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## **MICHIGAN BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY SEPTEMBER 25, 2024, MEETING**

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Marriage and Family Therapy met on September 25, 2024, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Emily Short, LMFT, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Emily Short, LMFT, Chairperson  
Gavin Beckford, Public Member  
Nadia Bazy, Ed.D., LMFT  
Jacob Moon, LMFT, LLPC, EMDR-C  
Siedah Spencer-Ardis, LMFT, AAMFT

**Members Absent:** Tiffany Bush, Public Member  
Illami Romero Martinez-King, LMFT

**Staff Present:** Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section  
Weston MacIntosh, JD, Departmental Specialist, Boards and  
Committees Section  
LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Beckford, seconded by Spencer-Ardis, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A voice vote was taken.

MOTION PREVAILED

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Beckford, seconded by Moon, to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2023, meeting as presented.

A voice vote was taken.

## **Regulatory Considerations**

### **Proposal for Decision – Licensure**

#### **Octavia Chenault-Robinson**

MOTION by Moon, seconded by Beckford, to discuss

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Beckford, seconded by Moon, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny licensure.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Bazy, Beckford, Moon, Spencer-Ardis, Short  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Elections**

MacIntosh ran the elections for chairperson and vice-chairperson.

MOTION by Short, seconded by Bazy, to elect herself, as chairperson.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Bazy, Beckford, Moon, Spencer-Ardis, Short  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Beckford, seconded by Short, to elect himself, as vice-chairperson.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Bazy, Beckford, Moon, Spencer-Ardis, Short  
Nays: None

## MOTION PREVAILED

Committee Assignments:

DSC: Moon, Spencer-Ardis, Beckford (Chair)

Board Review Panel: Bazy, Martinez-King, Short  
Rules: Bazy, Moon, Short

## Conflict of Interest

MacIntosh helped the members with completion of the Disclosure of Interest form (C-46).

## Credentials Verification

MacIntosh stated that to keep accurate records, the department was asking for verification of credentials of all board members.

## Master Resolution

MacIntosh presented the board with an updated Master Resolution.

MOTION by Moon, seconded by Beckford, to approve the updated Master Resolution.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Bazy, Beckford, Moon, Spencer-Ardis, Short  
Nays: None

## MOTION PREVAILED

## HPRP Annual Report

MacIntosh supplied a brief overview of the HPRP program and presented the HPRP Executive Summary: October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

## HPRC Appointment Request

MacIntosh asked the board members to supply the department recommendations for a candidate as their representative on the Health Professional Recovery Committee. Any interested candidates should send a letter of interest and curriculum vitae to [bpl-hprp@michigan.gov](mailto:bpl-hprp@michigan.gov).

## Chairperson Report

Short informed the board that the COMFTE is currently conducting a Code of Ethics survey.

### **Department Update**

MacIntosh informed the board that the training materials from the August training are now in Egress for their review.

MacIntosh reminded board member to check their state emails regularly.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Octavia Chenault-Robinson said that there should be a guide to help find supervisor hours.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 10, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Spencer-Ardis, seconded by Bazzy, to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

A voice vote was taken.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on June 25, 2025

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

Date: September 30, 2024