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MICHIGAN BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY DECEMBER 17, 2020 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Psychology met on December 17, 2020. The meeting was held via Zoom, pursuant to MCL 15.263 and MCL 15.263a.

CALL TO ORDER

Sara Van Wormer, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sara Van Wormer, MA, LLP, Chairperson

Attended remotely from the city of Ferndale, Oakland County, Michigan.

Mindy Bradish-Orta, Public Member

Attended remotely from the city of Leslie, Ingham County, Michigan.

Frances Brown, PsyD, LP

Attended remotely from the city of Beverly Hills, Oakland County, Michigan.

Mindy Fernandes, Public Member

Attended remotely from the city of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan.

Gary Harper, PhD, MPH, Public Member

Attended remotely from the city of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

Para Knight, Public Member

Attended remotely from the city of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan.

Charmeka Newton, PhD

Attended remotely from the city of Caledonia, Kent County, Michigan.

Members Absent: Byron Douglas, PhD
Gail Majcher, PhD, Vice-Chairperson

Staff Present: Laury Brown, Analyst, Compliance Section
Weston MacIntosh, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees
Section
LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Bradish-Orta, seconded by Fernandes, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bradish-Orta, Brown, Fernandes, Harper, Knight,
Newton, Van Wormer
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Brown, seconded by Harper, to approve the September 24, 2020 minutes,
as presented.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bradish-Orta, Brown, Fernandes, Harper, Knight,
Newton, Van Wormer
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Temporary Resolution

MacIntosh explained that the chairperson's and vice-chairperson's terms are ending December 31, 2020. Therefore, there is a need to have a temporary resolution in place appointing any remaining professional member of the Board for the Department to use as a contact if a summary suspension needs to be issued. The resolution will last until the next election occurs.

MOTION by Brown, seconded by Fernandes, to accept the temporary resolution.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bradish-Orta, Brown, Fernandes, Harper, Knight,
Newton, Van Wormer
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Alternative Supervision Request

David Paul

MOTION by Brown, seconded by Harper, to discuss.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bradish-Orta, Brown, Fernandes, Harper, Knight,
Newton, Van Wormer
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Brown, seconded by Bradish-Orta, to approve the Alternative Supervision Request.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bradish-Orta, Brown, Fernandes, Knight,
Newton,
Nays: Harper, Van Wormer

MOTION PREVAILED

George Khamis

MOTION by Harper, seconded by Fernandes, to discuss.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bradish-Orta, Fernandes, Harper,
Newton, Van Wormer
Nays: None
Abstain: Brown, Knight

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held

MOTION by Harper, seconded by Bradish-Orta, to deny the Alternative Supervision Request.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bradish-Orta, Fernandes, Harper,
Newton, Van Wormer
Nays: None
Abstain: Brown, Knight

MOTION PREVAILED

HPRP Appointment

MacIntosh informed the Board it is currently unrepresented on the HPRC. He asked the Board to vote on the letter of interest and curriculum vitae from Dr. Joseph C. Mifsud, Psy.D., LLP.

MOTION by Bradish-Orta, seconded by Fernandes, to deny Dr. Joseph C. Mifsud, Psy.D., LLP as the Board Representative on the HPRC.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bradish-Orta, Brown, Fernandes, Harper, Knight,
Newton, Van Wormer
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Rules Discussion

MacIntosh asked the Board vote to open the rules to make some necessary revisions and to clean up the rule set.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bradish-Orta, Brown, Fernandes, Harper, Knight,
Newton, Van Wormer
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Report

Van Wormer thanked the Department and the Attorney General's Office for all of their help over her eight years on the Board.

Van Wormer reminded the Board that the role of the Board is to protect the public.

Department Update

MacIntosh thanked Van Wormer and Majcher for their dedication to the Board of Psychology.

MacIntosh announced that the Department will hold a new Board member training on February 17, 2021. All members are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 25, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa Street, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Brown, seconded by Harper, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bradish-Orta, Brown, Fernandes, Harper, Knight,
Newton, Van Wormer
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on March 25, 2021.

Prepared By:
LeAnn Payne, Board Support
Bureau of Professional Licensing

December 21, 2020