

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Board Meeting
Saturday, January 27, 2018, 10:30 a.m.
Exchange Building, Room N-102
8407 Wall Street, Austin, TX 78754

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

George Francis, Public Member
Rick Bruhn, Professional 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

Guests Present:

Robert Romig
Jodie Elder
Theophilus Natter

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 10:55 am by Ms. Smothermon, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of the minutes of the October 28, 2017 Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Miller 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 and closed 2 cases. The committee also discussed compliance activities and the rule review as directed by Government Code § 2001.039 pertaining to Agency Review of Existing Rules. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Bruhn gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee reviewed and approved 2 cases. The committee also discussed about the policy to authorize executive director to approve applications for examination for a third or more times, a policy to authorize executive director to review an applicant's criminal history as it aligns with a board-approved table of guidelines to determine whether to schedule the application for the Committee's review. The committee also discussed changes to Form A - Application Form for LMFT or LMFT-Associate Licensure and Form V - Licensed Supervised Experience Verification Form 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.

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 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 meeting report. The committee discussed 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.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion on board orders in enforcement cases, including 1062-15-0033. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve the order. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 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 6 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 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.

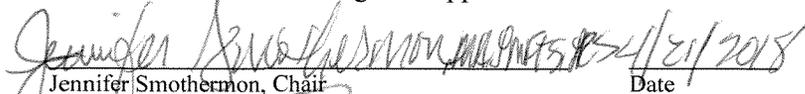
Agenda Item 9 was public comment. Two people addressed the board.

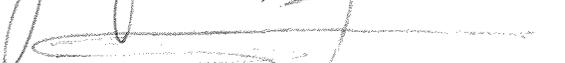
Agenda Item 10 was Executive Session: Consultation with board attorney pursuant to Government Code § 551.071 regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or settlement offers. There was no executive session.

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

Agenda Item 12 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Per 22 TAC §801.11(e)(1)(C) The chair shall sign the approved minutes of each meeting and per §801.13(g) The executive director shall sign the approved minutes of each meeting.


Jennifer Smothermon, Chair
Date 4-21-18


Sarah Faszholz, Interim Executive Director
Date 4-21-18