Candidate for Director

Katherine (Kate) R. Standish MD MS NABBLM-C FABM



Current Position: Assistant Professor of Family Medicine

Institution/Employer: Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine; Boston Medical Center

Location: Boston, Massachusetts, United States

Primary Specialty: Family Medicine; Breastfeeding and Lactation Medicine

Education

- 2022 – MS, Epidemiology, Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts, United States
- 2016 – MD, Medicine, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut, United States
- 2003 – BA, Sociology and Latin American Studies, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, United States

ABM Involvement

- Protocol Committee: Outgoing Chair, 2025–2026; Chair, 2023–2025
- ABM Clinical Protocol #19, Breastfeeding Promotion in the Prenatal Period (Revised 2024): Author, 2024
- ABM Clinical Protocol #21, Breastfeeding in the Setting of Substance Use and Substance Use Disorder (Revised 2023): Author, 2023
- Annual Conference: Workshop Presenter, 2024; Workshop Leader, 2023–2024
- ABM Grand Rounds: Speaker, 2024
- Leadership Academy: Participant, 2021

Other Breastfeeding Medicine Leadership

- Breastfeeding & Lactation Medicine Center, Boston Medical Center: Co-Founder and Co-Director, 2021–Present
- Breastfeeding Medicine Clinic, Boston Medical Center: Co-Director, 2021–Present
- Breastfeeding Task Force, Boston Medical Center: Lead, 2021–Present
- Massachusetts Baby-Friendly Collaborative: Member, 2022–Present
- Massachusetts Breastfeeding Coalition: Member and Invited Speaker, 2024–Present
- Massachusetts Lactation Consultant Association: Guest Speaker, 2024–Present

Current Volunteer Commitments

- ILCA/WHO Health Care Provider Breastfeeding Competencies Task Force: Task Force Member, June 2026–May 2027
- LILAC Breastfeeding and Lactation Medicine Fellowship: Preceptor, July 2026–May 2028; Lecturer
- Institute for the Advancement of Breastfeeding and Lactation Education: Lecturer and Substance Use Disorder Seminar Series Organizer, December 2025–November 2026

Candidate Statement

My professional life has been at ABM, from attending meetings as a medical student and resident, to leading the maturation of our Protocol Committee. I believe I know this organization and its members – and future members - profoundly, including their needs, strengths, and areas for growth. I have grown tremendously as a professional and human through my experiences with ABM over the past 10+ years.

As a Leadership Academy Fellow, I built strong bonds with many current ABM directors, committee chairs, and other leaders. On the Protocol Committee, I have been delightfully challenged to hone my skills in communication with peers, implementation and development of procedures and policy, and alignment of activities with overall ABM organizational vision and governance. In particular, I oversaw the Protocol Committee becoming deeply global in membership, authorship, and protocol content, with a global lens permeating everything we do.

I look forward to continuing my professional growth with ABM and to utilizing my growing knowledge of the organization to contribute to the future of ABM as a member of the BOD. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue to contribute to ABM as a Director.