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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK JULY 25, 2023 MEETING

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Social Work met on July 25, 2023, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 4, 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  
Maxine Thome, PhD, LMSW, MPH  
Rochelle Vrsek, LMSW  
Victor Weipert, Jr., Public Member

**Members Absent:** Petra Alsoofy, Public Member  
Maria Caldwell, LMSW  
Jasmine Calhoun, Public Member

**Staff Present:** Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section  
Dena Marks, Departmental Specialist, Boards and Committees Section  
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support Technician,  
Boards and Committees Section

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Joiner, to approve the May 23, 2023, minutes, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Waiver of Educational Requirements Request**

#### **Shelby Ann Bradford**

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Joiner, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Hoover, to grant the Waiver of Educational Requirements Request.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Joiner, Thome, Vrsek, Hoover, Diaz  
Nays: Weipert

MOTION PREVAILED

## **Chairperson Report**

None

## **Department Update**

Marks informed the board of Board Member Training to be held August 21, 2023, via Zoom. All members are welcome to attend.

Wysack reminded board members to check their state email as it is the form of communication used with the department.

Wysack reminded board members that they should apply for reappointment now, if they are interested, as their terms come up on December 31, 2023.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Duane Breijak from the NASW addressed the board and gave highlights on various happenings with the NASW.

Tonette Johnson wanted to speak on the 6-year limit on limited license renewals. Marks informed her that a change would require a change in the statute, and that there was nothing that the board could address to assist her.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 26, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Weipert, seconded by Vrsek, to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

## **MOTION PREVAILED**

Minutes approved by the board on: 9/26/23

Prepared by:  
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