

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
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5 BOARD OF CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES
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7 Videoconference
8 October 10, 2019
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10 **These DRAFT minutes were prepared by the staff of the Division of Corporations, Business
11 and Professional Licensing. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.**

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13 By the authority of AS 08.065.020 and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6, a
14 scheduled videoconference meeting of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives was held
15 October 10, 2019; 333 Willoughby Ave, 9th Floor Commissioners Conference Room, Juneau, AK.
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17 **Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order/Roll Call**

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19 Chair Schneider called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM AKDT.

20 Members present: Dana Brown, Deborah Schneider, Dianna Kristeller

21 Staff Present: Lacey Derr – Licensing Examiner

22 **Agenda Item 2 – Review Agenda/Review Minutes**

23 **A motion was made to amend the draft agenda to move Elections of Officers from the
24 Agenda to an OnBoard Vote by D. Brown; seconded by D. Kristeller, the motion passed
25 unanimously.**

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27 **A motion was made to approve the draft minutes as written for the June 5, 2019 meeting by
28 D. Brown; seconded by D. Kristeller; the motion passed unanimously.**

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30 **Agenda Item 3 – Ethics Report**

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32 No ethics to report.
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34 **Agenda Item 4 – Peer Review**

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36 The Board reviewed the 3 applicants that were selected for audit. After reviewing the
37 information provided, it was decided as follows:
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40 **Via roll call vote, the following audits were reviewed and approved to be closed by the board.**

41 **Dana Brown**
42 **Holly Steiner**
43 **Kristen Gerrish**

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45 **Agenda Item 5 – Investigations**

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47 The Board discussed the previous Regulations Project which was tabled due to needing
48 additional and/or clarifying information. It was previously discussed to update the educational
49 requirements of midwives to have educational programs be MEAC accredited. The main
50 questions raised were can the Board make such a change or does it have to go through
51 regulation and does that change still meet the legal requirements of education for the State of
52 Alaska. It was determined yes it is both a regulations change requiring the regulations process
53 and the verbiage used is corrected to remain within legal requirements.

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55 **A motion was made to approve the Regulations Amendment, 12 AAC 14.200 (a) & (b) Course**
56 **of Study Requirements, to move forward with corrections to the date to be reflected as**
57 **January 1, 2020. Motion by D. Kristeller; seconded by D. Brown, the motion passed**
58 **unanimously by roll call vote.**

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60 The Board discussed the tabled application for an applicant whose license has been
61 expired/lapsed for 5+ years. There were no guidelines written as to specifically how an
62 applicant would be re-licensed and the Board be able to adequately asses their current
63 knowledge of Midwifery after so many years of inactivity. As per the letter provided by the
64 department of law, there was nothing to prevent the applicant from Re-Applying as a “new”
65 midwife to the State of Alaska. The applicant ended up withdrawing their application. The
66 Board decided to take up a new Regulations Change to add a section to 12 AAC 14.110,
67 requiring additional items to become re-licensed after 5 years or more of a lapsed license.

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69 **A motion was made to add an amendment to 12 AAC 14.110 to add section (e) as discussed:**

70 **(e) If an applicant has a certification that has been lapsed for more than 5 years, the applicant**
71 **must submit:**

72 **(1) documentation that complies with 12 AAC 14.470(b)(4)(A-D); and**

73 **(2) documentation that complies with 12 AAC 14.470(b)(5); and**

74 **(3) documents completion of**

75 (A) at least 20 preceptor-supervised delivers in the 24 months immediately preceding
76 the application for license in which the applicant was the primary or assisting midwife;
77 in at least ten of the supervised deliveries, the applicant must have been the primary
78 midwife; and
79 (B)at least 10 newborn examinations; and
80 (C) at least 30 prenatal examinations; and
81 (D) at least 10 postpartum examinations, and

82 (4) verification of passing the North American Registry of Midwives Examination (NARM) sent
83 directly to the department from NARM within 12 months of the date of application submittal.
84 Motion by D. Brown; seconded by D. Kristeller, the motion passed unanimously by roll call
85 vote.

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87 The Board discussed other potential issues they see in their regulations that may need to be
88 addressed while taking on additional regulations projects. It was felt the regulations were in a
89 good position with the addition of the other 2 regulations changes.

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91 **Agenda Item 6 – Division Update**

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93 There was no one present in the room or on the phone to provide public comment.

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95 **Public Comment Closed at 11:10am.**

96 **Agenda Item 7 – Public Comment**

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98 The Board discussed the application up for vote. It was decided to approve via Board Vote:

99 **J. Newport**

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101 **Agenda Item 8 – Application Review**

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103 The Board reviewed the final draft of the Annual Report. After a brief review and discussion, a
104 motion was made:

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106 **A motion was made to accept the Annual Report as written by D. Espindola; seconded by D.**
107 **Brown, the motion passed unanimously via Roll Call Vote.**

108 **Item 8 – Adjourn**

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110 **A motion was made to Adjourn the Meeting by D. Brown; seconded by D. Kristeller, the**

111 **motion passed unanimously.**

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113 **Meeting Adjourned 11:45am**

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Respectfully Submitted:

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Lacey Derr, Licensing Examiner

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Deborah Schneider, CDM Chair

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