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BOARD OF ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNSELORS
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**Board of Alcohol & Drug Counselors
Public Board Meeting
Friday, May 16, 2025**

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

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 March 21, 2025 minutes.

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

Vote: 4 in favor.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2025-ALC-20684

A motion was made by Rober Rogers and seconded by Laurence Gross to set this matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement, in lieu of a hearing, for non-compliance with consent agreement terms, with a surrender of licensure effect the current expiration date of the license.

Vote: 4 in favor.

Revised Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Lisa Williams.

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2021-ALC-17978 Final Report & Continuing Education Review & Initial Application Review

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to approve report and end probation.

Vote: 4 in favor.

2023-ALC-19144 Supervisor Approval

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to approve the supervisor.

Vote: 4 in favor.

2025-ALC-20661 Supervisor Approval

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to approve the supervisor.

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

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Initial Application: Cheryl Flanders

Executive session 9:20 a.m. 9:28 a.m.

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(F) and 22 M.R.S. § 1711-C to discuss confidential health information.

Vote: 4 in favor.

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to exit executive session.

Vote: 4 in favor.

A motion was made by Lisa Williams and seconded by Robert Rogers to approve the application.

Vote: 4 in favor.

Initial Application: Alexander Klein

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to approve the application.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Darlene Panzino.

Initial Application: Brittany Drake

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to approve the application.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 not present: Darlene Panzino.

Initial Application: Jeffrey Mishou

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

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused Lisa Williams.

Initial Application: Jodi Kern

A motion was made by Robert Rogers and seconded by Lisa Williams to table and request documentation for the final outcome of charges.

Vote: 4 in favor.

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.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 opposed: Darlene Panzino.

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.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Robert Rogers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board Chair, Vice Chair and Complaint Officer

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to approve Robert Rogers as Board Chair, Darlene Panzino as Vice Chair, and Lisa Williams as Complaint Officer.

Vote: 4 in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mike Tarr, Comprehensive Health Planner II provided the board with a dashboard that includes licensee numbers and application timeline and trends. He also discussed the licensing process and reasons why some are not complete.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Vote: 4 in favor.