

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists

Board Meeting

Saturday, April 13, 2019, 10 a.m.

Tarrant County College – Southeast Campus
Main Building, ESEC Wing, North Ballroom
2100 Southeast Parkway, Arlington, TX 76018

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member
Michael Miller, Public Member
Ken Bateman, Professional Member
George Francis, Public Member
Anthony Scoma, Public Member
Richmond Stoglin, Professional Member
Lisa Merchant, Professional Member
Keith Rosenbaum, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Sarah Faszholz
Georgia Norman
Tim Speer
Jeff Bulloch

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 10:19 am, by Ms. Smothermon, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of the minutes of the January 26, 2019, Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Ms. Smothermon gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee discussed complaints closed, open complaints, Complaint Review Team activities and the Complaint Review Team policy. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Merchant gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee reviewed 8 cases, of which 6 cases were approved, 1 case was denied and 1 case was tabled. The committee also discussed the petition for the adoption of a rule, concerning 22 TAC Subchapter I Licensing — petition for new §801.205 Emergency Limited Temporary License. A motion was made by Mr. Scoma to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Bateman gave the Professional Development Committee report. The committee discussed potential changes to Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code, §801.18, concerning Fees and Subchapter K, concerning Continuing Education Requirements. The proposed amendments and call for public comment were published in the December 14, 2018 edition of the Texas Register (43 TexReg 8006) and the quarterly summary from the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists' Jurisprudence Examination vendor. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Smothermon gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed the board's Schedule of Sanctions / Aggravating and Mitigating Factors policy, the Complaint Review Team policy and the adoption of a rule, concerning 22 TAC Subchapter I Licensing — petition for new §801.205 Emergency Limited Temporary License. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding public comments concerning proposed amendments to Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code, §801.18, concerning Fees and Subchapter K, concerning Continuing Education Requirements. The proposed amendments and call for public comment were published in the December 14, 2018 edition of the Texas Register (43 TexReg 8006). A motion was made by Dr. Bateman to accept as proposed. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion regarding changes to the board's Schedule of Sanctions / Aggravating and Mitigating Factors policy. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept as proposed. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion regarding the board's Complaint Review Team policy.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion on the following agreed orders, default orders, and final orders in enforcement cases:

A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept the order for #1062-18-0026 AC. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept the order for #1062-19-0010 GS. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 8 was the discussion to elect a delegate and an alternate delegate to the Association of Marital & Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB). A motion was made to nominate Ms. Smothermon and Dr. Merchant as the alternate. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 9 was the discussion to elect a professional member delegate and a public member delegate to the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council (TBHEC), introduced to the 86th Texas Legislature in HB1501 and SB611. A motion was made by Dr. Bateman to nominate Ms. Smothermon. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made by Dr. Bateman to nominate Mr. Francis. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 10 was the report from the Board Chair 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 11 was the report from the Interim 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 interim executive director; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the licensure program. Ms. Faszholz gave the report.

Agenda Item 12 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 13 was the discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board.

Agenda Item 14 was public comment. Two people addressed the board.

Agenda Item 15 was the Executive Session: Consultation with board attorney pursuant to Government Code § 551.071 regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or settlement offers. There was no executive session.

Agenda Item 16 was the discussion regarding pending or contemplated litigation or settlement offers. There was none.

Agenda Item 17 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.

Jennifer Smothermon, MA & M.F.S. JCS