MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

DATE REPORT ISSUED: September 24, 2026
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California (Board)
SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Chair Report
CONTACT: Madeleine Wisner, L.M., Chair

REQUESTED ACTION:

After review and consideration, determine whether the Board should approve the MAC's recommendation to appoint Carla Michael and JayVon Muhammad to the two licensed midwife member positions, and Dr. Sirina Keesara to the licensed physician member position, effective January 1, 2027, for a three-year term ending June 30, 2030. Staff also requests approval of the following agenda items for the next MAC meeting, scheduled for January 21, 2027:

1) Approval of Minutes from the September 17, 2026, MAC Meeting;
2) Report From the MAC Vice Chair;
3) Update on Midwifery-Related Legislation, if Applicable;
4) Update on the Midwifery Program;
5) Update on the Midwifery Fund Condition;
6) Vote on Appointment of MAC Officers; and
7) Presentation on the Board's Enforcement Process.

BACKGROUND:

The most recent MAC meeting was held on September 17, 2026. At that meeting, the MAC took the following actions and received the following updates:

- Approved meeting minutes from the April 16, 2026, MAC meeting;
- Received an update from the MAC vice chair;
- Received an update on midwifery-related legislation;
- Received an update on the Midwifery Program and the Licensed Midwife Annual Report;
- Received an update on Midwifery Program costs; and
- Voted to select three candidates to fill two licensed midwife positions and one Licensed Physician position on the MAC.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the MAC's recommendation to appoint Carla Michael, JayVon Muhammad, and Dr. Sirina Keesara to serve on the MAC effective January 1, 2027, and approve the agenda items requested for the January 21, 2027, meeting.