

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists

Board Meeting

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

Exchange Building, Room N-102

8407 Wall Street, Austin, TX 78754

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

George Francis, Public Member
Sean Stokes, Professional Member
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member
Keith Rosenbaum, Professional Member
Michael Miller, Public Member
Ken Bateman, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Sarah Faszholz
Georgia Norman
Tim Speer
Scott Merchant

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 1:00 pm by Ms. Smothermon, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of the minutes of the January 27, 2018, Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Mr. Miller gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee reviewed the recommendations of the pre-determination panel to close 1 case as no violation. The committee also discussed the policy to settle cases informally and the rule review as directed by Government Code § 2001.039 pertaining to agency review of existing rules. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Rosenbaum gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee reviewed 4 cases, of which 3 cases were approved and 1 case was denied. The committee also discussed changes to proposed form, Sanctioned Supervision Checklist, which is under consideration for posting on board's website and rule review as directed by Government Code § 2001.039 pertaining to agency review of existing rules. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Francis gave the Professional Development Committee report. The committee discussed the quarterly summary from the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists' Jurisprudence Examination vendor, changes in the board's Jurisprudence Examination and the rule review as directed by Government Code § 2001.039 pertaining to agency review of existing rules. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Stokes gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed about the rule review as directed by Government Code § 2001.039 pertaining to agency review of existing rules. A motion was made by Dr. Rosenbaum to accept the recommendations for publishing in the Texas Register. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion on agreed orders, default orders, and final orders in the following enforcement cases:

A motion was made by Dr. Stokes to accept the order for # 1062-14-0028 DM. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Rosenbaum to accept the order for # 1062-17-0014 LD. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the report from the Board Chair concerning current challenges and accomplishments, including Sunset review; 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 6 was the report from the executive director 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. Faszholz gave the report.

Agenda Item 7 was the Management report from the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit Manager, concerning 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 routine unit functions. Mr. Speer gave the report.

Agenda Item 8 was the discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board.

Agenda Item 9 was public comment. Two people addressed the board.

Agenda Item 10 was Executive Session: Consultation with board attorney pursuant to Government Code § 551.071 regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or settlement offers. No executive session.

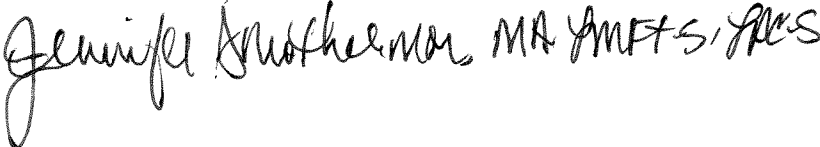
Agenda Item 11 was the discussion regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or settlement offers.

Agenda Item 12 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Per 22 TAC §801.13(g) The executive director shall sign the approved minutes of each meeting.


Sarah Faszholz, Interim Executive Director

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