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LOUISIANA DOULA REGISTRY BOARD

August 7, 2024
10:00 am to 11:00 pm

Location:
Benson Tower, Room 2420
1450 Poydras Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70112

Meeting link for members of the public:
<https://zoom.us/j/96681688720?pwd=aDIJZWlyTkFNROdFRzIQTDBXVVBOUT09>
Phone: 312.626.6799 Conference code: 858363

Minutes

- I. Roll Call**
The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Victoria Williams at 10:22 a.m.
- II. Introductions**
Six members attended, and a quorum was not present. Members in attendance included Ms. Amanda Devereux, Ms. Karelle Percy, Ms. Shanika Valcour-LeDuff, Dr. Victoria Williams, Ms. Nannette McCann, and Ms. Zana Washington. Members not present included Ms. Tiffany Wyatt, Ms. Mallory Bryant, Ms. Gia Hamilton, Ms. Angelica Rideaux, Ms. Meshawn Siddiq and Ms. Cassandra Jessie-Johnson. Guests in attendance included Mr. David McCay and Ms. Jenna Iberg Johnson. Virtual guests included Ms. Jasmine Thomas and Tyler Technologies representatives Steven Patorno, John Rogilio, and Jason Stelzer. Ms. Yoruba Baltrip-Coleman served as administrative staff for the meeting.
- III. Public Comment**
Chair Williams asked for public comment. There was no public comment.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
The May 8, 2024 meeting minutes and the July 17, 2024 meeting minutes were not approved because a quorum was not present.
- V.** The four voting items on the agenda were not voted on because a quorum was not present. Chair Williams reiterated the charges of the Doula Registry Board, including attendance and reviewed the Board vacancies in Regions 3, 6, and 7. Board members present raised concerns about attendance and chronic board member absences. Ms. Baltrip-Coleman advised the board to think about what would constitute a potential attendance policy and the processes that the board would use to enforce a created policy. Mr. McCay raised concerns of whether or not members of the board had the legal ability to remove a noncompliant member from their board seat. Mr. McCay agreed to research the current Rule and other laws to determine whether the board has inherent authority to remove members or that power should be stipulated in the rule.

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Ms. N. Williams questioned whether a rule change was needed in order for the board to stipulate and institute an attendance policy and procedure. Mr. McCay suggested that until he receives clear directives about the Doula Registry Board's authority that the board could ask chronically absent members to voluntarily resign so their seat could be filled by a member who contributes consistently and aides in achieving quorum and voting.

Chair Williams inquired about changing the rule to reflect a larger number of board seats or appointees to each board seat. Mr. McCay suggested the board members speak with legislators interested in the doula registry who might be able to raise concerns during the 2025 Legislative Session.

- a. Mr. McCay offered to seek clarification regarding board authority to dismiss members and to investigate subcommittee meetings' adherence to open meetings laws.
- b. Ms. Pearcy and Ms. Devereux requested that Ms. Baltrip-Coleman compile an attendance list and distribute to board members for Calendar Year 2024.
- c. Chair Williams asked board members to sketch out possible attendance policy and procedures for dismissal and warnings in case Mr. McCay finds that the Doula Registry Board has the power to remove members.

VI. Public Comment

The chair asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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