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Maine Board of Complementary Health Care Providers  
Draft Minutes of March 15, 2023, Board Meeting

**Unofficial Minutes** – *These draft minutes do not represent the opinion of the Department or the Administration. Minutes will become official after the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers votes to accept the minutes at the next scheduled board meeting.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ackerly called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sarah Ackerly, Naturopathic Doctor, Chairperson  
Cheryl Ann Sarton, Certified Nurse Midwife  
Mary Ellen Corrigan, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Julie Taylor, Naturopathic Doctor, and Acupuncturist

**STAFF PRESENT**

Geraldine Betts, Administrator  
Megan Hudson-MacRae, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Jessica Gowell, Comprehensive Health Planner II  
Dominic Cotone, Comprehensive Health Planner I, Application Presentation

**AGENDA MODIFICATION**

Corrigan moved to add to the agenda a discussion on LD1205 An Act Regarding the Scope of Practice of Certified Professional Midwives and Certified Midwives, seconded by Sarton.  
Unanimously voted.

**MINUTES REVIEW AND ACTION**

*November 9, 2022*

Sarton move to accept the minutes of November 9, 2022, as presented, seconded by Corrigan.  
Unanimously voted.

**COMPLAINT PRESENTATION(S) AND BOARD ACTION**

*2022-CHC-18650*

*Ackerly abstained, audio and video were turned off*

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Sarton moved to dismiss 2022-CHC-18650 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules, seconded by Corrigan. Sarton and Corrigan in favor, Ackerly abstained. Motion carried.

*2022-CHC-18730*

Sarton moved to rescind the previously offered preliminary license denial and consent agreement offer and approve the application for renewal, seconded by Corrigan. Unanimously voted.

*2022-CHC-18777*

*Ackerly abstained, audio and video were turned off*

Corrigan moved to dismiss 2022-CHC-18777 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules, seconded by Sarton. Corrigan and Sarton in favor, Ackerly abstained. Motion carried.

**ACUPUNCTURE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM APPROVAL**

*Licensed Acupuncture and Intern Supervisor, Sarah Tewhey*

Sarton moved to approve the internship program pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §12511(1), seconded by Corrigan. Unanimously voted.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

*Marie Arnberg, Auricular Acupuncture Detoxification POCA Training*

Corrigan moved to approve the training program offered by the People's Organization for Community Acupuncture (POCA) pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §12552(2)(A), seconded by Sarton. Unanimously voted.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023**

Corrigan moved to nominate and elect Sarah Ackerly as Chair, seconded by Sarton. Unanimously voted.

Corrigan moved to nominate and elect Cheryl Ann Sarton as Vice Chair, seconded by Ackerly. Unanimously voted.

**APPLICATION REVIEW AND BOARD ACTION**

*Elizabeth Catlin, CPM676 (Renewal)*

Sarton moved to approve and issue the license, seconded by Corrigan. Unanimously voted.

**DISCUSSION**

*LD1205 An Act Regarding the Scope of Practice of Certified Professional Midwives and Certified Midwives*

The Board discussed LD1205 and feels it is an attempt to control and override the practice of midwifery. Administrator Bett's will keep the Board informed as this moves along.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business Sarton moved to adjourn at 10:53 a.m., seconded by Corrigan. Unanimously voted.

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*Board approved:*

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