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INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 28, 2024, 09:00-10:00

45 Commerce Dr. Champlain Conference Room, Augusta, ME 04333

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MINUTES

- I. Call to Order at 09:04 by Amy Drinkwater
 Drinkwater read the mission statement.

- II. Attendance
 Committee Members Present: Amy Drinkwater, Laura Downing, Judy Gerrish, Dr. Brandon Giberson, Steve Smith
 Committee Members Absent: Andrew Turcotte (excused), Tim Beals (resigned)
 Maine EMS Staff: Melissa Adams, Jason Cooney, Alex Gibson, AAG Samantha Morgan
 Guests: Kristi Billington, Joseph Haberny

- III. Public Comment: None

- IV. Modifications to the Agenda: Drinkwater added considering a new Chairperson for this committee to New Business.

- V. Investigations
 - a. **(EMT) Application Review**
Summary: The licensed ambulance operator is applying to upgrade to a clinical EMT license. The Board previously denied their application for a clinical license, citing a violation of professional conduct rules.

MOTION to issue the license. (Giberson, Gerrish)
 In favor: Gerrish, Downing, Giberson, Smith, Drinkwater
 Opposed: None
 Abstained/Recused: None

PASSED

 - b. **Brewer Application Review**

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Dr. Giberson disclosed that he is the medical director for a service this individual works for. Downing also disclosed that she is familiar with some of the parties involved in the criminal complaint, though not the applicant. Both parties state they will remain impartial.

Summary: An applicant for an Ambulance Operator license allegedly falsely identified themselves as an EMT to several people to influence a criminal investigation in 2021.

MOTION to issue the license with a letter of guidance citing professional conduct rules to be kept on file for two (2) licensing cycles. (Downing, Gerrish)

In favor: Gerrish, Drinkwater, Giberson, Smith, Drinkwater

Opposed: None

Abstained/Recused: None

PASSED

c. 23-276 Case Review

Summary: The licensee allegedly engaged in unprofessional conduct on a call for service.

MOTION to recommend the Board offer a consent agreement for the licensee to voluntarily surrender their Maine Paramedic license and direct staff to report disciplinary action against the licensee to any other known authorities who have issued this individual a license or certification. (Giberson, Downing)

In favor: Gerrish, Drinkwater, Giberson, Smith, Drinkwater

Opposed: None

Abstained/Recused: None

PASSED

d. 23-277 Case Review

Drinkwater recused herself from this case and was moved to the waiting room. Giberson took the Chairperson responsibility.

Summary: The licensee allegedly engaged in unprofessional conduct on a call for service.

MOTION to recommend the Board dismiss the complaint. (Smith, Gerrish)

In favor: Gerrish, Drinkwater, Giberson, Smith

Opposed: None

Abstained/Recused: Drinkwater

PASSED

Drinkwater re-joined the meeting and resumed Chairperson responsibilities.

e. 23-279 Case Review

Giberson disclosed that he has a personal relationship with the service chief of the agency that this licensee is employed with, but he does not know the licensee and will remain impartial.

Summary: The licensee allegedly engaged in unprofessional conduct and disclosed confidential information to an unauthorized person on a call for service.

MOTION to recommend the Board dismiss the complaint. (Giberson, Downing)

In favor: Gerrish, Downing, Giberson, Smith, Drinkwater

Opposed: None

Abstained/Recused: None

PASSED

f. 23-323 Case Review

Gerrish and Giberson both disclosed they are familiar with the service and the service leadership but do not have a direct relationship and will remain impartial.

Summary: A licensed service applied for licensure renewal in which the agency representative was represented as a service-level medical director for that service when they were not qualified to serve as such.

MOTION to recommend the Board approve the service renewal application and issue the service a letter of guidance citing professional conduct rules regarding honesty and accuracy and reiterating the use of support systems like the region and the state office when there are questions, to be kept on file for five (5) years. (Giberson, Smith)

In favor: Gerrish, Giberson, Smith, Drinkwater

Opposed: Downing

Abstained/Recused: None

PASSED

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business

- a. Chairperson Beals has resigned from the Board. The Board will appoint a replacement to this committee at their April meeting, and the committee will entertain nominations for a new Chairperson at the April meeting as well as discussion regarding the meeting schedule.

VIII. Adjourned at 10:00

Next meeting: Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 09:00