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**Board of Social Worker Licensure  
Public Board Meeting  
Friday, October 11, 2024**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Linda Butler, Board Chair

**STAFF PRESENT**

Samantha Andrews, Assistant Attorney General  
Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator  
George Morgan, Board Investigator  
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair, Lee-Andra D'Attilio, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Review and approval of the August 9, 2024 minutes.

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

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

**COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS**

2024-SOC-19795

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio 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 abstained: Benjamin Strick.**

2024-SOC-19917

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia 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 abstained: Benjamin Strick.**

2024-SOC-19919

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio 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 abstained: Benjamin Strick.**

2024-SOC-19918

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio 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 abstained: Benjamin Strick.**

2024-SOC-19927

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.**

2024-SOC-19935

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia 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 abstained: Benjamin Strick.**

2024-SOC-19942

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.**

2024-SOC-19938

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia 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 abstained: Benjamin Strick.**

2024-SOC-19940

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio and seconded by Angela Fileccia to table this complaint to allot Board members more time to review the new information recently received.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.**

2024-SOC-19998

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.**

2024-SOC-20010

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio 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 abstained: Benjamin Strick.**

2024-SOC-19930 and Initial Application Review

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. section 405(6)(F) for the purpose of discussing records made confidential by 10 M.R.S. section 8003-B.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Benjamin Strick.**

**Executive session 10:39 a.m.-11:11a.m.**

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Angela Fileccia to table the complaint and application review for further investigation.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Benjamin Strick.**

2024-SOC-19902, 2024-SOC-19903 and Initial Application Review

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Christopher Leighton to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. section 405(6)(F) for the purpose of discussing records made confidential by 10 M.R.S. section 8003-B.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Benjamin Strick.**

**Executive session 11:14 a.m.-11:39 a.m.**

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to preliminarily deny the pending LCSW application, citing the qualifications in Board Rules Chapter 13(5), the prior revocation of the applicant's LCSW license in May 2022, and NASW Code of Ethics 1.06(c), 3.04(b), 4.01(b), and 4.05(a) and (b).

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 recused: Benjamin Strick.**

2024-SOC-19993

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Christopher Leighton to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. section 405(6)(F) for the purpose of discussing records made confidential by 10 M.R.S. section 8003-B.

**Vote: 2 in favor, 2 recused: Benjamin Strick, and Angela Fileccia.**

**Executive session 11:48 a.m.-11:55 a.m.**

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to table this complaint until a meeting is held that Lee-Andra D'Attilio, Christopher Leighton, and Linda Butler can attend.

**Vote: 2 in favor, 2 recused: Benjamin Strick, and Angela Fileccia.**

**COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS**

2022-SOC-18026 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio and seconded by Benjamin Strick to accept the reports as submitted and end probation.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

2022-SOC-18703 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Benjamin Strick to accept the reports as submitted.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

2023-SOC-18877; 18878 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Angela Fileccia to accept the reports as submitted.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

2023-SOC-18881 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio and seconded by Angela Fileccia to accept the reports as submitted.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

2023-SOC-18938 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio and seconded by Benjamin Strick to accept the reports as submitted.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

2023-SOC-19184; 19235 Quarterly Report Review

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

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

2023-SOC-19439 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to accept the reports as submitted.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

2023-SOC-19689 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio and seconded by Benjamin Strick to accept the reports as submitted and direct Board staff to inform the licensee and supervisor that the supervision should be individual one on one supervision and not group supervision.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**

## 2024-SOC-19723 Proposed Consent Agreement Review

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Christopher Leighton to accept the changes to the proposed consent agreement including lowering the civil penalty to \$1000 per violation and change from a revocation of license to a surrender of license effective December 2024.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.**

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Board Administrator, Kristina Halvorsen, forwarded Board members the current licensure numbers and a chart to show the continued increase in applications.

Angela Fileccia requested that the Social Work Compact be added to the February agenda for Board discussion.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Christopher Leighton to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

**Vote: 4 in favor.**