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**Board of Social Worker Licensure
Public Board Meeting
Friday, June 13, 2025**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Butler, Board Chair
Lee-Andra D'Attilio, Vice Chair
Benjamin Strick, Complaint Officer
Angela Fileccia
Leslie Lufkin
Christopher Leighton, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Samantha Andrews, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Willis, Assistant Attorney General
Michael Tarr, Comprehensive Health Planner II
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor
Katy Getchell, Office Specialist I

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Linda Butler, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the May 9, 2025 minutes.

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to approve the minutes after a correction is made to the final vote as one board member had left.

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained – Lee D'Attilio.

ADJUDICATORY HEARING

Started at 9:15 a.m. and ended at 2:13 p.m.

2025-SOC-20590

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to deny the license application due to a lack of evidence that the licensee has corrected any actions in the decision and order or have complied with a prior consent agreement.

Vote: 6 in favor.

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Angela Fileccia to delegate authority to the Board Chair to sign the decision and order without further board review.

Vote: 6 in favor.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS
2025-SOC-20556

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section 405(6)(E) at 2:46 p.m. The Board exited executive session at 2:56 p.m.

Vote: 6 in favor

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Christopher Leighton to set this matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement, in lieu of a hearing, citing NASW Code of Ethics 3.09G, and 4.04, with a reprimand license revocation.

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20497

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to dismiss and issue a letter of guidance, citing NASW Code of Ethics 1.15 and 1.01, which will stay in the licensee's file for two and half years.

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20291

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Angela Fileccia to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20292

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2025-SOC-20522

A motion was made by Leslie Lufkin and seconded by Christopher Leighton to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2025-SOC-20545

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick, 1 opposed: Leslie Lufkin.

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2024-SOC-20014 Supervisor Approval

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to approve the supervisor.

Vote: 6 in favor.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Reinstatement Application: Patric McFarlane LC12020

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Linda Butler to preliminarily deny the application due to not meeting the qualifications without holding an active LMSW-cc and having completed at least half of the required supervised license experience within 4 years of applying for the LCSW, and to allow the license to withdraw the submitted application and apply for the LCSW-cc.

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 recused: Angela Fileccia.

Initial Application: Cody Closson LSX24148

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to preliminarily deny the application due to not meeting the educational requirements and allow the applicant to withdraw the application in lieu of a denial.

Vote: 6 in favor.

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Christopher Leighton to table the rest of the agenda.

Vote: 6 in favor.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to adjourn the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Vote: 6 in favor.