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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 October 14, 2022 Board Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Butler, Board Chair Angela Fileccia Lee-Andra D'Attilio Karen Lemoine Benjamin Strick

MEMBERS ABSENT

Christopher Leighton

STAFF PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

Linda Butler called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of September 9, 2022.

In a motion by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Angela Fileccia the Board voted to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: 5 in favor

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2022-SOC-18391

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

Vote: 5 in favor

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2021-SOC-17940

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Karen Lemoine to dismiss with a letter of guidance requesting the licensee be clear when facilitating a support group that it is not therapy. The letter of guidance will stay in the file for six months.

Vote: 4 in favor (1 recused – Linda Butler)

Lee D'Attilio left the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

2022-SOC-18026

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Benjamin Strick to table and request additional information.

Vote: 4 in favor

2022-SOC-18042

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

2022-SOC-18044

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

Vote: 4 in favor

2022-SOC-18135

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

Vote: 4 in favor

2022-SOC-18328

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

Vote: 4 in favor

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2022-SOC-18058

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Karen Lemoine to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

Vote: 4 in favor

2022-SOC-18133

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Karen Lemoine to dismiss with a letter of guidance will stay in the file for one year.

Vote: 4 in favor

Lee D'Attilio back at 11:24 a.m.

2022-SOC-18182

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Karen Lemoine to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Laws and Rules.

Vote: 5 in favor

2022-SOC-18197

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to dismiss with a letter of guidance referencing 1.16 and 1.17B of the Code of Ethics. The letter of guidance will stay in the file for one year.

Vote: 4 in favor (1 recused – Angela Fileccia)

2022-SOC-18355

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to dismiss with a letter of guidance refencing 3.01 of the Code of Ethics. The letter of guidance will stay in the file for one year.

Vote: 5 in favor

2022-SOC-18384

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: 5 in favor

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2021-SOC-17865

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement in lieu of hearing citing Title 5, Chapter 341 § 5302 and 5301(2)(D) and imposing a reprimand and revocation of the license based on non-compliance with a consent agreement singed by the applicant in May 2022.

Vote: 5 in favor

COMPLAINT ITEMS

2020-SOC-16699 Supervisor Approval

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

Vote: 5 in favor

2020-SOC-16838 Reports, Final Recommendation, CO Letter

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Benjamin Strick to accept the reports and final recommendation and close the complaint.

Vote: 5 in favor

2021-SOC-17975 Reports 1 and 2

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee D'Attilio to accept the reports as submitted.

Vote: 5 in favor

2022-SOC-18122 Request for Reconsideration and Proposed CA

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Stick not to accept the request to replace the supervision requirement for continuing education courses but to accept the request to change one year of supervision to six months and to change the censure to a warning on the consent agreement.

Vote: 5 in favor Angela Fileccia left the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

<u>APPLICATIONS</u> Lisa Drier – Initial Application Board of Social Work Licensure October 14, 2022 Minutes P a g e | **5**

Angela Fileccia returned to the meeting at 2:57

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to preliminarily deny the application for licensure because there was no explanation of why the license should be issued after a voluntary surrender. There was a lack of information on qualification since the licensee does not currently hold an LCSW or an LMSW-cc in Maine or any other state.

Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained – Angela Fileccia)

Elaina George – Initial Application

A motion was made by Lee D'Attilio and seconded by Benjamin Strick to approve the application finding in the documentation submitted with the application that the applicant appears to have been sufficiently rehabilitated.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 opposed – Linda Butler)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

Samantha Morgan stated that the Board Rules have been adopted and should be on the secretary of state site soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58