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Minutes
Maine Board of Alcohol & Drug Counselors
January 21, 2022 Board Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Wood, Board Chair
Gregory Romanoff, Vice Chair
Katie Dickson, Complaint Officer

STAFF PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Wood called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of November 19, 2021.

A motion was made by Gregory Romanoff and seconded by Katie Dickson to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: 3 in favor

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2019-ALC-15806

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing 10 M.R.S. § 8003 5-A(A)(10) and accept surrender of the license effective as of the date of expiration of the license with no admission of facts or violations.

Vote: 3 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to rescind

the motion made for 2019-ALC-15806.

Vote: 2 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing 10 M.R.S. § 8003 5-A(A)(10) and accept surrender of the license effective as of the date of expiration of the license with no admission of facts or violations.

Vote: 2 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

2020-ALC-16868

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing Board Rules Chapter 8, Section 3 (D) and impose probation to include additional supervision for two years by a Board approved supervisor, submission of quarterly reports by the supervisor, additional continuing education of 6 credits in ethics based on healthy boundaries and dual relationships.

Vote: 3 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Katie Dickson to include that supervision should be once a month for one hour, and that the CEs should be completed within one year.

Vote: 3 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to rescind the motions made for 2020-ALC-16868.

Vote: 2 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing Board Rules Chapter 8, Section 3(D) and impose probation to include additional supervision once a month for two years by a Board approved supervisor, submission of quarterly reports by the supervisor, and additional continued education of 6 credits in ethics based on healthy boundaries and dual relationships. CEs are to be completed within one year.

Vote: 2 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

2020-ALC-17109

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Katie Dickson to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 3 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to rescind the motion made for 2021-ALC-17109.

Vote: 2 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 2 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

2021-ALC-17461 and 2021-ALC-17467

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to dismiss with a letter of guidance to address Board Rules Chapter 8, Section 3(E) pertaining to client confidentiality in public settings. The letter of guidance will remain in the licensee's file for 10 years.

Vote: 2 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

2021-ALC-17757

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 2 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

2021-ALC-17812

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 2 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

COMPLAINT ITEMS

2020-ALC-16697

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to accept the reports as submitted.

Vote: 2 in favor (1 abstained – Katie Dickson)

APPLICATIONS

Nick Leahy – Initial Application

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff approve the application.

Vote: 3 in favor

Kayla Ireland – Initial Application

A motion was made by Gregory Romanoff and seconded by Jennifer Wood to table until the end of the deferred disposition and request additional information.

Vote: 3 in favor

Leslie Leathers

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(F), in a motion made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Katie Dickson, the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss information that is confidential and not subject to access by the general public pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 402(3)(H) at 10:38 a.m.

Vote: 3 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to exit executive session at 10:44 a.m.

Vote: 3 in favor

A motion was made by Gregory Romanoff and seconded by Katie Dickson to table and request additional information.

Vote: 3 in favor

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator, discussed with the Board that there is an interstate counseling compact bill that is set for public hearing January 27, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Katie Dickson and seconded by Jennifer Wood to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Vote: 3 in favor