



# OKLAHOMA State Department of Health

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

PUBLIC BODY: ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MIDWIFERY

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2ND, 2021

LOCATION: VIRTUAL VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS- [HTTPS://TEAMS.MICROSOFT.COM/L/MEETUP-JOIN/19%3AMEETING\\_ZTFHY2E2OGQTZTCxNC00MJEWLTLKNTYTNDzOWRHMTM4MzAZ%40THREAD.V2/0?CONTEXT=%7B%22TID%22%3A%229A307864-3E98-4F08-B90A-728B62CF32C5%22%2C%22OID%22%3A%2202269027-BB17-4F90-8E92-2F68CEF38AB4%22%7DG](https://teams.microsoft.com/L/MEETUP-JOIN/19%3AMEETING_ZTFHY2E2OGQTZTCxNC00MJEWLTLKNTYTNDzOWRHMTM4MzAZ%40THREAD.V2/0?CONTEXT=%7B%22TID%22%3A%229A307864-3E98-4F08-B90A-728B62CF32C5%22%2C%22OID%22%3A%2202269027-BB17-4F90-8E92-2F68CEF38AB4%22%7DG)

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### **Call to Order**

Nikki Imes called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

### **Roll Call**

Travis Splawn initiated a roll call for the meeting.

Members present: Sarah Foster, Michelle Hernandez, Nikki Imes, Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski,

Members absent: Lecye Doolen (arrived at 9:12 a.m.), Sarah Hall

### **Statement of Compliance with the Open Meetings Act**

Travis Splawn read the statement of compliance: *This special meeting of the Advisory Committee on Midwifery, scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on this 2nd day of June 2021, was convened in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act [25 O.S., §§ 301 et seq.] Further, an advance public notice that was sent to the Secretary of State's Office of Administrative Rules by Internet, prior to this time today, specifying the time and place of the meeting. Notice of this meeting was given at least twenty-four (24) hours prior, and no one filed a written request of notice of meetings of this public body to date.*

### **Approval of previous meeting(s) minutes**

The committee reviewed the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes. Travis noted that the corrections to the previous meetings minutes were made and uploaded to the website.

Shaun Baranowski motioned to approve the minutes and Sarah Foster seconded.

**Aye: Sarah Foster, Michelle Hernandez, Nikki Imes, Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski, Lecye Doolen**

**Absent: Sarah Hall**

### **Program Update**

Travis Splawn stated that there were 15 licensed midwives after the previous meeting. There were 6 applications for this meeting and two applications that came in without enough time to get on the agenda and will be on the next. Mentioned that the twins informed consent form was completed and in the packet for review. Breech and VBAC forms were updated to mirror the language on that form. A website request was made to update those forms. Travis presented the emergency template form draft that was worked on during the previous meeting. Mentioned that once they are approved they will be posted to the website.

Nikki Imes mentioned she wanted to add to the next meeting agenda, the items required for licensure vs the items required to be submitted during licensure. This would be similar to a FAQ so applicants would not have to go through code or call and ask questions.

Shaun Baranowski and Sarah Foster mentioned they may step off the call if needed. Quorum was not a concern.

### **Discussion, review, and possible action on license applications**

Committee reviewed the application for Fedosky. Travis explained some of the documents in the packet. Discussion about license issue in 2013 from when she was an apprentice in Arkansas. Discussed concerns around information sharing related to rule. Discussion about surrendering her license in Arkansas. and out of state applicants. Sarah Foster made a motion to recommend her for approval and Michelle Hall seconded.

**Aye: Sarah Foster, Michelle Hernandez, Nikki Imes, Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski,**

**Nay: Lecye Doolen**

**Absent: Sarah Hall**

Sarah Foster left the meeting at this point. (9:37 a.m.)

Committee reviewed applicant Gilley. Nikki Imes made a motion to accept the application and Michelle Hernandez seconded.

**Aye: Michelle Hernandez, Nikki Imes, Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski, Lecye Doolen**

**Absent: Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster**

Committee reviewed the application for Giron. Travis Splawn explained some of the packet documents. Michelle Hernandez asked if the Arkansas Board could be asked for clarification about a case. Was concerned about the mechanism to move past the disciplinary action. Travis read from the case file about restarting her apprenticeship. Discussion about resolving the active disciplinary action in Arkansas and whether resolution would be related to the license consideration in Oklahoma. Lecye Doolen motioned to recommend denying the applicant and Shaun Baranowski seconded.

**Aye: Nikki Imes, Michelle Hernandez, Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski, Lecye Doolen**

**Absent: Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster**

Committee reviewed application for Query. Shaun Baranowski mentioned that there was no disciplinary action on Query, but that she was associated with Giron.

Shaun Baranowski left the meeting at this point. (9:55)

Discussion about license status in Arkansas, currently inactive. Travis Splawn mentioned that Fedosky mentioned Query in relation to information sharing concerns with Arkansas.

Michelle Hernandez motioned to accept the applicant and Nikki Imes seconded.

**Aye: Nikki Imes, Michelle Hernandez, Kate Arnold, Lecye Doolen,**

**Abstain: Shaun Baranowski**

**Absent: Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster**

Committee reviewed application for Stone. Shaun Baranowski motioned to approve and Michelle Hernandez seconded.

**Aye: Nikki Imes, Michelle Hernandez, Kate Arnold, Lecye Doolen, Shaun Baranowski**

**Absent: Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster**

Committee reviewed application for Tilford. Michelle Hernandez motioned to approve. Travis Splawn mentioned that she was missing the NRP certificate and the recommendation would need to be modified to approve pending receipt of the certificate. Discussion on timeframe for certificates. Michelle Hernandez amended her motion to approve pending the receipt of the NRP certificate and Shaun Baranowski seconded.

**Aye: Nikki Imes, Michelle Hernandez, Kate Arnold, Lecye Doolen, Shaun Baranowski**

**Absent: Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster**

**Review, discussion, and possible action on any complaints received**

No complaints received.

Michelle Hernandez asked for contact information for compliance questions. Travis Splawn directed them to the [CHSLicensing@health.ok.gov](mailto:CHSLicensing@health.ok.gov) email address. He also mentioned the Midwife licensing page on the CHS website.

Michelle ask about denied licenses and if the applicant could apply again. Travis Splawn mentioned that if an applicant is denied, they could resolve issues and apply again. There are no timeframes or limitations on the amount of applications a person could make.

**IX: Adjournment**

Nikki Imes made a motion to adjourn and Michelle Hernandez seconded.

**Aye: Michelle Hernandez, Nikki Imes, Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski, Lecye Doolen**

**Absent: Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:12