

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Board Meeting
Saturday, October 10, 2015, 9:30 AM University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Parker Academic Building, Room: Lord Conference Center
206 W 10th Ave.
Belton, TX 76513

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Michael Puhl, Public Member
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member
Rick Bruhn, Professional Member
Sean Stokes, Professional Member
Michael Miller, Public Member
George Francis, Public Member
Joe Ann Clack, Public Member
Beverly Womack, Professional Member
Keith Rosenbaum, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Tim Speer
Molly Fudell
Amanda Stallings

Guests Present:

Thao Phan	Terrance Tufts
Swathi Muppa	Jodie Elder
Bekah Capriglione	Leonard TyHarris
Megan Keith	William Benner
Shanna Lokhandwola	Ebege Maximilien
Omekia Tomlin	Jason Martin

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Mr. Puhl, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of minutes of the July 11, 2015 Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Dr. Bruhn gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee reviewed 16 cases, of which 13 cases were approved, 1 case was tabled for more information and 2 cases were denied. The committee also discussed training, education, and other specific requirements for supervisors providing supervision to licensees subject to a board order and potential changes to applications

and forms. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Smothermon gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee reviewed 8 cases, of which 4 cases were proposed for disciplinary action, 3 cases were closed, and 1 case was tabled. The committee also discussed cases awaiting hearings or resolutions through formal and informal conferences. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Stokes gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed potential amendments to rules to impose a time limit after which a degree may not be used to qualify for licensure, for publication in the Texas Register. The committee also discussed potential amendments to rules or new rules relating to HB 1449 regarding child custody evaluations and adoption evaluations, for publication in the Texas Register. 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 and questions to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists' Jurisprudence Examination. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules in 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 801.2 (Definitions), 801.44 (Relationships with clients), 801.57 (Technology-assisted services), 801.142 (Supervised clinical experience requirements and conditions), 801.143 (Supervisor requirements), and 801.235 (Late renewal), for publication in the Texas Register. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 5 Discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules in 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §801.204 (Licensing of Military Service members, Military Veterans, and Military Spouses) for publication in the Texas Register. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 6 Executive Session: Consultation with Board attorney pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071 regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or settlement offers.

The Texas State Examiners of Marriage & 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 6. The date is October 10, 2015. The time is 12:01 pm. The Texas State Examiners of Marriage & Family Therapists came out of Executive Session at 12:07 pm. No action taken. The date is October 10, 2015.

Agenda Item 7 was discussion regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or settlement offers. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 8 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. Mr. Puhl gave the report.

Agenda Item 9 was the report concerning: the recent AMFTRB conference, AMFTRB guidelines on tele practice and supervision, AMFTRB guidelines on arrangements for English Language Learners (ELL), addressing competency throughout a licensee's profession and ideas on enhancing competency development, update on the national exam, continuing education tracking and validation, utilizing specific programs as part of disciplinary action, and recent legal developments discussed at AMFTRB that may affect the board. Ms. Smothermon gave the report.

Agenda Item 10 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 11 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 12 was the discussion to elect the 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. Puhl to elect Ms. Smothermon the Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 13 was discussion regarding the Orders for Final Action for 1062-15-0039. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept the order for surrender. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 14 Discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 15 was public comment. Two people addressed the Board.

Agenda Item 16 was to set upcoming meeting dates and locations. The next meetings will be held January 21-23, 2016.

Agenda Item 17 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 12:08 pm.