



GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
LANSING

ORLENE HAWKS  
DIRECTOR

## MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK JULY 26, 2021

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Social Work met on July 26, 2021, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Michael Fiorillo, LMSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** Michael Fiorillo, PhD, LMSW, Chairperson  
Julian Diaz, LMSW, Vice Chairperson  
Lawrence Herren, LMSW  
Danielle Hoover, LMSW, QIDP  
Janet Joiner, PhD, LMSW  
Christine Nelson, Public Member

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

**Staff Present:** Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section  
Dena Marks, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committee Section  
Michele Wagner-Gutkowski, Assistant Attorney General  
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Herren, seconded by Nelson, to approve the agenda, moving item 8.A. Juliet Kiyaga, under new item B. Education Waiver Request.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Nelson, seconded by Herren, to approve the May 25, 2021 minutes, correcting any members that are not referenced as “Attending remotely from....”

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **Conferee Training**

Wagner-Gutkowski presented a training titled “Conferee Training 2021.”

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Herron, to recess at 10:24 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Herren, seconded by Nelson, to reconvene at 10:30 a.m.

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Proposal for Decision**

#### **Daniel Hamilton Coumarbatch**

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Herren, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Diaz, seconded by Joiner, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny the application for registration as a social service technician.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Herren, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson, Diaz, Fiorillo  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Continuing Education Waiver Requests**

MOTION by Herren, seconded by Nelson, to untable items #1 through #6 from the May 25, 2021 meeting.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Herren, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson, Diaz, Fiorillo  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

#### **Sarah Cobb, LMSW**

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Herren, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Herren, seconded by Joiner, to deny the request for a Continuing Education Waiver.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Herren, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson, Diaz, Fiorillo  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

#### **Sandra Bentley, LMSW**

Marks stated that the licensee had withdrawn her request for a continuing education waiver as she has since completed the renewal requirement.

#### **Robert Hensley, LMSW**

MOTION by Diaz, seconded by Nelson, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Diaz, seconded by Herren, to grant the request for a Continuing Education Waiver.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Herren, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson, Diaz, Fiorillo  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Marsha Johnson, LMSW**

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Diaz, to grant the request for a Continuing Education Waiver.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Herren, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson, Diaz, Fiorillo  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Cynthia Williams, LBSW**

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Herren, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Herren, to grant the request for a Continuing Education Waiver.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Herren, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson, Diaz, Fiorillo  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Lois Littebrant, LBSW**

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Nelson, to grant the request for a Continuing Education Waiver.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Herren, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson, Diaz, Fiorillo  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Continuing Education Waiver Requests**

#### **Carol Presant, LMSW**

MOTION by Joiner, seconded Herren, to grant the request for a Continuing Education Waiver.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Herren, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson, Diaz, Fiorillo  
                                      Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Education Waiver Request**

#### **Juliet Kiyaga**

MOTION by Herren, seconded by Diaz, to approve the educational program the applicant graduated from for the limited purpose of allowing the applicant to move forward for processing.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Herren, Hoover, Joiner, Nelson, Diaz, Fiorillo  
                                      Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Rules Discussion**

Marks stated that the Board had recently voted to open the rules and that a Rules Committee Work Group should be scheduled soon. She stated that Canada recognizes the same examination as Michigan, therefore no Temporary Resolution would be needed in the interim until new rules are passed.

### **Chair Report**

Fiorillo stated that the Delegate Assembly would be meeting from November 19 – 20, 2021 in New Orleans. He stated that Diaz would be attending but that there was an opening for another Board member.

Fiorillo stated that the Tri-Annual meetings are still being held with NASW, the Board Chair, and the Department. He stated that there is good discussion regarding the examination.

Fiorillo stated that his term on the board expires at the end of this year. He will be looking to other Board members to step in as conferees on allegation issues, along with Diaz.

## **Department Update**

Marks stated that the implicit bias training requirement became effective on June 1, 2021 and is located within the Public Health Code – General Rules.

Wysack reminded the Board Members to check their state email address regularly. She explained how to complete the travel voucher in their blue folders and the importance of registering with Sigma for reimbursement.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Todd Gute stated he wanted to talk about the discipline process, with examples from a previous item. Marks advised him that the meeting was not the place to discuss regulatory items.

MOTION by Herren, seconded by Diaz, to recess at 11:26 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Diaz, seconded by Nelson, to reconvene at 11:27 a.m.

Renee Richardson, LLMSW, stated that the information regarding implicit bias training on the website was unclear and she asked that the Department clarify when the training needed to be completed and how many hours would be needed.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Herren, seconded by Joiner, to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on: November 30, 2021

Prepared by:  
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support  
Bureau of Professional Licensing

July 28, 2021