

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Ethics Committee Meeting
Friday, January 22, 2016, 10:30 AM
William P. Hobby Jr Building
333 Guadalupe St., Tower III, Room 100
Austin, TX 78701

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member
Joe Ann Clack, Public Member
Michael Miller, Public Member
Beverly Womack, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Molly Fudell
Rudy Boeta
Frederick Osburn
Oscar Draughn
Elisa Chairez
Damon Parker
Gerard Bonner
Boris Jumper
Amanda Stallings

Guests Present:

John Lloyd	Don Hardy-Holley	Jodie Elder
Laura Diamond	Conrad Hamric	Thao Phan
Edita Ruzgyte	Carol Phelps	Gwen Bain
Kenda Dalrymple	Shawn Quintanilla	

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order. The meeting was called to order at 10:31 am by Ms. Smothermon, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve minutes of the October 9, 2015 Ethics Committee meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Clack to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was discussion on the following pending complaints:

Complaint # 1062-14-0002 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Womak to close this complaint with a conditional letter of agreement. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0003 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to table this complaint. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-13-0039 was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-13-0037 was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint with a conditional letter of agreement. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-15-0041 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Clack to close this complaint as non-jurisdictional. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-16-0007 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Clack to close this complaint as non-jurisdictional. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-15-0002 was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close the case with a warning letter of concern. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-13-0035 was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to revoke the license. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0029 was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to refer to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors and close the complaint as non-jurisdictional. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaints # 1062-15-0032 & 1062-15-0048 were discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Womak to close the complaint with a conditional letter of agreement. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was discussion regarding complaints closed administratively as non-jurisdictional. No action taken.

Agenda Item 5 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 Ethics Committee 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 January 22, 2016. The time is 2:40 pm. The Texas State Examiners of Marriage & Family Therapists Ethics Committee came out of Executive Session at 2:46 pm. No action taken. The date is January 22, 2016.

Agenda Item 6 was discussion on pending complaints awaiting informal settlement or State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH):

1062-09-0034 JP

1062-10-0025/1062-15-0033 TN

No action was taken.

Agenda Item 7 was public comment. There were no comments.

Agenda Item 8 was announcements and comments not requiring committee action, such as statements regarding conferences and other recent or upcoming events. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 9 Schedule next committee meeting date(s). The dates recommended were April 14-16, 2016.

Agenda Item 10 was to adjourn meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM.