

**Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Board Meeting
Saturday, October 28, 2017, 10:30 am
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
901 W University Dr.,
Bawcom Student Union Building; Room: McLane Great Hall A & B
Belton, TX 76513**

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
Evelyn Husband-Thompson, Public Member
Ken Bateman, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Georgia Norman
Tim Speer
Scott Merchant

Guests Present:

Jodie Elder
Jason Martin
Rochelle Cade

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 11:05 am by Ms. Smotherman, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of the minutes of the July 15, 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 discussed and closed 1 case with a warning. The committee also discussed policy to prioritize complaints, rule changes pursuant to rule review as directed by Government Code § 2001.039 pertaining to Agency Review of Existing Rules. 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 3 cases, of which 2 cases were approved and 1 case was denied. The committee also discussed rule changes pursuant to rule review as directed by Government Code § 2001.039 pertaining to Agency Review of Existing Rules. 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 pending supervisor course applications, the quarterly summary from the Jurisprudence Examination vendor and the continuing education provider registry and approving continuing education courses and rule changes pursuant to 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 report. The committee discussed rule changes pursuant to rule review as directed by Government Code § 2001.039 pertaining to Agency Review of Existing Rules. motion was made by Mr. Francis 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 1062-15-0033. This item was not discussed.

Agenda Item 5 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 to re-elect Dr. Stokes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 6 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 7 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 8 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. Speers gave the report.

Agenda Item 9 was the discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board. The next meeting dates will be January 26-27, 2018 and February 23, 2018.

Agenda Item 10 was public comment. Three people addressed the committee.

Agenda Item 11 was 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 11. The date is October 28, 2017. The time is 1:07 pm. The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists came out of Executive Session at 1:16 pm. No action taken. The date is October 28, 2017.

Agenda Item 12 was the discussion regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or settlement offers. There was none.

Agenda Item 13 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm.