

**Board of Social Worker Licensure  
Public Board Meeting  
Friday, November 14, 2025**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Linda Butler, Board Chair (in person)  
Lee-Andra D'Attilio, Vice Chair (remote)  
Angela Fileccia (remote)  
Leslie Lufkin (remote)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Christopher Leighton, Public Member  
Benjamin Strick, Complaint Officer

**STAFF PRESENT**

John Belisle, Assistant Attorney General  
Penny Vaillancourt, Director  
Michael Tarr, Comprehensive Health Planner II  
George Morgan, Board Investigator  
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor  
Katy Getchell, Professional Licensing Supervisor

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Linda Butler, called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

**MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Review and approval of the October 10, 2025 minutes.

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

**Vote: 3 in favor, I abstained: Linda Butler.**

**APPLICATION REVIEWS**

Initial Application: Abdulkerim Said

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to preliminarily deny the application due to applied science not meeting the educational requirements and allow the applicant to withdraw the application in lieu of denial.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

Initial Application: Lara Anderson

Board review is not needed for this application.

Initial Application: John Paradis

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to consider the education substantially equivalent and approve the application.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 opposed: Linda Butler.**

Initial Application: Troy Welch

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to table the application and request a reference from either the employer or licensed mental health professional attesting to the applicant's rehabilitation.

**Vote: 2 in favor, 2 Opposed: Linda Butler, Leslie Lufkin.**

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to table and request two letters from either a current or former employer or a licensed mental health professional attesting to the applicant's rehabilitation.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 opposed: Linda Butler.**

Renewal Application: Yun-Hyeang Jang

A motion was made by Angeal Fileccia and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to table and request course description and when the course was completed.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 opposed: Linda Butler.**

Renewal Application: Patricia Kaplan

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to preliminarily deny the renewal application and offer a consent agreement which should request confirmation that the licensee does not plan to practice while in an inactive status and that all continuing education for this renewal and any required when requesting and

active status will be completed before requesting the license be place back to active status.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

Renewal Application: Michael Ivy

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to approve the renewal and request a letter be sent to the licensee from office staff to be mindful of the 10 day notification requirement pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §8003-G Duty to require certain information from applicants and licensees.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

### **COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS**

2025-SOC-20676

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Angela Fileccia to table due to lack of quorum with Linda Butler's recusal.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Linda Butler.**

2025-SOC-20525

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

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

2024-SOC-20257 and 2024-SOC-20258

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Angela Fileccia to table due to lack of quorum with Linda Butler's recusal.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Linda Butler.**

2025-SOC-20524

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

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

2025-SOC-20528

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to table due to lack of quorum with Angela Fileccia's recusal.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Angela Fileccia.**

2025-SOC-20530

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.**

2025-SOC-20647

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

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

2025-SOC-20651

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

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

2025-SOC-20675

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

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

2025-SOC-20701

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

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

2025-SOC-20706

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Angela Fileccia to table due to lack of quorum with Linda Butler's recusal.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Linda Butler.**

2025-SOC-20739

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

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

2025-SOC-20750

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 1.07(L)(M) (privacy and confidentiality), which will stay in the licensee's file for 2 years.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

2025-SOC-20828

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

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

### **CONSENT AGREEMENT REVIEW**

2025-SOC-20881

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to approve the consent agreement as written and accept the completed domestic violence continuing education as meeting the requirements.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

### **COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS**

#### 2013-SOC-8831 Reports

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to accept the reports as submitted and request an explanation of why they were late.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

#### 2023-SOC-11887 and 18878 Reports and Final Recommendation

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to accept final report and recommendation and end probation.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

#### 2024-SOC-20207 Reports

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to approve reports as submitted.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

#### 2025-SOC-20606 Continuing Education Review

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to approve education as meeting the requirements.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Penny Vaillancourt, Director, discussed an item forwarded to the board. Penny said she is hoping to fill the board manager position soon. She mentioned that legislation will be starting up soon. Penny informed the board that all board members will be required to

attend FOIA training. She told the board that some of the rulemaking discussion will need to start at the statute level first.

Angela Fileccia updated the board on current compact status.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**