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STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL  
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**Board of Social Worker Licensure**  
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Anne L. Head  
Commissioner

**Minutes**  
**Maine Board of Social Worker Licensure**  
**April 14, 2023 Board Meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Linda Butler, Board Chair  
Lee-Andra D'Attilio, Vice Chair  
Benjamin Strick, Complaint Officer  
Angela Fileccia  
Karen Lemoine  
Christopher Leighton

**STAFF PRESENT**

Samantha Morgan, Assistant Attorney General  
Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator  
George Morgan, Board Investigator  
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor

**CALL TO ORDER**

Linda Butler called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Review and approval of the minutes of March 10, 2023.

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Angela Fileccia to approve the minutes as written.

**Vote: 6 in favor**

**COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS**

2023-SOC-18879

A motion was made by Karen Lemoine and seconded by Christopher Leighton to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

**Vote: 3 in favor (2 recused – Linda Butler, Lee D'Attilio, 1 abstained – Benjamin Strick)**

OFFICES LOCATED AT: 76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

2023-SOC-18939

A motion was made by Karen Lemoine and seconded by Christopher Leighton to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

**Vote: 3 in favor (2 recused – Linda Butler, Lee D’Attilio, 1 abstained – Benjamin Strick)**

2023-SOC-18880

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Karen Lemoine to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

**Vote: 5 in favor (1 abstained – Benjamin Strick)**

2023-SOC-18854

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Karen Lemoine to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

**Vote: 5 in favor (1 abstained – Benjamin Strick)**

2022-SOC-18714

A motion was made by Lee D’Attilio and seconded by Karen Lemoine to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

**Vote: 5 in favor (1 abstained – Benjamin Strick)**

2023-SOC-18877 and 2023-SOC-18878

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee D’Attilio to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing Board Rules Chapter 16(1)(1)(B)(2), 32 M.R.S. § 7051, Code of Ethics 1.04A and imposing a reprimand, additional supervision of one hour a month for 2 years by an appropriately licensed clinical social worker, Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, Psychologist, Psychiatrist. Supervision can be through video conference. The supervisor will be required to submit typed quarterly reports and a final report, and a civil penalty of \$4,500.00, and 3 credits of a graduate level course in ethics, will allow a withdrawal of the LSX application that licensee has submitted, if the

LSX application is not withdrawn a preliminary denial will be issued for that application as well.

**Vote: 5 in favor (1 abstained – Benjamin Strick)**

2023-SOC-18875

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Karen Lemoine to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

**Vote: 5 in favor (1 abstained – Benjamin Strick)**

2023-SOC-18876

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee D’Attilio to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

**Vote: 5 in favor (1 abstained – Benjamin Strick)**

2022-SOC-18789

A motion was made by Lee D’Attilio and seconded by Linda Butler to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing Code of Ethics 1.06A and 1.03A, and imposing a censure, additional supervision of one hour a month for 1 year by an appropriately licensed clinical social worker, Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, Psychologist, Psychiatrist. Supervision can be through video conference. The supervisor will be required to submit typed quarterly reports and a final.

**Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained – Benjamin Strick, 1 opposed – Angela Fileccia)**

### **COMPLAINT ITEMS**

2020-SOC-16699 Reports and Compliance

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Karen Lemoine to approve supervisor, approve the reports submitted, approve the continued education, and end probation.

**Vote: 4 in favor (2 opposed – Linda Butler, Lee D’Attilio)**

#### 2021-SOC-17975 Reports

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Angela Fileccia to approve the reports as submitted.

**Vote: 6 in favor**

#### 2022-SOC-18392 Supervisor Approval

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Karen Lemoine to approve the supervisor.

**Vote: 6 in favor**

#### 2011-SOC-7287 Reports

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Benjamin Strick not to approve the reports and request supervisor's signature on all reports.

**Vote: 6 in favor**

#### 2022-SOC-18590 Supervisor Approval

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Karen Lemoine to approve the supervisor.

**Vote: 6 in favor**

### **APPLICATION REVIEW**

Arthur Shepherd – Initial Application

A motion was made by Karen Lemoine and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to preliminarily deny the application for failure to provide proof that qualifications for licensure have been met.

**Vote: 6 in favor**

Misty Belanger – Initial Application

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Karen Lemoine to stop the probationary supervision while not licensed.

**Vote: 5 in favor (1 opposed – Angela Fileccia)**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Kristina Halvorsen informed the board that there are going to be changes to the statute on the description of organic mental illness that will more closely align with the Boards Rules. Kristina discussed other topics being reviewed by legislation including a DHHS bill that is a resolve to study the scarcity of licensed clinical mental health care professionals, and the social worker loan repayment program. Kristina provided the board with licensee numbers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CLEAR TRAINING SECOND MODULE**

Will be discussed at the next meeting.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.