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**Board of Social Worker Licensure
Public Board Meeting
Friday, April 11, 2025**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Samantha Andrews, Assistant Attorney General
Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Jessica Cirello, Professional Licensing Supervisor
Michael Tarr, Comprehensive Health Planner II

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Linda Butler, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the March 14, 2025 minutes.

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio and seconded by Benjamin Strick to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Angela Fileccia

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2024-SOC-20165

A motion was made by Linda Butler 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: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20166

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: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20167

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: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20169

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to dismiss this complaint, due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules, and to issue a letter of guidance, citing NASW Code of Ethics 4.05A (impairment), which will stay in the licensee’s file for 5 years.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed: Angela Fileccia and 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20170

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D’Attilio and seconded by Linda Butler to dismiss this complaint, due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules, and to issue a letter of guidance, citing NASW Code of Ethics 1.07I (electronic communication and privacy), which will stay in the licensee’s file for 1 year.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed: Angela Fileccia and 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20233

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, and to issue a letter of guidance, citing NASW Code of Ethics 1.06C (conflict of interest), which will stay in the licensee’s file for 2 years.

Vote: 3 in favor, 2 opposed: Angela Fileccia and Linda Butler and 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20242

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

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 absent: Angela Fileccia and 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20257; 20258

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to offer an interim consent agreement with a suspension of licensure and to hold off on a hearing until after the criminal case is concluded.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 recused, Linda Butler, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20310

A motion was made by Linda Butler 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: 4 in favor, 1 recused: Leslie Lufkin and 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20332

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: 4 in favor, 1 recused: Leslie Lufkin and 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20346

A motion was made by Linda Butler 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, and to issue a letter of guidance, discussing the value of integrity, which will stay in the licensee's file for 2 years.

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2024-SOC-20495

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: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2022-SOC-18703 Quarterly Report Review

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

Vote: 6 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: 6 in favor.

2023-SOC-19453 Quarterly Report Review

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

Vote: 6 in favor.

2024-SOC-19930; 20443 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to table this review and direct Board staff to have the supervisor sign all the reports, submit the missing 1/19/25 report and send reports in chronological order.

Vote: 6 in favor.

2024-SOC-20021 Quarterly Report Review

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

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 recused: Leslie Lufkin.

2024-SOC-20207 Proposed Supervisor Review

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Linda Butler to approve the proposed supervisor.

Vote: 6 in favor.

2024-SOC-20430 Continuing Education Review

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Benjamin Strick to accept the continuing education hours.

Vote: 6 in favor.

2025-SOC-20606 Proposed Consent Agreement Review

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to accept the proposed consent agreement.

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 absent: Christopher Leighton.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Initial & Renewal Applications: Ekatrina Jaynes

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio and seconded by Benjamin Strick to grant the LCSW application.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Angela Fileccia, 1 absent: Christopher Leighton.

Initial Application: Heather Borst

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to preliminarily deny the pending LMSW application.

Vote: 4 in favor, 2 absent: Leslie Lufkin and Christopher Leighton.

REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL LICENSE EXTENSION

Stacey Medina

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to deny the extension request and allow the licensee to withdraw the renewal application.

Vote: 4 in favor, 2 absent: Leslie Lufkin and Christopher Leighton.

Christopher Peckham

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to deny the extension request and allow the licensee to withdraw the renewal application.

Vote: 4 in favor, 2 absent: Leslie Lufkin and Christopher Leighton.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

A motion was made by Linda Buter and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)E (consultation with Board attorney).

Vote: 4 in favor, 2 absent: Leslie Lufkin and Christopher Leighton.

Executive Session: 1:03 p.m.-1:14 p.m.

RULEMAKING DISCUSSION

Board members continued their discussion on edits to Board rules Chapter 13. Rulemaking discussions will continue at future Board meetings.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Board Administrator, Kristina Halvorsen, discussed her upcoming retirement, effective April 30, 2025.

Board staff reviewed the dashboard report that details current licensure and application numbers and discussed issues contributing to the number of incomplete applications received.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lee-Andra D'Attilio and seconded by Angela Fileccia to adjourn the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Vote: 3 in favor, 3 absent: Leslie Lufkin, Christopher Leighton and Benjamin Strick.