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Minutes
Maine Board of Alcohol & Drug Counselors
January 20, 2023 Board Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Katie Dickson, Complaint Officer and Acting Board Chair
Robert Rogers
Darlene Panzino
Laurence Gross

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lisa Williams

STAFF PRESENT

Katie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General
Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Katie Dickson, acting Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of September 16, 2022.

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Katie Dickson to approve the minutes after changes are made to the citation for 2021-ALC-17563 to Board Rules, Chapter 8, Section 3(3)(E) and changes to the citation for 2021-ALC-17978 to Board Rules, Chapter 3(3)(D) and 4(A) and (E) .

Vote: 1 in favor (3 abstained – Laurence Gross, Darlene Panzino, and Robert Rogers)

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2022-ALC-18145

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OFFICE LOCATION: GARDINER ANNEX
76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

2022-ALC-18430

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

2022-ALC-18526

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Robert Rogers to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

2022-ALC-18534

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to table to allow time to review new information.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

2022-ALC-18540

A motion was made by Robert Rogers and seconded by Laurence Gross to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

2022-ALC-18061

A motion was made by Robert Rogers and seconded by Laurence Gross to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing Title 10, Chapter 901 § 8003 (5-A)(A)(3) and Board Rules Chapter 8, Section 3(4)(A) and (E) and imposing a permanent revocation of both licenses.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

2022-ALC-18024 and 2022-ALC-18615

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Robert Rogers to table to allow time to review new information.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

COMPLAINT ITEMS

2020-ALC-16882 and 16757 Non-Compliance Letter and Response

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to accept the reports as written.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

2021-ALC-17978

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Robert Rogers to change the violations listed in the consent agreement from Board Rules Chapter 8 (3)(4)(A) to Board Rules Chapter 8 (3)(4)(B).

Vote: 3 in favor (1 recused – Katie Dickson)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kristina Halvorsen provided the licensee count to the board. Kristina stated that examination and license applications are being processed quickly at this time. Kristina mentioned that the board should be considering election of officers at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

RULEMAKING DISCUSSION

The Board discussed Board Rule changes to the endorsement section.

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to accept the proposed chapter and begin the APA rulemaking process.

Vote: 4 in favor

REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY

Changes to the remote participation policy were reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Katie Dickson to approve the amended policy.

Vote: 4 in favor

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Robert Rogers and seconded by Laurence Gross to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Vote: 4 in favor