

**Board of Alcohol & Drug Counselors
Public Board Meeting
Friday, July 17, 2026**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Rogers, Board Chair (remote)
Darlene Panzino, Vice Chair (remote)
Lisa Williams, Complaint Officer (remote)
Laurence Gross, Public Member (remote)

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Nicole Sawyer, Assistant Attorney General
Michael Tarr, Board Manager
Joe Shields, Board Investigator
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor
Katy Getchell, Office Specialist I
Mark Terison, Hearing Officer
Randy Dow, Assistant Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Robert Rogers, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the May 15, 2026 minutes.

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

Vote: 4 in favor.

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2026-ALC-21384 Erica Pulsoni-Draper

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to rescind the preliminary denial and approve the application for licensure.

Vote: 4 in favor.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Initial Application:

Danielle Shifflett

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to table and request judgement documents and any other that contain the outcome of the WV convictions.

Vote: 4 in favor.

Katelyn Peschier

A motion was made by Lisa Williams and seconded by Darlene Panzino to approve the application.

Vote: 4 in favor.

ADJUDICATORY HEARING

2026-ALC-21220 and 2024-ALC-19913 Erica Smith

Hearing started at 9:19 a.m.

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to find by preponderance of evidence that there is evidence of violation of 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(5), (A)(B), and (C).

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Lisa Williams.

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Robert Rogers to find by preponderance of evidence that there is evidence of violation of 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(5), for violating Board rules by failing to respect the rights, dignity, and person of each client (Board Rules, Ch. 9, § 1).

Vote: 2 in favor, 1 opposed: Laurence Gross, 1 recused: Lisa Williams.

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to place the LADC license on probation to include meeting with a board approved supervisor 1 hour a month for 5 years and to include quarterly reports, and a revocation of the CCS license while on probation.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Lisa Williams.

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to allow the Board Chair to sign the Decision and Order without further Board review.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Lisa Williams.

The hearing ended at 1:13 p.m.

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2026-ALC-21386 Supervisor Approval

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to not approved the supervisor while their license is on probation and to extend the date of required submission of supervisor for Board approval for 15 days.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Lisa Williams.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Initial Application:

Brianna Nielsen

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Lisa Williams to approve the application.

Vote: 4 in favor.

Jessica Morang

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to table the application and request documents from the 2019 conviction as well as an explanation of why the written statement mentions the last conviction date of 2017 but there is a conviction on May 7, 2019, for a December 16, 2018 charge.

Vote: 4 in favor.

Natalie Hanagan

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to preliminarily deny the application due to not meeting the educational requirements.

Vote: 4 in favor.

Franklin Avery

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

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Lisa Williams.

REPORT NOTIFICATION

Report 1

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to file a complaint.

Vote: 4 in favor.

DELEGATION ORDER REVIEW

The Board discussed a delegation order, which will be brought before the Board for review and approval when ready.

BOARD MANAGER'S REPORT

Board Manager, Mike Tarr informed the Board that Joe Shields has been hired for the Board Investigator position and the other two positions that interviews have been done for should be filled soon.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Erica Pusoni-Draper thanked the Board Darlene for the apology and thanked the Board for bringing he application back for review so quickly.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to adjourn the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Vote: 4 in favor.