

**Board of Alcohol & Drug Counselors
Public Board Meeting
Friday, January 16, 2026**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Rogers, Board Chair
Darlene Panzino, Vice Chair
Laurence Gross, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lisa Williams, Complaint Officer

STAFF PRESENT

Megan Hudson-McRae, Assistant Attorney General
Katie Warwick, Assistant Attorney General
Michael Tarr, Board Administrator
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor
Katy Getchell, Acting Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Robert Rogers, called the meeting to order at 8:49 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the November 21, 2025, minutes.

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to approve the minutes as amended.

In public comment section it should read "Chair Rogers" not "Chair Roberts".

Vote: 3 in favor.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Initial Application: Malcolm McCollor

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to approve application.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Initial Application: Eugene McKeever

Enter Executive Session at 8:57 A.M.

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Robert Rogers to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(F) and 22 M.R.S. § 1711-C to discuss confidential health information.

Vote: 3 in favor

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to exit executive session.

Vote: 3 in favor

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to approve the application

Vote: 3 in favor.

Initial Application: Aaron Rondeau

Enter Executive Session at 10:31 A.M.

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(F) and 22 M.R.S. § 1711-C to discuss confidential health information.

Vote: 3 in favor

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to exit executive session.

Vote: 3 in favor

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to approve the application as the applicant has shown they are sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Initial Application: Jonathan Godsoe

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to approve the application as the applicant has shown they are sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Initial Application: Samuel Robinson

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Robert Rogers to approve the application as the applicant has shown they are sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Initial Application: Courtney Meade

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to approve the application as the applicant has shown they are sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Initial Application: Amanda O'Brien

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to approve the application as the applicant has shown they are sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Initial Application: Elizabeth Schwarz

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to approve the application as the applicant has met the requirements set forth in 32 M.R.S. § 6214-E(2)(B)(2).

Vote: 3 in favor.

Initial Application: Tiffany Manson

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to table the application and request course descriptions/syllabi or inquiry as to if the applicant has completed the full 2,000 hours.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Initial Application: Benji Berry

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to table application and direct board staff to request a letter of recommendation/good character from 1 supervisor/employer and 1 personal reference.

Vote: 3 in favor.

ADJUDICATORY HEARING
2025-ALC-20450

The hearing started at 9:13 A.M.

Enter Executive Session 10:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(F) and 22 M.R.S. § 1711-C to discuss confidential health information.

Vote: 3 in favor

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to exit executive session.

Vote: 3 in favor

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to approve consent agreement as amended and send final denial of applicant's LADC application.

Vote: 3 in favor.

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2024-ALC-20373

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to approve the quarterly reports as submitted.

Vote: 3 in favor.

PROVIDER REPORT

Report 1

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to direct board staff to open a complaint and start an investigation.

Vote: 3 in favor

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Board Administrator, Michael Tarr, reminded members of the board to arrive 15 minutes early if attending remotely to make sure audio and visual works correctly. Reminded board members of the FOAA training and submitting their certificate of completion to him. Board Administrator will be working with AAG Katie Warwick on drafting a delegation order to present to the board which will allow board staff to review conviction history and approve applications if the conviction is outside of the discipline that can be considered or if the conviction is outside of the time frame in which it can be considered.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 A.M..

Vote: 3 in favor.