

**Board of Social Worker Licensure
Public Board Meeting
Friday, January 9, 2026**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Butler, Board Chair (in person)
Benjamin Strick, Complaint Officer (in person)
Angela Fileccia (remote)
Christopher Leighton, Public Member (remote)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Leslie Lufkin
Lee-Andra D'Attilio, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT

John Belisle, Assistant Attorney General
Michael Tarr, Regulatory Board Manager
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor
Katy Getchell, Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Linda Butler, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the November 14, 2025 minutes.

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to approve the minutes after removing (remote) after Benjamin Strick's name.

Vote: 4 in favor.

Review and approval of the December 12, 2025 minutes.

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

Vote: 4 in favor.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2025-SOC-20678

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

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2025-SOC-20685

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to set this matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement, in lieu of a hearing, citing NASW Code of Ethics 4.06(A), with a warning and 12 months of probation consisting of 1 hour a month of supervision, with a Board approved supervisor who will submit quarterly and final reports to the Board for review.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2025-SOC-20853

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: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2025-SOC-20856

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

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2013-SOC-8831 Reports

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Christopher Leighton to approve the reports as submitted.

Vote: 4 in favor.

2023-SOC-19453 Reports

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

Vote: 4 in favor.

2024-SOC-20021 Reports

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to approve the reports as submitted.

Vote: 4 in favor.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Initial Application for Reinstatement: James Alciere

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Linda Butler to allow applicant to withdraw and apply for LSX license.

Benjamin Strick withdraws the motion.

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to vacate and backtrack the preliminary denial and allow the applicant to withdraw the LSW application and apply for the LSX and then apply for LSW when they have an active LSX.

Vote: 4 in favor.

Initial Application: Jassen Bailey

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Angela Fileccia to preliminarily deny the application due to criminal justice not meeting the educational requirements and allow the applicant to withdraw the application in lieu of denial.

Vote: 4 in favor.

Initial Application: Tara Curry

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Linda Butler to grant the license.

Vote: 4 in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

BOARD MANAGER'S REPORT

Mike Tarr, Board Manager, stated that social work applications for licensure are no longer going to be accepted if they are incomplete. All documents requested must be submitted with the application. Mike provided an update on legislative changes that will be happening with the social work board.

George Morgan let the Board know that he is leaving his position on January 19, 2026.

Angela Fileccia asked AAG John Belisle questions about the FOAA training.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Christopher Leighton to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Vote: 4 in favor.