

✓ **Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists**
Board Meeting
Saturday, July 21, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
Abilene Christian University
Onstead-Packer Biblical Studies Building (Bldg #50), Hart Auditorium (Room 100)
1850 Teague Blvd., Abilene, TX 79601

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Sean Stokes, Professional Member
Rick Bruhn, Professional Member
Jennifer Smothermon, 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 10:30 am by Ms. Smothermon, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of the minutes of the April 21, 2018, 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:

Ms. Smothermon gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee reviewed the recommendations of the pre-determination panel regarding 3 cases, of which 1 case was proposed for a cease and desist and 2 cases were proposed for disciplinary actions. A motion was made by Dr. Stokes to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Bruhn gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee reviewed 13 cases, of which 7 cases were approved, 2 cases were denied and 4 cases were returned for more information. A motion was made by Dr. Bateman to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Bateman gave the Professional Development Committee report. The committee discussed the quarterly summary Jurisprudence Examination vendor and changes in the board's Jurisprudence Examination. 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 reviewed petition for the adoption of a rule, concerning 22 TAC §801.142 Supervised Clinical Experience Requirements and Conditions. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion on agreed orders, default orders, and final orders in enforcement cases, including # 1062-15-0046 PA. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve the order. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion to elect a 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 Mr. Miller to nominate Dr. Stokes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 6 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 by Dr. Bateman to nominate Ms. Smothermon and Dr. Bruhn. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 7 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 8 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 9 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.

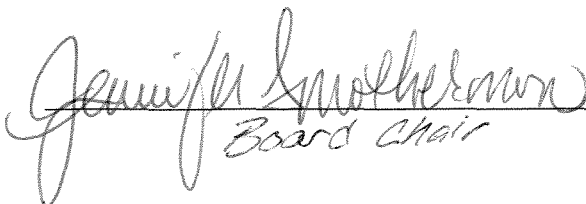
Agenda Item 10 was the discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board. The next meetings dates will be October 26-27, 2017, January 26-26, 2019, April 12-13, 2019, July 12-13, 2019 and October 18-19, 2019.

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

Agenda Item 12 was Executive Session: Consultation with board attorney pursuant to Government Code § 551.071. There was no Executive Session.

Agenda Item 13 was the discussion regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or settlement offers. No action taken.

Agenda Item 14 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:52 am.


Board Chair

