

**Board of Social Worker Licensure
Public Board Meeting
Friday, August 14, 2026**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Butler, Board Chair (in person)
Lee-Andra D'Attilio, Complaint Officer (remote)
Benjamin Strick, Vice Chair (remote)
Angela Fileccia (remote)
Christopher Leighton, Public Member (remote)

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Samantha Andrews, Assistant Attorney General
Michael Tarr, Regulatory Board Manager
Joe Shields, Board Investigator
Cecile Sirois, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Katy Getchell, Office Specialist I

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Linda Butler, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the July 10, 2026 minutes.

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

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Angela Fileccia.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2026-SOC-21264

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

Vote: 3 in favor, 2 abstained: Lee D'Attilio, Benjamin Strick.

2025-SOC-20806

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

Vote: 3 in favor, 2 abstained: Lee D'Attilio, Benjamin Strick.

2025-SOC-21097

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

Vote: 3 in favor, 2 abstained: Lee D'Attilio, Benjamin Strick.

2025-SOC-21098

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

Vote: 3 in favor, 2 abstained: Lee D'Attilio, Benjamin Strick.

2025-SOC-21099

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

Vote: 3 in favor, 2 abstained: Lee D'Attilio, Benjamin Strick.

2025-SOC-20907

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

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Lee D'Attilio, 1 recused: Benjamin Strick.

2025-SOC-20908

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

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Lee D'Attilio, 1 recused: Benjamin Strick.

2025-SOC-20909

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

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Lee D'Attilio, 1 recused: Benjamin Strick.

2025-SOC-20910

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

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Lee D'Attilio, 1 recused: Benjamin Strick.

2025-SOC-20911

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

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Lee D'Attilio, 1 recused: Benjamin Strick.

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2024-SOC-20021 Reports

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to approve the reports as written.

Vote: 5 in favor.

2024-SOC-20014 Reports

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Benjamin Strick to approve the reports as submitted and consider consultation requirements met.

Vote: 5 in favor.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Initial Application:

Kristen Deforge

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Angela Fileccia to preliminarily deny the application due to not meeting the educational requirements and allow to withdraw in lieu of denial.

Vote: 5 in favor.

Ciara Thompson

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Christopher Leighton to preliminarily deny the application due to not meeting the educational requirements and allow to withdraw in lieu of denial.

Vote: 5 in favor.

Nicole Elliott

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Angela Fileccia to consider Justice Studies as meeting the educational requirements.

Vote: 5 in favor.

Alice Covenant

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Benjamin Strick to not approve the request to waive supervised experience due to MHRT-CSP not meeting clinical experience requirements.

Vote: 5 in favor.

Jesse Ellis

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to approve the supervised experience having been verified by employer instead of the licensee who supervised them as the supervisor could not be reached.

Vote: 5 in favor.

Renewal Application:

Tyler Dubois

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Christopher Leighton to approve a deferment of the continuing education with an inactive status of the license. Licensee will be required to complete the continuing education for this renewal as well as the next renewal when requesting being placed back to active.

Vote: 5 in favor.

Angela Fileccia provided the Board with an update on the compact.

BOARD MANAGER'S REPORT

Board Manager, Mike Tarr introduced Joe Shields as the new Board Investigator and mentioned that there is another new person starting with our unit on Monday. Mike provided the license totals. He discussed with the Board that the meeting packets will be sent in a different format soon. Mike told the Board that he is working on a Rulemaking draft starting with updating recent Statute changes and then planning to work on updating the rest.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristen Deforge thanked the Board for reviewing her application.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Linda Butler to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Vote: 5 in favor.