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Joan F. Cohen Commissioner

Board of Alcohol & Drug Counselors Public Board Meeting Friday, July 18, 2025

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Rogers, Board Chair Lisa Williams, Complaint Officer Laurence Gross, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Darlene Panzino, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Katie Warwick, Assistant Attorney General Mike Tarr, Comprehensive Health Planner II George Morgan, Board Investigator Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Robert Rogers, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the May 16, 2025 minutes.

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to approve the minutes after revisions suggested by the AAG.

- Initial Application: Adrian Counce
 - A motion was made by Robert Rogers and seconded by Laurence Gross to table and "request more information from the AAG".
- o Renewal Application: Jon Gallagher
 - A motion was made by Lisa Williams and seconded by Darlene Panzino "to preliminarily deny the application and offer a consent agreement" citing Board rules Chapter 7 (continuing education required for renewal), a warning, and to require that 25 contact hours of continuing educational be completed within 90 days and may not be used toward continuing education requirements for the next renewal.

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Vote: 3 in favor.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Initial Application:

Kaysie Corey

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to preliminarily deny this application due to the finding that this applicant hasn't been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust on the basis of 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(3) for the conviction of a crime to the extent permitted by M.R.S. Title 5, Chapter 341.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Eric Finnemore

A motion was made by Robert Rogers and seconded by Laurence Gross to table this application review and request additional information regarding the applicant's current involvement with legal status and whether or not he is still on probation.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Kelsie Fitch

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to find that there is sufficient evidence that the licensee is rehabilitated and to approve the application.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Angela Giberti

A motion was made by Robert Rogers and seconded by Laurence Gross to find that there is sufficient evidence that the licensee is rehabilitated and to approve the application.

Vote: 3 in favor.

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Adam Hathorn

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Robert Rogers to find that there is sufficient evidence that the licensee is rehabilitated and to approve the application.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Aimee Long

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to find that there is sufficient evidence that the licensee is rehabilitated and to approve the application.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Peggy Ouellette

A motion was made by Robert Rogers and seconded by Laurence Gross to table this application review and request additional information regarding the applicant's twenty-four hours of supervised training with six hours in each – skills assessment and evaluations, counselor development, management and administration, and professional responsibility. Request documentation from employer regarding either 1,000 hours of supervised experience, or documents of proof of three years of supervising, and a resume that includes relevant work experience.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Joseph Robichaud

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to find that there is sufficient evidence that the licensee is rehabilitated and to approve the application.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Adrian Counce

A motion was made by Lisa Williams and seconded by Robert Rogers to preliminarily deny this application due to the finding that this applicant hasn't been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust on the basis of 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(3) for the conviction of a crime to the extent permitted by M.R.S. Title 5, Chapter 341.

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Vote: 2 in favor, 1 opposed: Laurence Gross.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2024-ALC-20344

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Robert Rogers to dismiss with a Letter of Guidance, citing 32 M.R.S. §6203-A(2) supervision requirements.

Vote: 2 in favor, 1 abstained: Lisa Williams.

2025-ALC-20683

A motion was made by Robert Rogers and seconded by Lisa Williams to preliminarily deny the applications to resolve the complaint.

Vote: 2 in favor, 1 abstained: Lisa Williams.

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2024-ALC-20373 Reports

A motion was made by Robert Rogers and seconded by Laurence Gross to approve the reports as submitted.

Vote: 3 in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Penny Vaillancourt introduced herself to the Board. Penny informed the Board that she will be doing some hiring for our unit soon, that she will be focusing on applications and regulations to help improved processing, and that things have been very busy with legislation this summer.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Vote: 3 in favor.

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