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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Butler, Board Chair
Lee-Andra D'Attilio, Vice Chair
Angela Fileccia
Leslie Lufkin
Christopher Leighton, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Benjamin Strick, Complaint Officer

STAFF PRESENT

Samantha Andrews, Assistant Attorney General
Rebekah Smith, Hearing Officer
Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Jessica Cirello, Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Linda Butler, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO DISMISS ADJUDICATORY HEARING

2023-SOC-19232 Robert Jaskiewicz

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Christopher Leighton to deny the motion to dismiss adjudicatory hearing.

Vote: 5 in favor.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the January 10, 2025 minutes.

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

Vote: 5 in favor.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2024-SOC-20014

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Christopher Leighton to set this matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement, in lieu of a hearing, citing NASW Code of Ethics 1.06D (clarification of roles), 1.08A (access to records) and 3.04A (accurate records) and M.R.S. 10 §8003 5-A (A)10 (failure to produce documentation for a pending complaint) with a warning and 24 months of probation with monthly consultation with a Board-approved Maine clinical mental health licensee who will submit quarterly and final reports to the Board for review.

Vote: 5 in favor.

2024-SOC-20235

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: 5 in favor.

2024-SOC-20248

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to set this matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement, in lieu of a hearing, citing M.R.S. 10 §8003 5-A (A)1 (misrepresentation) and NASW Code of Ethics 4.04 (dishonesty) and 4.06C (misrepresentation) with: a reprimand; a \$1500 civil penalty to be paid within 30 days; and the direction for Board staff to refer this issue to the other states the former licensee is currently licensed in.

Vote: 5 in favor.

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2013-SOC-8831 Proposed Supervisor Review

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Christopher Leighton to approve the proposed supervisor.

Vote: 5 in favor.

2023-SOC-19453 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Christopher Leighton to accept the reports as submitted and direct Board staff to contact the supervisor about ensuring future reports are signed and dated.

Vote: 5 in favor.

2023-SOC-19689 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to accept the reports as submitted and direct Board staff to contact the supervisor about ensuring future reports have more details about clinical progress and are signed and dated.

Vote: 5 in favor.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Initial Application: Nolan Thompson

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to preliminarily deny the LMSW application due to the applicant's prior license discipline.

Vote: 5 in favor.

A motion was made by Christopher Leighton and seconded by Angela Fileccia 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: 5 in favor.

Executive session 11:18 a.m.-11:41 a.m.

Initial & Renewal Applications: Ekatrina Jaynes

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Lee-Andra D'Attilio to grant the LMSW-cc renewal application and leave the LCSW pending until Board staff can gather more information regarding the concerns presented by the former supervisor.

Vote: 5 in favor.

24 M.R.S. § 2506 REPORTS

Report 1

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to initiate a complaint based on the report.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Christopher Leighton, 1 recused: Angela Fileccia.

Report 2

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to table this report and direct Board staff to gather additional details regarding the concern.

Vote: 2 in favor, 2 opposed: Angela Fileccia and Lee-Andra D’Attilio, 1 abstained: Christopher Leighton.

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to table this report and direct Board staff to gather additional details regarding the concern.

Vote: 2 in favor, 3 opposed: Angela Fileccia, Lee-Andra D’Attilio and Christopher Leighton.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board Chair

Vice Chair

Complaint Officer

A motion was made by Angela Fileccia and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to nominate Linda Butler as Board Chair, Lee-Andra D’Attilio as Vice Chair and Benjamin Strick as Complaint Officer.

Vote: 5 in favor.

SOCIAL WORK COMPACT DISCUSSION

The Social Work Compact held their second meeting last week which Board member Fileccia attended. During this meeting the bylaws were adopted, the different committees were solidified, and the executive committee members were voted on. There are committees on rules, compliance, finance, elections and communications. Board member Fileccia volunteered to sit on the rules committee. NASW, CSWE and ASWB will also have representatives on the committees. These smaller committees will meet much more frequently than the full commission. The full commission will meet annually after the initial details are determined.

The interstate compact was reviewed in depth. There were also discussions about the software database and licensing fees to join the compact. All northeast states near Maine have joined the Social Work Compact except for Massachusetts.

Kristina will forward Board member Fileccia’s notes from the Social Work Compact meeting to all Board members.

RULEMAKING DISCUSSION

Board members further discussed potential rule changes to Chapter 13. Board members discussed potentially proposing law changes to the current requirements for

DHHS LSX supervisors. Board members requested data on the number of complaints with findings on DHHS LSX licensees versus non-DHHS LSX licensees.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Board Administrator, Kristina Halvorsen, discussed the dismissal of the complaint made against the Board to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to enter into executive session pursuant to M.R.S. 1 §405 (6)E (consultation with counsel).

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 absent: Christopher Leighton.

Executive session 1:49 p.m.-1:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 absent: Christopher Leighton.