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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK MARCH 26, 2024 MEETING

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Social Work met on March 26, 2024, 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 9:55 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

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

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

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

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Vrsek, to approve the November 28, 2023, minutes, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

### **HPRP Annual Report**

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

### **Regulatory Considerations**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Elections**

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

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

MOTION PREVAILED

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

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

MOTION PREVAILED

## **Committee Assignments**

Board Review Panel: Diaz, Caldwell (Petrides), Vrsek

DSC: Alsoofy, Hoover, Thome, Weipert (Chair)

Rules: Diaz, Thome, Vrsek

\*Will readdress DSC once we have a new member.

## **Petition for Waiver of Educational Program– Breona Williams**

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Vrsek, to approve the Petition for Waiver of Educational Program.

Discussion was held.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

## **Continuing Waiver Requests**

### **Marcy Bristol, LMSW**

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Hoover, to approve the Continuing Waiver Request.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Lisa Puccio**

MOTION by Vrsek, seconded by Hoover, approve the Continuing Education Waiver Request.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Amanda Stein, LMSW**

MOTION by Vrsek, seconded by Hoover, to approve the Continuing Waiver Request.

Discussion was held.

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

**MOTION PREVAILED**

### **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 Review**

MacIntosh supplied an overview of the Board of Social Work Master Resolution. The board made no changes.

### **Chairperson Report**

Diaz thanked the board for their dedication and hard work.

### **Department Update**

MacIntosh reminded the board members to check their e-mails, as that is the department's means of communication with the members.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robin Simpson from the NASW addressed the board and gave highlights on various happenings with the NASW.

Robin Simpson commented on the CE Waiver process.

Rene Richardson a licensed social worker, commented on the HPRP report.

Jordan Freeman, LMSW, with the NASW-Michigan introduced herself to the board and spoke about the licensure process, reimbursement rates, and supervision.

Kathy, an LLMSW, thanked the board and discussed her concern for people who cannot pass the test after 14 years of experience and are unemployed.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 28, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Weipert, to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

**MOTION PREVAILED**

Minutes approved by the board on: July 30, 2024

Prepared by:  
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Bureau of Professional Licensing

March 28, 2024