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**Board of Social Worker Licensure**  
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**Minutes**  
**Maine Board of Social Worker Licensure**  
**June 9, 2023 Board Meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Linda Butler, Board Chair  
Lee-Andra D'Attilio, Vice Chair  
Benjamin Strick, Complaint Officer  
Christopher Leighton, Public Member  
Karen Lemoine

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Angela Fileccia

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Linda Butler, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Review and approval of the minutes of May 12, 2023.

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Christopher Leighton to approve the minutes as written.

**Vote: 3 in favor (1 abstained – Karen Lemoine)**

**Lee D'Attilio joined the meeting at 9:09 a.m.**

**COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS**

2022-SOC-18720

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing Title 5,

OFFICES LOCATED AT: 76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

Chapter 16(1)(1)(5)(A), and (1)(1)(5)(B), and Code of Ethics 1.09C, and imposing a reprimand and revocation of the license.

**Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained- Benjamin Strick)**

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Christopher Leighton to send the information contained in the complaint to the attorney general's office.

**Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained – Benjamin Strick)**

2022-SOC-18792

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Linda Butler to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. section 405(6)(F) for the purpose of discussing information contained in records received by the Board when access by the general public to those records is prohibited by statute, specifically, by 10 M.R.S. section 8003-B at 9:48 a.m.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

The Board exited executive session at 10:22 a.m.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

2022-SOC-18793

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Christopher Leighton to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. section 405(6)(F) for the purpose of discussing information contained in records received by the Board when access by the general public to those records is prohibited by statute, specifically, by 10 M.R.S. section 8003-B at 10:34 a.m.

**Vote: 4 in favor**

**Lee D'Attilio left the meeting at 10:34 a.m.**

**Lee D'Attilio joined the meeting at 10:40 a.m.**

The Board exited executive session at 11:41 a.m.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

2022-SOC-18792

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

**Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained- Benjamin Strick)**

2022-SOC-18793

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Karen Lemoine to dismiss with a letter of guidance referencing 1.02 of the Code of Ethics. The letter of guidance will stay in the file for 1 year.

Motion amended to include, board chair can sign the letter of guidance without further board review.

**Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained- Benjamin Strick)**

**Lee D'Attilio left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.**

**Lee D'Attilio joined the meeting at 12:17 p.m.**

2023-SOC-18940

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing 1.06 C of the Code of Ethics and imposing a reprimand and revocation of the license.

**Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained- Benjamin Strick)**

2022-SOC-18794

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Karen Lemoine to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

**Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained- Benjamin Strick)**

2022-SOC-18795

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

**Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained- Benjamin Strick)**

2023-SOC-18937

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to table due to lack of quorum. Linda Butler and Karen Lemoine are recused from the case.

2023-SOC-18948

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Karen Lemoine to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

**Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained- Benjamin Strick)**

**COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS**

2022-SOC-18742 Supervisor Approval

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

**Vote: 5 in favor.**

2022-SOC-18789 Supervisor Approval

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Karen Lemoine to approve supervisor.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**

2022-SOC-18590 Reports

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to not accept the reports and request the supervisor use the forms provided by the board, have a separate report for each meeting, and include more detail in the reports. Ask the licensee why supervision started prior to the board approval of the supervisor.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**

2023-SOC-18938 Request for Reconsideration

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to deny the request for reconsideration.

**Vote: 3 in favor (2 abstained - Karen Lemoine, Benjamin Strick)**

#### 2020-SOC-16813 Reports and Final Recommendation

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

**Vote: 5 in favor.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL**

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Linda Butler to enter executive session at 2:29 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(E).

**Vote: 5 in favor**

Executive session ended at 2:49 p.m.

The board received legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General.

#### **RULEMAKING**

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to adopt the changes to Chapter 10 of the Board Rules.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Kristina Halvorsen provided the licensee counts to the board. Kristina informed the board that ASWB signed an agreement to for individuals to take the examination without board approval if they have a letter from the college stating that all requirements have been met for graduation.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Karen Lemoine and seconded by Linda Butler to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**