

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Ethics Committee Meeting
Friday, January 20, 2017, 10:30 AM
8407 Wall Street, Exchange Building, N-102
Austin, TX 78754

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Michael Miller, Public Member
Sean Stokes, Professional Member
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Scott Merchant
Isabel Nevarez
Frederick Osborn
Rudy Boeta
Gerard Bonner
Damon Parker
Georgia Norman

Guests Present:

Gail Denoff	Robert Romig
Shelley Sargent	Julie Davis
Cheryl Rogers	Krystal Duran
Leslie Smith	Angela Taylor
Joanna Miller	Jodie Elder
Lee Burkstein	Steven Grant
Jason Martin	

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 10:30 am by Mr. Miller, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2016 Ethics Committee meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion on the following pending complaints:

Complaint # 1062-14-0013 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close this complaint as violation found and corrected. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0024 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close this complaint with a conditional letter of agreement. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0027 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close this complaint with a conditional letter of agreement. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0030 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close this complaint with a conditional letter of agreement. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0033 was discussed. A motion was made to close this complaint with a conditional letter of agreement. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0037 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 # 1062-14-0041 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close this complaint as non-jurisdictional. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0044 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 # 1062-15-0009 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close this complaint with a conditional letter of agreement. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-15-0040 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to propose a 2 year probated suspension with stipulations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-15-0046 was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Stokes to propose a reprimand. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-16-0003 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close this complaint with a conditional letter of agreement. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding the complaint process.

Agenda Item 5 was public comment. Two people addressed the committee.

Agenda Item 6 was announcements and comments not requiring committee action, such as statements regarding conferences and other recent or upcoming events.

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 7. The date is January 20, 2017. The time is 4:45 pm. The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists came out of Executive Session at 4:55 pm. No action taken. The date is January 20, 2017.

Agenda Item 7 was Executive Session: Consultation with Board attorney pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071 regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or settlement offers.

Agenda Item 8 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

