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VIA TELECONFERENCE
SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES
27705 460th Ave. Chancellor SD
Thursday, October 15, 2026 1pm – 2:08pm (CST) (12-1:08pm MT)

President Chandelle Brink welcomed everyone and offered some instruction to help run the meeting more effectively. She called the **meeting to order at 1:05pm** CST, (12:05pm MT).

Secretary Iversen **called the roll. A quorum was present.** Members of the board in attendance: President Chandelle Brink , Vice President Eudine Stevens CPM, Secretary Chelsea Iversen CNM, Autumn Cavender CPM, and Dr. Amy Lueking were present via phone.

President Brink introduced all the members of the board. Emily Greco, Assistant to the Attorney General was introduced. She served as Legal Counsel for today's meeting.

Others joining the call were identified and welcomed. Present by phone were Mandy Steen, Chair SD Birth Matters, Nicole Davis, Student Midwife, and Grace Fox CPM. Tammy Weis, Exec Secretary was present at the CPM office.

Cavender moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Lueking second. The board voted unanimously. Motion carried

Grace Fox CPM addressed the board during the public forum time concerning regulations about length of pregnancy**. Mandy Steen, President of SD Birth Matters** addressed the board about planned legislation for 2027 and the importance of answering the DOH survey about maternity care.

Cavender moved that we **approve the minutes for March 19, 2026** . Stevens second. The board voted unanimously. Motion carried

Weis presented the office report. Our expenditures for FY 2027 as of Aug 31were 2841.37 and our income is $6956.36. We are on target to finish the FY 2027 in the black. There were no questions about the finances. **Board Member Compensation** is now 166.00 per meeting. On record as not accepting financial compensation for serving on the board are **Cavender**, **Brink, Iverson, and Stevens. Dr. Lueking** does receive compensation. No board members requested to change their compensation status.

We now have 8 CPMs, 5 Midwifery Students, 2 Inactive Status. We had a **total of 35 births** since July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. There were three transfers to the hospital, two for maternal pain relief and one infant for low blood sugar. We had one transfer to a homebirth CNM. We are at 78 births for the calendar year.

We have had **no complaints** this year and all previous complaints are concluded.

The Open Meetings pamphlet was prepared by the Attorney General's office for boards to distribute to all of their members once a year. It concisely covers open meeting rules. It is two pages printed back and front. You should print that and review it if you haven't done that yet this year. **There were no questions.**

DCI (Division of Criminal Investigation) Audit and Training was discussed. It was moved by Iverson and seconded by Stevens to change the licensure issuance policy to read:

> If there is unusual or questionable information on an application, the Executive Secretary shall send the application to the Board ~~Member appointed by the Board to assist the Executive Secretary in such matters.~~ **President** for review.
>
> If the Executive Secretary and Board **President** ~~Member appointed to review applications~~ cannot agree to grant the license, they shall seek legal counsel. ~~and/or refer the application to the full Board to be voted upon.~~ (***Bold font*** *are words added*)

Stevens, Iverson, Lueking, Brink voted Aye. Cavender voted Nay stating that the board member making licensure decisions should be a CPM or possibly a CNM.) **Motion passed**
This verbiage brings our policy into compliance with DCI policy. Board President Brink will also complete the DCI training process.

SDCL - 36-1D Licensure by Endorsement was discussed. This allows for licensure by endorsement from any state whose licensure requirements are "substantially equivalent to the requirements established in South Dakota".

A CPM in western SD who is licensed in Delaware has requested a determination if Delaware Requirements are substantially equivalent to the requirements established in South Dakota. Looking toward the future, the board also discussed a process to determine which states we can license by endorsement.

Cavender moved to **accept CPMs licensed in Delaware by endorsement**. Iverson Second. The board voted unanimously. **Motion carried**

The board looked at documents provided by Emily Greco our legal counsel; which is an AI survey and may need to be verified; and a document from the National Association of CPMs, concerning **licensure requirements in every state.** Stevens moved to have **Cavender review all of the states** and make a yes or no recommendation on each one. Have **Stevens review** Cavender's list and make recommendations. Then place the list on the agenda for a vote at the March meeting. Iverson second. The board voted unanimously. **Motion carried**

We have had an ongoing discussion about **governing student midwives** for two years. Iverson moved that we follow the Dept of Health legal counsel's recommended and **put this matter on hold** until we have legal counsel assigned from the AGs office again. Stevens second. The board voted unanimously. **Motion carried**

Legislation about Birth Centers was mentioned. The board expects that it would be supportive of Birth Matters legislation but we would need to have clear verbiage before we could vote, so **the issue was tabled.**

President Brink announced that the **next meeting** will be **Thursday, March18, 2027 (1-4pm CST)** Exec Sec Weis thanked the board for moving the date on this meeting to accommodate her husband's retirement trip.

Stevens moved to **Adjourn.** Iverson second**.** The board voted unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at **2:08.**

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