

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION Board of Social Worker Licensure 35 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0035

Anne L. Head Commissioner

Minutes Maine Board of Social Worker Licensure May 12, 2023 Board Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karen Lemoine

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 9:07 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of April 14, 2023.

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

Vote: 4 in favor

Lee D'Attilio Joined the Meeting at 9:17 a.m.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2023-SOC-18852

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A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to dismiss with a letter of guidance referencing Board Rules, Chapter 17(2)(1), record retention. The letter of guidance will stay in the file for six months.

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

2023-SOC-18961

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

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

2022-SOC-18806

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia 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-18832

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Linda Butler to dismiss with a letter of guidance referencing 3.09 of the Code of Ethics, professional boundaries around confidentiality, seek clarification on telehealth rules, and awareness of their employer's code of conduct. The letter of guidance will stay in the file for 5 years.

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

2023-SOC-18845

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Christopher Leighton to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing 1.15, 1.17B, and 4.05B of the Code of Ethics, and imposing a reprimand, and revocation of the license.

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

2023-SOC-18938

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A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Angela Fileccia to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing Code of Ethics 1.06H, and imposing a reprimand, additional supervision of one hour a month for 2 years by an appropriately licensed supervisor. Supervision can be through video conference. The supervisor will be required to submit typed quarterly reports and a final report.

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

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Christopher Leighton to include that any non-compliance with the consent agreement will result in immediate suspension of the license.

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

Christopher Leighton left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

COMPLAINT ITEMS

2023-SOC-18832 Letter

No action required by the Board at this time.

2011-SOC-7287 Reports

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

Vote: 4 in favor

2022-SOC-18499 Supervisor Approval

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to approve the supervisor.

Vote: 4 in favor

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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Kristina Halvorsen provided the number of licensees to the board. Kristina mentioned that legislation is very busy right now and that she will keep the board informed of anything pertaining to the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to enter executive session pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 13 §405(6)(E).

Vote: 4 in favor

The board left executive session at 12:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.