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Minutes
Maine Board of Alcohol & Drug Counselors
September 16, 2022 Board Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Wood, Board Chair
Gregory Romanoff, Vice Chair
Katie Dickson, Complaint Officer

STAFF PRESENT

Mark Terison, Hearing Officer
Jennifer Willis, Assistant Attorney General
Katie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General
Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Wood called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of April 15, 2022

A motion was made by Gregory Romanoff and seconded by Katie Dickson to approve the minutes with the following changes: under the first application, changing the motion to "A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded Gregory Romanoff to table the application and request additional information", and under the second application, changing the motion to "A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Katie Dickson to Preliminarily Deny the application because the applicant has not been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust".

Vote: 3 in favor

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ADJUDICATORY HEARING

2022-ALC-18293 John Clark

The hearing started at 9:06 a.m.

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to issue the applicant a license to practice as a certified alcohol and drug counselor immediately with probation for two licensure renewals with requirements for continued sobriety, that the licensee meet with a Board approved supervisor to discuss clinical skills, charts and boundaries, and quarterly reports from the Board-approved supervisor, and quarterly reports from his current therapist on sobriety. The decision will be effective upon the Board chair's signature.

Vote: 3 in favor

The hearing ended at 12:25 p.m.

Katie Dickson left the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2021-ALC-17563

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to dismiss with a letter of guidance, citing Board Rules Chapter 8, section 3(3)(E) and state and federal confidentiality requirements. The letter of guidance will remain in the licensee's file for 2 years.

Vote: 2 in favor

2021-ALC-17581

A motion was made by Gregory Romanoff and seconded by Jennifer Wood to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 2 in favor

2021-ALC-17941

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 2 in favor

2021-ALC-17978

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to find the licensee in violation of Board Rules Chapter 8, Section 3(3)(D) and Section 4(A) and (E)

and to offer a Consent Agreement to include: 2 years of probation with the following requirements: the licensee must meet with a Board-approved supervisor once a month for at least one hour to discuss boundaries, ethics, and dual relationships; the supervisor must submit quarterly reports and a final report at the end of the probationary period; and the licensee must complete 12 additional continuing education credits, including 6 in ethics and 6 in dual relationships, which cannot be counted toward the required continued education for renewal.

Vote: 2 in favor

2022-ALC-18118

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(F), in a motion made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff, the Board voted unanimously to enter executive session to discuss information that is confidential and not subject to access by the general public pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003-B at 1:35 p.m.

Vote: 2 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to end executive session at 1:42 p.m.

Vote: 2 in favor

A motion was made by Gregory Romanoff and seconded by Jennifer Wood to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 2 in favor

2022-ALC-18353

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of the Laws and Rules.

Vote: 2 in favor

2022-ALC-18426

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to find the licensee in violation of 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(2) and to offer a Consent Agreement to include the surrender of both licenses, with a provision allowing the licensee to reapply for licensure after providing the Board with proof of 6 months of sobriety. The Board will have the sole discretion to approve or deny the application.

Vote: 2 in favor

2022-ALC-18440

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to offer an interim consent agreement with suspension of the license until criminal proceedings are complete.

Vote: 2 in favor

COMPLAINT ITEMS

2019-ALC-16159 CE Approval (1)

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to accept the continuing education as meeting the requirements of the consent agreement.

Vote: 2 in favor

2019-ALC-16159 CE Approval (2)

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to accept the continuing education as meeting the requirements of the consent agreement.

Vote: 2 in favor

2019-ALC-16159 Reports

A motion was made by Gregory Romanoff and seconded by Jennifer Wood to accept the reports.

Vote: 2 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to accept the final report and end probation.

Vote: 2 in favor

2020-ALC-16682 and 16757 Compliance Document

A motion was made by Gregory Romanoff and seconded by Jennifer Wood to accept the compliance document.

Vote: 2 in favor

2020-ALC-16868 Non-Compliance with CA

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to file a complaint for non-compliance.

Vote: 2 in favor

2020-ALC-16697 Reports (1)(2) and (3)

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to approve the reports.

Vote: 2 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to accept the final report and end probation.

Vote: 2 in favor

APPLICATIONS

Brian Landry – Initial Application

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(F), in a motion made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff, the Board voted unanimously to enter executive session to discuss information that is confidential and not subject to access by the general public pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 1711-C at 2:21 p.m.

Vote: 2 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to end executive session at 2:44 p.m.

Vote: 2 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to approve the application for a certified alcohol and drug counselor license with the offer of a consent agreement to include: probation for 6 months, with a requirement that the licensee's work supervisor submit two quarterly reports and a final report before termination of probation. The Board found that the applicant had been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust.

Vote: 2 in favor

Kara Perkins – Initial Application

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(F), in a motion made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff, the Board voted unanimously to enter executive session to discuss information that is confidential and not subject to access by the general public pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 1711-C at 2:50 p.m.

Vote: 2 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to end executive session at 2:54 p.m.

Vote: 2 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to table the application and request additional information on the applicant's job description.

Vote: 2 in favor

Kiley Pelletier – Initial Application

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(F), in a motion made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff, the Board voted unanimously to enter executive session to discuss information that is confidential and not subject to access by the general public pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 1711-C at 2:56 p.m.

Vote: 2 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to end executive session at 3:05 p.m.

Vote: 2 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to preliminarily deny the application pursuant to 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, based on insufficient evidence that the applicant has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust.

Vote: 2 in favor

Kayla Ireland – Initial Application

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(F), in a motion made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff, the Board voted unanimously to enter executive session to discuss information that is confidential and not subject to access by the general public pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 1711-C at 3:07 p.m.

Vote: 2 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to end executive session at 3:13 p.m.

Vote: 2 in favor

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to table the application pending further investigation.

Vote: 2 in favor

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator, discussed with the board that changes to the remote participation policy are being discussed and that a copy will be ready for the board to review at the next meeting. Kristina said good-bye to Gregory Romanoff and thanked him for his time with the board as he is retiring from the board after this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Gregory Romanoff to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Vote: 2 in favor