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**Board of Alcohol & Drug Counselors
Public Board Meeting
Friday, September 20, 2024**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Rogers, Board Chair
Darlene Panzino, Vice Chair
Lisa Williams, Complaint Officer
Laurence Gross, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Katie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General
Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Jessica Cirello, Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Robert Rogers, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the April 19, 2024 minutes.

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: 4 in favor.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2023-ALC-19228

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Lisa Williams.

2024-ALC-19913

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Robert Rogers to set this matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement, in lieu of a hearing, for the violation of Board rules Chapter 9, Section 1 (respect the rights, dignity and person of clients), with a revocation of both the LADC and CCS licenses.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Lisa Williams.

2024-ALC-19914

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules and issue a letter of guidance, citing Board rules Chapter 8, Section 3(3)(D) (dual relationships), which will stay in the licensee's file for 5 years.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Lisa Williams.

2024-ALC-19941

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Robert Rogers to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Lisa Williams.

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2021-ALC-17978 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Lisa Williams and seconded by Laurence Gross to accept the reports as submitted and direct Board staff to contact the supervisor and request separate reports for each supervision session.

Vote: 4 in favor.

2024-ALC-19741 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to accept the reports as submitted.

Vote: 4 in favor.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Initial Application: Ashley Johnson

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to approve the application as the applicant has demonstrated she has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust.

Vote: 4 in favor.

Initial Application: Andrea Barbee

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Darlene Panzino to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(F) and 22 M.R.S. § 1711-C to discuss confidential health information.

Vote: 4 in favor.

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to exit executive session.

Vote: 4 in favor.

Executive session 9:45 a.m.-9:53 a.m.

A motion was made by Robert Rogers and seconded by Laurence Gross to table this review and direct Board staff to request more information so the Board can determine if the applicant has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant public trust.

Vote: 4 in favor.

Renewal Application: Laurie Cronin

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Laurence Gross to table this review and direct Board staff to request letters of support to determine if the applicant has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant public trust.

Vote: 4 in favor.

Reinstatement Application: Philip Bartley

A motion was made by Darlene Panzino and seconded by Lisa Williams to preliminarily deny this application due to the finding that this applicant hasn't been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust on the basis of 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(3) for the conviction of a crime to the extent permitted by M.R.S. Title 5, Chapter 341.

Vote: 4 in favor.

Initial Application: Thomas Caswell

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to preliminarily deny this application due to the finding that this applicant hasn't been sufficiently

rehabilitated to warrant the public trust on the basis of 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(3) for the conviction of a crime to the extent permitted by M.R.S. Title 5, Chapter 341.

Vote: 4 in favor.

RULEMAKING DISCUSSION

Board Administrator, Kristina Halvorsen, will send Board members the current Board rules, the governing statutes and any bills that have been passed recently that are related to the Board. Rulemaking discussions will begin at the next regular Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Laurence Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 opposed: Darlene Panzino.