

**Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists**  
*Board Meeting*  
**Saturday, October 27, 2018, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Exchange Building, Room N-102**  
**8407 Wall Street, Austin, TX 78754**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Rick Bruhn, Professional Member  
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member  
Michael Miller, Public Member  
Ken Bateman, Professional Member  
Evelyn Husband-Thompson, Public Member  
Anthony Scoma, Public Member  
Richmond Stoglin, Professional Member

**Staff Present:**

Sarah Faszholz  
Georgia Norman  
Tim Speer  
Jeff Bulloch  
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 July 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. She reported that 13 cases were reviewed by the Pre-determination panel, of which 7 cases were proposed for disciplinary action, 5 cases were closed and 1 case was tabled. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Bateman gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee reviewed 7 cases, of which 4 cases were approved and 3 cases were tabled for additional information. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Bateman 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. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Bruhn gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed the rule review as directed by Government Code § 2001.039 pertaining to Agency Review of Existing Rules and the petition for the adoption of a rule, concerning 22 TAC §801.142 Supervised Clinical Experience Requirements and Conditions. A motion was made by Dr. Bateman 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. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve the order for complaints # 1062-15-0013 LA and # 1062-15-0016 LA. 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 TAC §801.11. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to nominate Dr. Bateman. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda Item 6** 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 7** 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 interim executive director; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the licensure program. Ms. Faszholz gave the report.

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


**Agenda Item 10** was public comment. Two people addressed the board.

**Agenda Item 11** 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 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 12:20 pm.

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Sarah Faszholz  
Interim Exec. Director

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