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Minutes
Maine Board of Social Worker Licensure
August 11, 2023 Board Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Butler, Board Chair
Lee-Andra D'Attilio, Vice Chair
Christopher Leighton, Public Member
Angela Fileccia
Karen Lemoine

MEMBERS ABSENT

Benjamin Strick, Complaint Officer

STAFF PRESENT

Samantha Morgan, Assistant Attorney General
Michael Miller, Assistant Attorney General
Mark Terison, Hearing Officer
Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Linda Butler, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of June 9, 2023.

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

Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained – Angela Fileccia)

ADJUDICATORY HEARING

2023-SOC-18645 and 18646 George Mele started at 9:18 a.m.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR BOARD REVIEW

2023-SOC-18645 AND 18646

OFFICES LOCATED AT: 76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Christopher Leighton to accept the consent agreement as written.

Vote: 5 in favor

Hearing ended at 9:38 a.m.

WAIVER OF HOURS REQUEST

Karyn Lybrook MC18066

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to deny the request.

Vote: 5 in favor

APPLICATION AMENDMENT REQUEST

Francesca Perlov

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to grant the request to waive the supervised hours that were not completed and consider her qualified for the license. Included in the motion is a request for information from the consultant and the agency about how they verify hours of supervision and what the policy would be for verifying hours.

Vote: 5 in favor

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2023-SOC-18937

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to table due to lack of quorum with the recusal from Linda Butler and Karen Lemoine.

Vote: 5 in favor

2023-SOC-19084

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

Vote: 4 in favor (1 recused – Angela Fileccia)

2022-SOC-18709

A motion was made by Linda Butler 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(3)(A) and 2.01A from the NASW Code of Ethics, and imposing a reprimand and revocation of the license.

Vote: 5 in favor

2023-SOC-18881

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing NASW Code of Ethics 1.06C and E, and imposing a censure, additional supervision for 2 years by an appropriately licensed clinical social worker. Supervision can be through video conference. The supervisor will be required to submit typed quarterly reports and a final report.

Vote: 5 in favor

2023-SOC-19115

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

Vote: 5 in favor

2023-SOC-19092

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Linda Butler to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

Vote: 5 in favor

2023-SOC-19154

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

2023-SOC-19156

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

2023-SOC-19181

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

2023-SOC-19205

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

COMPLAINT ITEMS

2022-SOC-18026 First Reports

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Karen Lemoine to accept the reports and request that they be submitted quarterly but completed by individual month instead of all months together in one report.

Vote: 5 in favor

2022-SOC-18590 Edited Reports

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Karen Lemoine to accept the reports as submitted.

Vote: 5 in favor

2023-SOC-18877/18878 Supervisor Approval

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to approve the supervisor.

Vote: 5 in favor

2023-SOC-18938 Supervisor Approval

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

Vote: 5 in favor

Chris Leighton left the board meeting.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Shannon Doonan – Initial Application

A motion was made by Lee D’Attilio and seconded by Karen Lemoine to preliminarily deny the application as not meeting qualifications for licensure.

Vote: 4 in favor

Christopher Thornton – Initial Application

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Karen Lemoine to preliminarily deny the application and offer a consent agreement citing Code of Ethics 4.06C to include a warning, and one year of probation, additional supervision of one hour a month for one year by an appropriately licensed clinical social worker. Supervision is required to be in person. The supervisor will be required to submit quarterly reports. Allow the licensee to withdraw the LSX application.

Vote: 4 in favor

Karen Coakley – Initial Application

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to preliminarily deny the application and offer a consent agreement citing 10 M.R.S. § 5-A(A)(1) and 5-A(A)(9), to fulfill the terms of the discipline required in the prior consent agreement within 6 months of the execution of the current consent agreement.

Vote: 4 in favor

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Kristina Halvorsen provided the total number of licensees to the board. Kristina stated that the Board Rule may need further review and clarification from the board on whether an individual can apply for the LSW license without an active LSX or consider a timeline of expiration allowed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Klein asked the board what the outcome of one of the cases on the agenda was. Board Administrator Kristina Halvorsen provided her email address and asked Kathy to email her any questions about agenda items.

Maureen Carland wanted to know who to contact with the social work board when she has licensing questions. Again, Kristina Halvorsen provided her email address.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.