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ADVISORY BOARD ON MIDWIFERY

Minutes

May 15, 2026

The Advisory Board on Midwifery met on Friday, May 15, 2026, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Training Room 2, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ildiko Baugus, CPM, LM – Vice-Chair
Jennifer Green, CPM
Story Jones, CNM
Savannah F. Lam, CPM

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Katie Greene – Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT:

William L. Harp, M.D. - Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LLM - Deputy Executive Director for Allied Health Licensure
Kathleen LaMotte - Board Administrator
Roslyn Nickens - Licensing Supervisor
Erin Barrett - Director for DHP Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
Colanithia Morton Opher - Deputy Executive Director for Medical Licensure and Administration
Erin Pollard, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jannifer Sayegh, DPOR

Call to Order

Ildiko Baugus called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Emergency Egress Procedures

Kathleen LaMotte announced the emergency egress instructions.

Roll Call

Ms. LaMotte called the roll; a quorum was established.

Introduction of Members

Ms. Baugus invited members and staff to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Jennifer Green moved to approve the minutes of October 11, 2024, which were seconded by Story Jones. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Adoption of the Agenda

Approval of the agenda was moved by Story Jones, seconded by Jennifer Green, and passed unanimously.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (15 minutes)

There was no public comment.

New Business

Legislative Update – Erin Barrett

Ms. Barrett reviewed legislative actions affecting the Board of Medicine, including those summarized in the agenda packet. Key items included:

- **HB1147/SB22**, which will require continuing education in implicit bias for all licensees of the Board of Medicine. Implementation will require regulation and may take several years.
- **DPOR/DHP Agency Bill**: While not directly impacting midwifery, Ms. Barrett explained that other boards within the Department have been affected by inflation

and cost increases. This legislation changes how fee adjustments can be made more expeditiously. It also allows board to recover costs for disciplinary cases.

Recommendation of Draft Amendments for Licensure by Endorsement – Erin Barrett

The Board reviewed draft regulatory amendments for licensure by endorsement under **18VAC85-130-41**, as required by SB1438.

Key points discussed:

- After discussion, it was decided that the draft regulations for licensure by endorsement did not reduce the burden on an applicant but rather increased it. The current regulations for initial licensure do not require verification of licensure in another state.
- Board members expressed the view that a separate endorsement pathway is unnecessary and may deter applicants.

Election of Officers – Ildiko Baugus, LM, Vice-Chair

Officer elections were held in accordance with Advisory Board bylaws.

- **Chair:** Jennifer Green nominated Ildiko Baugus; seconded by Savannah Lam. Ms. Baugus was elected unanimously.
- **Vice-Chair:** Ildiko Baugus nominated Jennifer Green; seconded by Story Jones. Ms. Green was elected unanimously.

Licensure Report

- Licenses issued since 1/1/26 -10
- Total licensee count - 148
 - 100 current active with Virginia addresses
 - 48 current active out-of-state
- Average processing time - 8 days
- Clearance rate - 111%

Announcements

Members were reminded to submit their travel expense reimbursement vouchers within 30 days.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Next meeting: Friday, October 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Ms. Baugus adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director

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