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**Board of Social Worker Licensure
Public Board Meeting
Friday, December 13, 2024**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Leslie Lufkin

STAFF PRESENT

Samantha Andrews, Assistant Attorney General
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 9:08 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of November 8, 2024 minutes.

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

Vote: 5 in favor.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Initial Application: Vanessa Levat

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Christopher Leighton to accept the amendments to the Consent Agreement and to remove the information pertaining to sobriety.

Vote: 5 in favor.

CHAPTER 13 RULE REVIEW

Chapter 13 was reviewed and proposed changes discussed. Information will be reviewed further at the next meeting.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2024-SOC-19945

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee 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.

2024-SOC-20097

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to dismiss due to lack of jurisdiction.

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

2024-SOC-20118

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

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick, 1 recused: Angela Fileccia.

2024-SOC-20140

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Angela Fileccia to dismiss the complaint and issue a Letter of Guidance citing 1.07 A and D (Privacy and Confidentiality) from the NASW Code of Ethics. The letter is to stay in the file for 5 years.

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

2024-SOC-20168

A motion was made by Linda Butler 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-20173

A motion was made by Lee 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.

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2023-SOC-19229 Quarterly Report Review and Final Report

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Linda Butler to accept the report as submitted and end probation.

Vote: 5 in favor.

2023-SOC-19439 Quarterly Report Review and Final Report

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Christopher Leighton to accept the report as submitted and end probation.

Vote: 5 in favor.

2024-SOC-20021 Supervisor Approval

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

Vote: 5 in favor.

2024-SOC-20231 Continuing Education Review

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to table and ask for additional information about the courses to include information about which courses were in person or live interactive and if any courses included 6 hours of psychosocial assessment.

Vote: 5 in favor.

2024-SOC-20430 Extension Request

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Linda Butler to accept the Consent Agreement as adjusted with changes to allow 120 days for completion of the continuing education requirements.

Vote: 5 in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Board Administrator, Kristina Halvorsen, informed the Board that Commissioner Anne Head has retired and Joan Cohen has been appointed acting Commissioner.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Christopher Leighton to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Vote: 5 in favor.