

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Board Meeting
Saturday, April 16, 2016, 9:30 AM
Texas Department of State Health Services, Exchange Building
8407 Wall Street, Room N-102
Austin, TX 78754

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Evelyn Husband-Thompson, Public Member
George Francis, Public Member
Rick Bruhn, Professional Member
Sean Stokes, Professional Member
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member
Rachel Logue, Public Member
Keith Rosenbaum, Professional Member
Kenneth Bateman, Professional Member
Michael Miller, Public Member

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Georgia Norman
Dawn Burton

Guests Present:

Joe Walraven
Lee Bukstein
Thao Phan
Jason Martin

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 9:30 am by Ms. Smothermon, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of the minutes of the January 23, 2016 Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the amended minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion regarding reports from the following board committees:

Dr. Bruhn gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee reviewed 11 cases, of which 6 cases were approved, 3 cases were denied and 2 cases were tabled. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Miller gave the Ethics Committee meeting report. The committee reviewed 11 cases, of which 9 cases were closed and 3 cases were proposed for disciplinary action. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Stokes gave the Rules Committee meeting report. The committee discussed 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §801.236. Inactive Status, §801.204 (Licensing of Military Service members, Military Veterans, and Military Spouses), §801.115– Academic Requirements and Supervised Clinical Practicum Equivalency for Applicants Currently Licensed in Another Jurisdiction, §801.174 Licensure and Jurisprudence Examinations, §801.142 Supervised Clinical Experience Requirements and Conditions. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Francis gave the Professional Development Committee report. The committee discussed about the continuing education providers' audit. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was Executive Session: Consultation with Board attorney pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071 regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or settlement offers.

The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists having convened on this date and with a quorum present will now go into Executive Session in accordance with Government Code Chapter 551 (Open Meetings Act) of the State of Texas, for the purposes of consulting with the board attorney concerning the matter of agenda item 6. The date is April 16, 2016. The time is 11:14 am. The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists came out of Executive Session at 11:40 am. No action taken. The date is April 16, 2016.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or settlement offers.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion to elect the Vice-Chair of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, pursuant to 22 Texas Administrative Code §801.11. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to appoint Dr. Stokes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 7 was the report from the Board Chair and update concerning: current challenges and accomplishments; lawsuits; interaction with stakeholders, state officials, and staff; committee appointments and functions; workload of board members; conferences; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the board. Ms. Smothermon gave the report.

Agenda Item 8 was the report from the Executive Director and update concerning: program operations; customer service accomplishments, inquiries, and challenges; current and/or historical licensee statistics; media, legislative, and stakeholder contacts and concerns; workload processing; special projects assigned to executive director; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the licensure program. Ms. Gomez gave the report.

Agenda Item 9 was the Management report and update from the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit manager, including: unit organization and staffing; program costs and revenue; current operational initiatives; customer service accomplishments and challenges; workload processing and statistical information; status of rulemaking within the unit; legislative and media contacts and tracking; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the unit. Mr. Speer gave the report.

Agenda Item 10 was the discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board.

Agenda Item 11 was public comment. Two people addressed the board.

Agenda Item 12 was to set upcoming meeting dates and locations. The next meeting date will be July 14-16, 2016, October 13-15, 2016, January 20-21, 2016, April 14-15, 2017, July 14-15, 2017 and October 13-14, 2017.

Agenda Item 13 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.