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**Board of Social Worker Licensure
Public Board Meeting
Friday, August 9, 2024**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Samantha Morgan, Assistant Attorney General
Elizabeth Stivers, Assistant Attorney General
Mark Terison, Hearing Officer
Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Jessica Cirello, Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the June 14, 2024 minutes.

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: 5 in favor.

ADJUDICATORY HEARING

2024-SOC-19785 Olivia Chance

Hearing 9:13 a.m.-10:53 a.m.

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Benjamin Strick that the Board doesn't have the discretion to grant the license due to the licensee not meeting initial licensure requirements.

Vote: 5 in favor.

Meeting Break 10:54 a.m.-11:05 a.m.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2024-SOC-19750

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-19826

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio and seconded by Christopher Leighton to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-19948

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

Meeting Break: 11:25 a.m.-12:34 p.m.

2024-SOC-19915

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio and seconded by Angela Fileccia to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2022-SOC-18026 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to accept the reports as submitted.

Vote: 5 in favor.

2022-SOC-18789 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to accept the reports and direct Board staff to request updated copies, including signature dates, from the supervisor.

Vote: 5 in favor.

2023-SOC-18881 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio and seconded by Benjamin Strick to accept the reports as submitted.

Vote: 5 in favor.

2023-SOC-19166 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to not require the licensee to continue consultation during the inactive licensure period and to direct Board staff to initiate a complaint for the noncompliance of the consent agreement.

Vote: 5 in favor.

2023-SOC-19229 Quarterly Report Review

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

Vote: 5 in favor.

2023-SOC-19453 Consultant Review and Approval

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to accept the proposed consultant.

Vote: 5 in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Board Administrator, Kristina Halvorsen, shared the current licensure numbers with Board members and discussed the continued increase in new applications.

The Social Worker Compact has been enacted and applications should be ready in the next 12-24 months. Kristina will forward Angela Fileccia information regarding her role as the Compact Commissioner.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 1:26 p.m.