan Moody, and Mary Yanagawa

Quorum established. 4 of 5 appointed board members present at beginning of meeting. 5 of 5 appointed board members at 9:18 am.

The board welcomed new member Stacia Miller, Public Member.

B. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were reported by Holly Steiner, Bethel Belisle, Darcy Lucey or Stacia Miller.

C. Accept Agenda

Bethel Belisle moved to accept the agenda for the July 30, 2025 Midwives board meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Darcy Lucey. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Public Comment

No public comment given.

3. Board Administrative Business

A. Asher Belisle Application

Bethel Belisle disclosed for the record she was the mother of and preceptor for apprentice Asher Belisle and requested recusal. Chair Steiner reported this was also disclosed previously in writing in February, 2025. The board discussed how and why an incorrect voting procedure had taken place in the prior application voting process of February 2025 for Asher's application. To ensure integrity of the voting process, the board met this date to correct the procedural error. Per 39.52, the chair recused Bethel Belisle from voting on Asher Belisle's application.

Board members discussed the two errors on the Documentation of Pharmaceutical Knowledge form submitted with Asher's original application. The board discussed the purpose of the form and why applicants were being asked to prove their knowledge when they had already done so through their completed education and training programs. After reviewing the original and corrected copies, the board determined no additional education or corrective action plan was required as the applicant demonstrated knowledge of the correct dosages needed. Form requirement, purpose and content to be discussed at a future meeting.

Darcy Lucey moved to affirm the decision of the board to issue Asher Belisle a license as a certified direct-entry midwife on February 14, 2025. Motion seconded by Lori Lindsey.

Roll call vote:

Holley Steiner = yes

Darcy Lucey = yes

Stacia Miller = yes

Lori Lindsay = yes

Bethel Belisle = abstain

Motion passes by majority.

B. Board Project - Applications by Credentials

Board discussed necessity for comparison of states for applications by credentials. Applicant has right for discussion/determination to be made on the record. Goal with upcoming statute changes was if applicant has a CPM through NARM and a valid license from another state than they are good to go. Statute change(s) are not in place yet. All states do not currently require or recognize a CPM from NARM. If board project is to proceed, board will need to determine:

- what information will be used in comparison
- how often analysis will be completed
- who is going to make the comparison; each board member take certain # of states

Topic tabled until next meeting. Board members to do research to discuss at next meeting.

C. Set Next Meeting Date(s)

Next meeting set for Wednesday, September 4, 2025 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Action Item:

Staff to notice out meeting as required.

4. Break - recording stopped 10:05 am. Recording resumed 10:10 am.

Roll call:

Board members present: Holly Steiner, Bethel Belisle, Lori Lindsay, Stacia Miller, and Darcy Lucey. Quorum in effect; 5 appointed board members of 5 member board present.

5. Investigative Report (Presenters: Christina Bond)

Christina Bond, Investigator 3 provided Investigations Report for March 5, 2025 through July 10, 2025. 1 new case, 3 closed cases during time frame.

6. Division Update - FY25Q3 (Presenters: Melissa Dumas)

Melissa Dumas, Administrative Operations Manager, provided overview of FY2025 Q3 (ending March 31, 2025) for the board. This was a revenue year for the MID board with renewals due 03/31/2025. The division will conduct a fee analysis prior to 2027 renewals. May be able to consider a small adjustment to fee(s) but there are outside factors that may impact the decision.

7. Legislative Update

Sunset bill - [SB137](#) - effective 06/15/2025. MID Board extended through June 30, 2031. Statutory bill [HB95](#) – HB95 has not advanced – Representative Allard, sponsor. Board considering introduction of Senate version of the bill with Senator Jesse Bjorkman as sponsor. Holly Steiner to reach out to Senator Bjorkman next week.

8. Regulation Projects - Update

MID regulations project for 12 AAC 14.130(g); 12 AAC 14.540(f); and 12 AAC 14.445 changes did not go out for public comment prior to [AO358](#). All regulations projects not out for public comment currently paused due to AO358.

Action Item:

Staff to notify board when AO358 lifted and process required to reactivate regulations project.

9. Letters of Support

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

Darcy Lucey moved to send the MID-Letter of Support for HB 158 SB145 - Universal Temporary Licensing as written. Motion seconded by Bethel Belisle. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

Bethel Belisle moved to send the MID -Letter of Support SB 124 HB131 Nursing Licensure Compact as written. Motion seconded by Lori Lindsay. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

Lori Lindsay moved to draft letter of support for SB121 Health Insurance Allowable Charges. Motion seconded by Darcy Lucey. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously. Letter to be uploaded to OnBoard for board review and approval.

Action Items:

- Staff to send MID-Letter of Support for HB158 SB145 - Universal Temporary Licensing
- Staff to send Mid-Letter of Support SB124 HB134 - Nursing Licensure Compact
- Staff to draft letter of support for SB121 Health Insurance Allowable Charges similar to others and load into OnBoard for board review and approval.

10. Next Steps

- A. Staff to notice out September 24, 2025 board meeting as required.
- B. Staff to notify board when AO358 lifted and process required to reactivate regulations project.
- C. Staff to send MID-Letter of Support for HB158 SB145 - Universal Temporary Licensing
- D. Staff to send Mid-Letter of Support SB124 HB134 - Nursing Licensure Compact
- E. Staff to draft letter of support for SB121 Health Insurance Allowable Charges similar to others and load into OnBoard for board review and approval.

11. Adjourn

Bethel Belisle moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 am. Motion seconded by Darcy Lucey. Chair Holly Steiner adjourned the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives Board meeting at 10:48 am on Wednesday, July 30, 2025.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2025 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

These minutes were approved by the board in accordance with PL-12/online voting 08/08/2025.