Executive Secretary, Dina Jazrawi, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The following Board members were present:

Kelly Walker, Chair  
Jacqueline Nasso, Vice-Chair  
Melissa Creighton  
Diane Folk  
Elizabeth Hornak  
Nicole Rouhana  
Denis Wharton  
Karen-Johnson Feltham, Extended member  
Aleida Llanes-Oberstein, Extended member  
Donald Matheson, Extended member

Others in attendance:

Dina Jazrawi, Executive Secretary  
Sonya Tucker, NYSED  
Salvatore Currenti, NYSDOH  
Nancy Dame, NYSDOH  
Diane Moore, NYSDOH

Welcome and introduction

Executive Secretary, Dina Jazrawi introduced Elizabeth Hornak, the Board’s newly appointed public member and led the introductions of all attendees.

Minutes

The Board approved the meeting minutes from September 24, 2021, with corrections.  
(Walker/Creighton)

Report of the Chair

Kelly Walker thanked midwives for their continued work and service across New York State. In her report, she noted many national midwifery meetings are now taking place online, making
them more accessible for those with busy schedules. She also thanked the committee for their assistance in updating the Frequently Asked Questions document, noting that some additional work is still needed and the committee intends to meet again.

**Report of the Executive Secretary**

Executive Secretary Jazrawi provided a legislative update for the following bills that have passed both the Senate and Assembly, noting that neither the Board of Regents nor the Department has taken a position on any of the bills. An overview of the process by which a bill becomes a law was also provided.

**A.9687/ S.9079** prohibits professional misconduct charges against health care practitioners for providing reproductive health services to patients who reside in states where such services are illegal.

**A.9718b/ S.9080** prohibits medical malpractice insurance companies from taking any adverse action against reproductive health care providers who provide legal reproductive health care services.

**A.9818A/ S9384** provides address confidentiality to protect reproductive health care service providers, employees, volunteers and patients.

**A.10372A / S9077** relates to the legal protections for abortion services providers.

Discussion ensued around current Board member recruitment and its challenges, especially as it pertains to physicians and welcomed any recommendations Board members may have to assist in the recruitment process.

Since September, the Department had several internal staffing updates, a high level overview of the changes/promotions was provided to the Board.

**New Business**

**New York State Department of Health: Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT)**

Diane Moore and Salvatore Currenti from the Department of Health (DOH) gave a presentation around EPT. The presentation covered such topics as increasing access to EPT, how to obtain promotional materials, and facts / statistics around EPT and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) throughout New York State.

**Congenital Syphilis on the Rise: A Look at New York State**

Nancy Dame from DOH, gave a presentation around congenital syphilis rates / prevention / treatment options across New York State.

**Board Member Appointments**

Member Walker stepped down from the Board due to changing responsibilities in her primary place of employment.
The Board voted unanimously to appoint Nicole Rouhana as the Board’s new Chair. (Creighton/Walker)

The Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Jacqueline Nasso as the Board’s Vice-Chair. (Creighton/Folk)

The Board’s next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 4, 2022, location, and time to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Jazrawi

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Executive Secretary