

**Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 15, 2016, 9:30 AM**  
**Southern Methodist University at Plano**  
**5228 Tennyson Parkway, Building 3, Room 103,**  
**Plano, Texas 75024**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Evelyn Husband-Thompson, Public Member  
Rick Bruhn, Professional Member  
Sean Stokes, Professional Member  
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member  
Kenneth Bateman, Professional Member  
Michael Miller, Public Member  
Keith Rosenbaum, Professional Member

**Staff Present:**

Cheryl Gomez  
Georgia Norman  
Dawn Burton  
Tim Speer

**Guests Present:**

Jodie Elder  
Jason Martin

**Agenda Item 1** was to call the meeting to order at 9:33 am by Ms. Smothermon, chair.

**Agenda Item 2** was the approval of the minutes of the July 16, 2016 Board meeting.

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

Dr. Bruhn gave the Licensing Standards Committee meeting report. The committee reviewed 13 cases, of which 8 cases were approved and 6 cases were denied. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Miller gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee reviewed 9 cases, of which 6 cases were closed as no violation and 3 cases were closed with conditional letters of agreement. A motion was made by Dr. Bateman to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Stokes gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed potential changes to 22 TAC §801.2 Definitions, §801.44 Relationships with clients, §801.48 Record keeping, confidentiality and release of records, and required reporting. The committee also discussed about licensees who conduct child custody evaluations, tele-practice and/or tele-supervision, §801.115 Academic requirements and supervised clinical practicum equivalency for applicants currently licensed in another jurisdiction, §801.142 Supervised clinical experience requirements and conditions, §801.143 Supervisor requirements, §801.204 Licensing of military service members, military veterans, and military spouses, §801.235 Late renewal and §801.236 Inactive status. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to accept the amendments for publication and allow staff to make non-substantive changes. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Smothermon gave the Professional Development Committee meeting report. The committee discussed the quarterly summary from the 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 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 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 5. The date is October 15, 2016. The time is 10:52 am. The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists came out of Executive Session at 12:07 pm. No action taken. The date is October 15, 2016.

**Agenda Item 5** was the discussion regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or settlement offers.

**Agenda Item 6** was discussion regarding contingency plans for the current TMA lawsuit against the Board.

**Agenda Item 7** 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 8** 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 9** 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 10** was the discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board.

**Agenda Item 11** was public comment. Three people addressed the committee.

**Agenda Item 12** was to set the upcoming meeting dates and locations. The next meeting date will be January 20-21, 2017 and April 7-8, 2017.

**Agenda Item 13** was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.