

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF COUNSELING PROFESSIONALS LICENSURE

Minutes February 27, 2006 Board Meeting

Members Present: Theodore Chaffee, Board Chair; Cheryl Davis (arrived at 11:00 a.m.), Cynthia Woodard (left at 2:30 p.m.), Reid Stevens, Polly Moutevelis-Burgess (left at 2:30 p.m.), Scott Hutcherson (left at 2:00 p.m.), and David Bellville.

Others Present: Judy Peters, AAG; Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator; Colleen Eugley, Board Clerk.

Members Absent: Karen St. Clair.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Theodore Chaffee, Chair, at 8:52 a.m.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of December 19, 2005 Minutes

Polly Moutevelis-Burgess made a motion to approve the December 19, 2005 minutes. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Woodard.

Vote: 4 in favor (3 recused - David Bellville, Cheryl Davis, and Reid Stevens)

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Administrator's Report

Penny Vaillancourt provided the board with current licensing and financial information. She also informed the Board that the Rulemaking Committee met recently and will be meeting again in the next few weeks.

B. License Denial Hearings

Ellen Grunblatt

The hearing began at 9:50 a.m.

The hearing was closed to testimony at 10:30 a.m.

Motion made by Cynthia Woodard and seconded by Scott Hutcherson to uphold the denial on point #1 and grant the appeal on point #2.

Vote: 4 in favor; 2 opposed (Polly Moutevelis-Burgess and David Bellville)

C. Complaint Items

COU-143

Cheryl Davis made a motion to accept the continuing education documentation per the consent agreement. Cynthia Woodard seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 in favor

D. Complaint Presentations 1:00

COU-138

A complaint was filed against a Registered Counselor by another practitioner for unprofessional conduct and alleged dual relationships.

After a review and discussion of the issues involved, David Bellville made a motion to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance specific to dual relationships and ethics. Scott Hutcherson seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – Cheryl Davis)

COU-145

A complaint was filed against a Registered Counselor by a former employer alleging unprofessional conduct.

After a review and discussion of the issues involved, Polly Moutevelis-Burgess motioned to dismiss the complaint due to insufficient information for a violation to be found. Cindy Woodard seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – Cheryl Davis)

COU-147

A complaint was filed against a LCPC by an employer alleging unprofessional conduct with clients.

After a review and discussion of additional documentation, Cindy Woodard motioned and Reid Stevens seconded the motion to keep the original terms of the consent agreement.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused - Cheryl Davis)

E. Correspondence

Diane Knowlton – Retroactive approval of supervisor – Penny Vaillancourt will draft a letter from the Board to request a supervisor’s affidavit from the licensee.

F. Miscellaneous

1. Supervisor Approvals

Shelley Walker Rosen – Approved
Lisa Lower – Approved
Bodhi Simpson – Approved

2. Renewal Applications

Laurence Gagne – answered “no” to continuing education because of financial hardship

David Bellville made a motion to deny the renewal application and propose a consent agreement allowing him six months to do 40 hours of continuing education and 4 hours of ethics, and also to include a reprimand. Polly Moutevelis-Burgess seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor (3 recused - Cindy Woodard, Cheryl Davis, and Scott Hutcherson)

G. Applications

Cheryl Davis motioned and Cindy Woodard seconded the motion to accept the applications as presented.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – Scott Hutcherson)

Cindy Woodard motioned and Reid Stevens seconded the motion to accept the renewal applications as presented.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – Scott Hutcherson)

Request for Inactive Status

Stephanie Finnemore - Approved

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Ted Chaffee read a letter from Cheryl Davis informing the Board that she is resigning as Complaint Officer of the Board, but will continue her term as a Board member.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cindy Woodard made a motion to elect David Bellville as complaint officer. Motion seconded by Polly Moutevelis-Burgess.

No Vote

Motion to withdraw the nomination made by Cindy Woodard and seconded by Polly Moutevelis-Burgess.

The Board will vote next month to elect a complaint officer.

Cindy Woodard motioned and Scott Hutcherson seconded the motion to elect Ted Chaffee as Board Chair.

Vote: 7 in favor

Polly Moutevelis-Burgess motioned and Cindy Woodard seconded the motion to elect Reid Stevens as Vice-Chair.

Vote: 7 in favor

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Eugley,
Board Clerk