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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK JULY 26, 2022

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Social Work met on July 26, 2022, 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 9:30 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** Julian Diaz, LMSW, Chairperson  
Danielle Hoover, LMSW, QIDP, Vice Chairperson  
Petra Alsoofy, Public Member  
Janet Joiner, PhD, LMSW  
Maria Petrides, LMSW  
Maxine Thome, PhD, LMSW, MPH  
Rochelle Vrsek, LMSW (arrived 9:32 a.m.)  
Victor Weipert, Jr., Public Member

**Members Absent:** 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 Alsoofy, to approve the May 24, 2022, amending the Melvin Hoberman, LMSW, motion to read "MOTION by Weipert, seconded by Vrsek, to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law *and deny reinstatement.*"

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Petition for Reinstatement**

#### **Sheila Walker Boone, LMSW**

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Joiner, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Vrsek, seconded by Weipert, to grant the Petition for Reinstatement, if within 90 days, the Petitioner provides satisfactory evidence of participation in one or more hours of community service or professional volunteer activities/programs and submits an assessment or evaluation of professional skill and knowledge by a pre-approved LMSW in good standing. If satisfactory evidence of community service and/or an evaluation/assessment is not submitted within 90 days, the license remains suspended, and Petitioner must apply for reinstatement of the license. If the license is reinstated within 90 days, the Petitioner is placed on probation for one year with the term of no violation of the public health code.

Discussion was held.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Continuing Education Waiver Requests**

#### **Mary O'Connor Heitjan, LMSW**

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Hoover, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Alsoofy, seconded Hoover, to grant the request for a Continuing Education Waiver.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

#### **Chair Report**

Diaz stated that the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) New Board Member Training is being held in Alexandria, Virginia from September 15 -17, 2022. Any interested board members should contact the department.

#### **Department Update**

Marks stated that Amy Gumbrecht had been named Director of the Bureau of Professional Licensing.

Marks stated that the bureau will hold the next new Board Member Training on August 15, 2022. 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 microphones and to please make sure to speak loudly and clearly.

Wysack stated that board members will need to sign the affidavit in their blue folders in order to receive reimbursement of the \$5.00 visitor parking fee.

Discussion was held regarding Senate Bill 106B, amending MCL 333.16276a and the possibility of remote meeting attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 27, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Alsoofy, seconded by Weipert, to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

**MOTION PREVAILED**

Minutes approved by the Board on: January 25,  
2023

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

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