



Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives Meeting - AO360 Committee of the Whole January 7, 2026 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
1/7/2026 10:00 AMAKST
Videoconference

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1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Board Members:

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

Board members present: Holly Steiner, Chair; Bethel Belisle, Darcy Lucey, and Stacia Miller.

Lori Lindsay absent, excused.

Staff present: Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator 1 and Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner.

Guest: Kelly Baldwin

Quorum established. 4 of 5 appointed board members present.

B. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were reported by any of the four board members present.

C. Accept Agenda

Bethel Belisle moved to accept the amended agenda for the January 7, 2026 board meeting as discussed. Darcy Lucey seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

2. AO360 Regulatory Reduction Plan

Licensing Examiner Sheri Ryan presented an overview of the MID AO360 Reform Plan and Decisional Excel Document compiled from previous regulations projects (MID 02/27/2025 and MID 11-18-2025) and explained the affect this would have on regulations (increases/decreases). AO360 requires board to make 15% reduction for 2026 and cumulative reduction of 25% by 2027. The baseline number of requirements for MID is 1,158. 197 of these requirements are from the regulations, and 961 requirements are from documents adopted by reference in the regulations. The 25% target is against the 1,158 number. A minimum reduction of 290 is required.

Compiled results so far have an impact of -913 reductions in regulations and items adopted by reference for a total of -78.84% which greatly exceeds the mandate. See the AO360 - Midwives Regulations - DRAFT.pdf for recommended language included in public packet for January 7, 2026.

The board members chose to continue their endeavor of regulatory reductions by a thorough line by line evaluation of the regulations in search of obsolete, redundant, or items in need of update.

Regulation changes discussed to be added to AO360 Reform plan:

- 12 AAC 14.110(b)(5)(A)
- 12 AAC 14.110(b)(5)(C)
- 12 AAC 14.120(b)(4)(A)
- 12 AAC 14.120(b)(4)(C)
- 12 AAC 14.120(b)(7)
- 12 AAC 14.125(b)(5)
- 12 AAC 14.135
- 12 AAC 14.140
- 12 AAC 14.400(b)(4)(A)(i)
- 12 AAC 14.400(b)(4)(A)(ii)
- 12 AAC 14.400(b)(4)(B)
- 12 AAC 14.400(b)(5)(A)
- 12 AAC 14.400(b)(5)(B)
- 12 AAC 14.460
- 12 AAC 14.470(a)(4)(A)
- 12 AAC 14.470(a)(4)(B)
- 12 AAC 14.470(a)(4)
- 12 AAC 14.470(a)(5)
- 12 AAC 14.470(a)(6)(A) + (B) – Board discussion needed regarding inability for applicant to fulfill this requirement without having a license in another state.
- 12 AAC 14.500(a)(1) - (21)

- 12 AAC 14.500(b)
- 12 AAC 14.500(c)
- 12 AAC 14.540(e)
- 12 AAC 14.550(a)(2)
- 12 AAC 14.550(b)
- 12 AAC 14.560(a)
- 12 AAC 14.560(c)
- 12 AAC 14.910(2) – MANA formally dissolved March 1, 2024. Board to discuss replacement possibility - International Confederation of Midwives (ICM)?

Darcy Lucey left the meeting. Quorum remains; 3 of 5 board members in attendance.

3. Next Steps

Staff to compile regulation edits into MID AO360 Reform Plan Excel working document and AO360 Midwives Regulations PDF with discussed changes and disperse to committee members to review. Committee members to return any edits to staff to update in advance of February 4 MID board meeting presentation.

4. Adjourn

Bethel Belisle moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Stacia Miller. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

Chair Holly Steiner adjourned the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives Board Committee of the whole meeting at 12:04 pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2026.

Next regular board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2026 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.