

**MAINE BOARD OF COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**  
**Minutes of January 7, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ackerly called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sarah Ackerly, Naturopathic Doctor, Chairperson  
Anne C. Jacobs, Acupuncturist  
CherylAnn Sarton, Certified Nurse Midwife  
Deborah Moskowitz, Naturopathic Doctor  
Maureen Perdue, D.O. (Logged out of meeting at 11:59 a.m.)  
Elizabeth Winter, Certified Professional Midwife

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Maureen Tsao-Manetti, Acupuncturist  
Mary Ellen Corrigan, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

**STAFF PRESENT**

Penny Vaillancourt, Director  
Meagan Trussell, Comprehensive Health Planner II  
Clark Phinney, Comprehensive Health Planner II

**MINUTES REVIEW AND BOARD ACTION**

December 17, 2025

Sarton moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2025 as written, seconded by Moskowitz. Ackerly Jacobs and Winter in favor; Perdue abstained. Corrigan, Tsao-Manetti absent.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Sarton moved to nominate Sarah Ackerly as Board Chair, seconded by Jacobs. Ackerly, Moskowitz, Perdue and Winter in favor; Corrigan, Tsao-Manetti absent.

Winter moved to nominate CherylAnn Sarton as Vice Chair, seconded by Moskowitz. Ackerly, Perdue, Sarton and Winter in favor; Corrigan, Tsao-Manetti absent.

Sarton moved to nominate Anne Jacobs as Naturopathic Complaint Officer, seconded by Moskowitz. Ackerly, Jacobs, Perdue and Winter in favor; Corrigan, Tsao-Manetti absent.

Sarton moved to nominate Elizabeth Winter as Certified Professional Midwives Complaint Officer, seconded by Jacobs. Ackerly, Moskowitz, Perdue and Winter in favor; Corrigan, Tsao-Manetti absent.

Board members tabled the election of Acupuncturist Complaint Officer to a future Board meeting.

**APPLICATION REVIEW**

Jacobs moved to approve and issue licensure to Melanie Hatch, license No. AC872 and agreed both Georgia and Rhode Island qualification requirements are equivalent to Maine; seconded by Sarton. Ackerly, Moskowitz, Perdue and Winter in favor; Corrigan, Tsao-Manetti absent.

**OTHER**

Sarton move to approve continuing education request of Elizabeth Garber, L.A.c and to add to list of Board Pre-Approved Continuing Education Sponsors/Courses; seconded by Moskowitz. Ackerly, Jacobs, Perdue and Winter in favor; Corrigan, Tsao-Manetti absent.

### **RULEMAKING ACTIVITIES – REVIEW DRAFT CHANGES**

Board members reviewed proposed changes of Board Rules Chapter 6 “Standards Relating to Prescriptive Authorities and Collaborative Relationship” with recommendations by Assistant Attorney General Megan Hudson-MacRae.

Jacobs moved to approve proposed changes to Chapter 6 “Standards Relating to Prescriptive Authorities and Collaborative Relationship” as stated and to move forward with public comment period; seconded by Moskowitz. Ackerly, Sarton and Winter in favor; Corrigan, Perdue and Tsao-Manetti absent.

### **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Director, Penny Vaillancourt reminded Board members to complete FOAA training and submit completion document. Board members were notified a survey will soon be circulated and are encouraged to give feedback regarding what the Department can do to improve.

### **PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Sarton moved to adjourn at 1:07 p.m., seconded by Winter. Ackerly, Jacobs and Moskowitz in favor; Corrigan, Perdue and Tsao-Manetti absent.