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MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK JANUARY 24, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Social Work met on January 24, 2023, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Julian Diaz, LMSW, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Julian Diaz, LMSW, Chairperson
Danielle Hoover, LMSW, QIDP, Vice Chairperson
Janet Joiner, PhD, LMSW
Maria Petrides, LMSW
Maxine Thome, PhD, LMSW, MPH
Rochelle Vrsek, LMSW
Victor Weipert, Jr., Public Member

Members Absent: Petra Alsoofy, Public Member
Jasmine Calhoun, Public Member

Staff Present: Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Dena Marks, Departmental Specialist, Boards and Committees Section
LeAnn Payne Technician,
Boards and Committees Section
Kerry Przybylo, Manager, Boards and Committees Section
Michele Wagner-Gutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Thome to approve the agenda, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Thome seconded by Weipert, to approve the July 26, 2023, unapproved minutes, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

ASWB information: Presentation of ASWB Examination Development Process and 2022 Publication of Exam Pass Rate Analysis by Dr. Stacey Hardy Chandler, CEO, Dale J. Atkinson, Esq.

Dr. Stacey Hardy Chandler, CEO and Dale J. Atkinson, Esq. presented the board with a PowerPoint Presentation.

NSWB Presentation

Duane Breijak and Cheryl Kubiak presented the board with a PowerPoint Presentation.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

HPRC Candidate

Marks presented the board with two HPRC Candidates, Cristin Adams, LMSW, CAADC and Catherine Macomber, PhD, LMSW.

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Vrsek, to discuss.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Thome, to elect Catherine Macomber, PhD, LMSW, the Michigan Board of Social Work representative on the HPRC.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Hoover, Joiner, Petrides, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert, Diaz
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

HPRP Annual Report

Marks explained what the HPRP program was and provided a brief overview of the program and presented the HPRP Executive Summary: October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

Elections

Marks ran the elections for chairperson and vice chairperson.

MOTION by Hoover, seconded by Joiner, to re-elect Diaz, as chairperson.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Hoover, Joiner, Petrides, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert, Diaz
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Diaz, seconded by Joiner, to re-elect Hoover, as vice chairperson.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Hoover, Joiner, Petrides, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert, Diaz
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Committee assignments remain the same.

Board Master Resolution

Marks reviewed the Board Master Resolution. No changes were made.

Chair Report

None

Department Update

Thome asked to discuss the presentations that were given regarding the exam and racial bias.

Wagner-Gutkowski addressed the board stating it did not have authority to act on the matters discussed in the presentation as these were legislative issues. The board does not have the authority to change or suggest changes to statutes. Their role lies within the Executive Branch and their duties are to enforce the laws as written.

Marks informed the board that there will be another new member training session in March 2023. All members are welcome to attend.

Marks stated that recent legislation passed requiring that board meetings be recorded. She stated that the board will need to be mindful of microphones and to please make sure to speak loudly and clearly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melina Brann, with the National Association of Social Work, introduced herself and gave legislative updates to the board.

Ann Hughes, with the Michigan Schools of Social Work Deans & Directors stated she feels the exam is problematic due to racial bias.

Michelle addressed the board asking when it was going to solve the issue with the exam and racial bias.

Rene Richardson addressed the board regarding the exam.

Robert Ortega, professor, addressed the board regarding the exam.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held March 21, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Weipert, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on:

Prepared by: 3/21/23
LeAnn Payne, Board Support Technician
Bureau of Professional Licensing

January 30, 2023