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**Board of Social Worker Licensure
Public Board Meeting
Friday, May 9, 2025**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Butler, Board Chair (Remote)
Benjamin Strick, Complaint Officer (Remote)
Angela Fileccia (Remote)
Leslie Lufkin (Remote)
Christopher Leighton, Public Member (Remote)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lee-Andra D'Attilio, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Samantha Andrews, Assistant Attorney General
Michael Tarr, Comprehensive Health Planner II
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Linda Butler, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the April 11, 2025 minutes.

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

Vote: 5 in favor.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2024-SOC-20079

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20121

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Christopher Leighton to table and request additional information for the CA discipline.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick, 1 opposed: Linda Butler

2024-SOC-20314

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Christopher Leighton to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Benjamin Strick, 1 recused: Leslie Lufkin.

2024-SOC-20331

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Angela Fileccia to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 recused: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20397

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Christopher Leighton to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 recused: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20396

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Angela Fileccia to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Benjamin Strick, 1 recused: Linda Butler.

2024-SOC-20497

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to table and requested additional information from the licensee.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 recused: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20542

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 recused: Benjamin Strick.

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2023-SOC-19689 Quarterly Report Re-Submission

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Christopher Leighton to accept the reports as submitted.

Vote: 5 in favor.

2024-SOC-20119 Supervisor Approval

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Benjamin Strick to approve the proposed supervisor.

Vote: 5 in favor.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Renewal Application: Ellen Salvatore-Voisine

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Linda Butler to grant the renewal and issue a Letter of Guidance reminding the licensee to comply with Title 10 § 8003-G 10 day notification requirement.

Vote: 5 in favor.

DELEGATION ORDER

Conditional License Extension Requests

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to approve the delegation order once the re-review date of May 2026 has been added.

Vote: 5 in favor.

Christopher Leighton left the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

SOCIAL WORK COMPACT DISCUSSION

Angela Fileccia discussed the current status of the social work compact with the board and stated that it is open to the public if anyone wanted to listen in.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Michael Tarr, Comprehensive Health Planner II provide the Board with a dashboard showing licensee numbers and application trends.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Fralich addressed the Board and discussed his concern about their interpretation of the Laws and Rules and the discipline imposed and the impact it imposes on licensees.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 p.m.

Vote: 4 in favor.