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# STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL & FINANCIAL REGULATION OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL & OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION BOARD OF COUNSELING PROFESSIONALS LICENSURE 76 NORTHERN AVENUE GARDINER, MAINE 04345

Anne L. Head Commissioner

# Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure Public Board Meeting Monday, November 25, 2024

#### **MINUTES**

# **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Angela Blier, Vice Chair (remote)
Holly Cavna, Complaint Officer (remote)
Joanne Grant (remote)
Ellen Grunblatt
Carolyn Silsby, Public Member

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jennifer King, Board Chair

#### STAFF PRESENT

Megan Hudson-MacRae, Assistant Attorney General Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator George Morgan, Board Investigator Jessica Cirello, Professional Licensing Supervisor

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair, Angela Blier, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

### MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the October 28, 2024 minutes.

A motion was made by Carolyn Silsby and seconded by Holly Cavna to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: 5 in favor.

#### **COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS**

2024-COU-19944

A motion was made by Joanne Grant and seconded by Carolyn Silsby to table this complaint and direct Board staff to subpoena client records for the dates around the situation of concern.

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Vote: 4 in favor, 1 recused: Holly Cavna.

2024-COU-20326

A motion was made by Ellen Grunblatt and seconded by Carolyn Silsby to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Holly Cavna.

2024-COU-20333

A motion was made by Joanne Grant and seconded by Ellen Grunblatt to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Holly Cavna.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Board Administrator, Kristina Halvorsen, reviewed the licensing dashboard, created by Board staff, which details the current licensure numbers and application processing.

OPOR's Commissioner, Anne Head, is retiring this week. Deputy Commissioner, Joan Cohen, will be the Acting Commissioner.

Board members discussed the rulemaking process. The next rulemaking session is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>.

# **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

# **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Holly Cavna and seconded by Joanne Grant to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Vote: 5 in favor.