

**Board of Social Worker Licensure
Public Board Meeting
Friday, September 12, 2025**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Butler, Board Chair
Benjamin Strick, Complaint Officer
Angela Fileccia
Leslie Lufkin

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lee-Andra D'Attilio, Vice Chair
Christopher Leighton, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Samantha Andrews, Assistant Attorney General
Michael Tarr, Comprehensive Health Planner II
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor
Penny Vaillancourt, OPOR Director

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Linda Butler, called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the August 8, 2025 minutes.

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Benjamin Strick to approve the minutes after revision to edit Linda's name on page 3, edit Leslie Lufkin's name on page 2, and that 2024-SOC-20438 be corrected to 32 M.R.S. § 7002 instead of Title 5. The Board voted to change the violation to cite 32 M.R.S. § 7051 as it is more appropriate.

Vote: 4 in favor.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2025-SOC-20647

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to table due to lack of quorum with Linda Butler's recusal.

Vote: 4 in favor.

2025-SOC-20750

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to table due to lack of quorum with Benjamin Strick's recusal.

Vote: 4 in favor.

2024-SOC-20360

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: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2045-SOC-20398

A motion was made by Leslie Lufkin and seconded by Linda Butler to dismiss without prejudice to be brought back to the Board if they ever apply for licensure again.

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

2024-SOC-20492

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to dismiss and issue a letter of guidance, citing NASW Code of Ethics 3.04A (client records), which will stay in the licensee's file for 6 months.

Vote: 2 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick, 1 opposed: Angela Fileccia.

2025-SOC-20552

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

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

2025-SOC-20674

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

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

2025-SOC-20674

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: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Benjamin Strick.

2025-SOC-20748

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

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

2025-SOC-20774

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

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

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2022-SOC-18703 Reports

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to accept the reports as written.

Vote: 4 in favor.

2023-SOC-18881 Reports and Final Recommendation

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

Vote: 4 in favor.

2023-SOC-18938 Final Recommendation

A motion was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Angela Fileccia to accept the report and end probation.

Vote: 4 in favor.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Initial Application: Matthew Lee

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Angela Fileccia to approve the application as a psychical education degree is considered an educational degree. No need for the Board to approve applicants with a physical education degree.

Vote: 4 in favor.

Initial Application: James Alciere

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Angela Fileccia to preliminarily deny the application but allow the licensee to withdraw the application in leu of a denial. The licensee can apply for the LSX again and obtain the supervised experience required before applying for an LSW license.

Vote: 4 in favor.

CONTINUING EDUCATION DELEGATION ORDER

Samantha Andrews discussed the current delegation order with the Board and asked that the Board change the delegation to include renewal of the license after the continuing education requirements are met. OPOR Director, Penny Vaillancourt requested that the Board table the request for further review.

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Linda Butler to table for a future discussion.

Vote: 4 in favor

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Penny Vaillancourt, Director, updated the Board on Compact discussions. Penny also discussed some challenges with the current reinstatement of license process.

COMPACT DISCUSSION

Angela Fileccia discussed the status of the social work compact. Specifically, the financial issues they are having.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Benjamin Strick and seconded by Leslie Lufkin to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Vote: 4 in favor.