

**Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Board Meeting
Saturday, January 21, 2017, 10:30 AM
8407 Wall Street, Exchange Building, N-102
Austin, TX 78754**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

George Francis, Public Member
Rick Bruhn, Professional Member
Sean Stokes, Professional Member
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member
Kenneth Bateman, Professional Member
Michael Miller, Public Member

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Georgia Norman
Tim Speer

Guests Present:

Jodie Elder
Jason Martin

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 10:45 am by Ms. Smothermon, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was approval of the minutes of the October 15, 2016 Board meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Stokes to approve the minutes as amended. 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 14 cases, of which 2 cases were closed, 10 cases were close with stipulations and 2 cases were proposed for disciplinary action. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Bruhn gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee reviewed 5 cases, of which 4 cases were approve and 1 case was tabled. 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 the quarterly summary from the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists' Jurisprudence Examination vendor. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion related to the English Language Learner (ELL) Special Arrangements Request for the Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) National Examination. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules 22 TAC §801.42 Professional Therapeutic Services, for publication in the Texas Register.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules 22 TAC §801.2- Definitions, for publication in the Texas Register.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules 22 TAC §801.44 Relationships with Clients for publication in the Texas Register.

Agenda Item 8 was the discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules 22 TAC §801.48 Record Keeping, Confidentiality and Release of Records, and Required Reporting for publication in the Texas Register.

Agenda Item 9 was the discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules regarding Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists licensees who conduct Child Custody Evaluations for publication in the Texas Register.

Agenda Item 10 was the discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules regarding Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists licensees who conduct or receive tele-practice and/or tele-supervision for publication in the Texas Register. A motion was made by Dr. Stokes to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 11 was the discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules 22 TAC §801.115- Academic Requirements and Supervised Clinical Practicum Equivalency for Applicants Currently Licensed in Another Jurisdiction, for publication in the Texas Register. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 12 was the discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules 22 TAC §801.142 Supervised Clinical Experience Requirements and Conditions for publication in the Texas Register. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 13 was the discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules 22 TAC §801.143 Supervisor Requirements for publication in the Texas Register. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 14 was the discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules 22 TAC §801.204 Licensing of Military Service Members, Military Veterans, and Military Spouses, for publication in the Texas Register. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 15 was the discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules 22 TAC §801.235 Late Renewal, for publication in the Texas Register. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 16 was the discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules 22 TAC §801.236 Inactive Status, for publication in the Texas Register. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 17 was the discussion regarding orders for the following cases:

A motion was made by Mr. Miller to accept the order for #1062-14-0001. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller to accept the order for #1062-14-0009 and #1062-14-0010. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 18 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 19 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 20 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 21 was the discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board.

Agenda Item 22 was public comment. Three people addressed the board.

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 24. The date is January 21, 2017. The time is 1:50 pm. The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists came out of Executive Session at 2:18 pm. No action taken. The date is January 21, 2017.

Agenda Item 23 was Executive Session: Consultation with Board attorney pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071 regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or settlement offers.

Agenda Item 24 was the discussion regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or settlement offers.

Agenda Item 25 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.