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DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL
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Board of Social Worker Licensure
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Commissioner

Minutes
Maine Board of Social Worker Licensure
February 10, 2023 Board Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Angela Fileccia

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 9:02 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of January 13, 2023.

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

Vote: 5 in favor

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2022-SOC-18429

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 – Benjamin Strick)

OFFICES LOCATED AT: 76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

2022-SOC-18663

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Karen Lemoine to dismiss with a letter of guidance referencing OPOR Rules Chapter 11, renewing the license in a timely manner. The letter of guidance will stay in the file for 5 years.

Vote: 4 in favor (1 recused – Benjamin Strick)

2022-SOC-18521

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

Vote: 5 in favor

2022-SOC-18711

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

Vote: 5 in favor

2022-SOC-18751

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

Vote: 5 in favor

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2011-SOC-7287 Reports

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to table and request the reports be re-submitted with more detailed information and request to see all reports submitted.

Vote: 5 in favor

APPLICATIONS

Arthur Shepherd – Initial Application

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to table and wait for additional information requested of the applicant.

Vote: 5 in favor

Jennifer Formicola – Initial Application

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Christopher Leighton to preliminarily deny the application for licensure.

Vote: 4 in favor (1 opposed – Lee D’Attilio)

Benjamin Strick left the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

ASWB PASS/FAIL RATE ANALYSIS-UPDATE

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D’Attilio to move this item to the end of the meeting agenda.

Vote: 4 in favor

Benjamin Strick returned to the meeting at 11:41 p.m.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – DELEGATION ORDER

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D’Attilio to accept the delegation order.

Vote: 5 in favor

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Kristina Halvorsen attended two classes at UMA at Orono to provide information about the Maine Board of Social Worker Licensure Laws and Rules and answer questions. Kristina provided the number of licensees to the board and let them know that with the start of graduation season, the number of applications has increased. Kristina informed the board that legislation is back in session and that there may be Bills that effect the Social Work Board. She will update the board when one does.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D’Attilio to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Vote: 5 in favor