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**Minutes
Maine Board of Alcohol & Drug Counselors
September 15, 2023 Board Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Rogers, Board Chair
Lisa Williams
Laurence Gross

MEMBERS ABSENT

Darlene Panzino, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Robert Rogers called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of June 13, 2023.

A motion was made by Larry Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to approve the minutes after edits suggested by Katie Johnson.

Vote: 2 in favor (1 abstained – Rob Rogers).

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2022-ALC-18195

A motion was made by Lisa Williams and seconded by Larry Gross to dismiss with a letter of guidance.

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OFFICE LOCATION: GARDINER ANNEX
76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

A motion was made by Lisa Williams and seconded by Larry Gross to revise the motion to cite Board Rules Chapter 9(10) and Chapter 8 (3)(3)(E). The letter of guidance is to stay in the file for 5 years.

Vote: 3 in favor.

2022-ALC-18422

A motion was made by Larry Gross and seconded by Rob Rogers to table due to lack of quorum with the recusal of Lisa Williams.

Vote: 3 in favor.

2022-ALC-18630
2020-ALC-16682 and 16757 Compliance Document

A motion was made by Lisa Williams and seconded by Larry Gross to table these items and direct Board staff to follow up with the licensee's treatment provider to determine if the licensee has continued treatment and to obtain the missing documentation from the provider.

Vote: 3 in favor.

2023-ALC-18871

A motion was made by Lisa Williams and seconded by Larry Gross to dismiss with a letter of guidance citing Board Rules Chapter 8(3)(3)(E). The letter of guidance is to stay in the file for 3 years.

Vote: 3 in favor.

2023-ALC-18883

A motion was made by Rob Rogers and seconded by Lisa Williams to table and request additional documentation.

Vote: 3 in favor.

COMPLAINT ITEMS

2020-ALC-1868 Reports and CE's

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

Vote: 3 in favor.

2021-ALC-17978 Report

A motion was made by Lisa Williams and seconded by Larry Gross not to accept the submitted report and request documentation from the supervisor to see if the required supervision has continued as required by the consent agreement.

Vote: 3 in favor.

2022-ALC-18061 Request for Reconsideration

A motion was made by Larry Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to amend the consent agreement with the requested changes.

Vote: 3 in favor.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Jennifer Giggey

A motion was made by Larry Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams 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 at 9:59 a.m.

Vote: 3 in favor.

A motion was made by Larry Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to exit executive session at 10:04 a.m.

Vote: 3 in favor.

A motion was made by Larry Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to find the applicant has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public's trust as defined in 5 M.R.S. Chapter 341 and approve the application.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Alexander Coupe

A motion was made by Lisa Williams and seconded by Rob Rogers to preliminarily deny this application on the basis of 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(3), for the conviction of a crime to the extent permitted by 5 M.R.S. Chapter 341, as the applicant hasn't proven he has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant public trust as defined in 5 M.R.S. Chapter 341.

Vote: 3 in favor.

William White

A motion was made by Lisa Williams and seconded by Larry Gross to preliminarily deny this application on the basis of 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(3), for the conviction of a crime to the extent permitted by 5 M.R.S. Chapter 341, as the applicant hasn't proven he has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant public trust as defined in 5 M.R.S. Chapter 341.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Brian Martin

A motion was made by Larry Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to preliminarily deny this application on the basis of 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(3), for the conviction of a crime to the extent permitted by 5 M.R.S. Chapter 341, as the applicant hasn't proven he has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant public trust as defined in 5 M.R.S. Chapter 341.

Vote: 3 in favor.

Roy Ulrickson

A motion was made by Lisa Williams and seconded by Larry Gross to preliminarily deny this application and offer a Consent Agreement, citing Board rules Chapter 9 § 1 (respect the rights, dignity and person of each client) and Chapter 9 § 10 (using appropriate or personal channels to correct behavior detrimental to the client or the public), along with a 2-year probation period requiring monthly supervision, with a Board-approved supervisor who will submit quarterly and final reports to the Board, and the completion of 12 hours of continuing education within 2 years, in addition to the regular continuing education requirements for licensure, which will focus on boundaries, dual relationships, and ethics.

Vote: 3 in favor.

RULEMAKING

Licensure by Endorsement – Rule Chapter 5

A motion was made by Larry Gross and seconded by Lisa Williams to adopt the proposed rule and basis statement.

Vote: 3 in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Board Administrator, Kristina Halvorsen, explained the complaint officer role to the board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lisa Williams and seconded by Larry Gross to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Vote: 3 in favor.