

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Ethics Committee Meeting
Friday, July 15, 2016, 9:00 AM
William P. Hobby Jr Building
333 Guadalupe St., Tower III, Room 100
Austin, TX 78701

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Michael Miller, Public Member
Evelyn Husband-Thompson, Public Member
Sean Stokes, Professional Member
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Molly Fudell
Gerard Bonner
Luke Thummel
Isabel Nevarez
Georgia Norman

Guests Present:

Terry McCarty	Deborah Hess	Skyler Williams
Faith Ray	Jennifer Neely	Katrina Cook
Linda Shake	Heather Brogan-McCarty	Cassie Rushing
Elizabeth Higginbotham	Jodie Elder	Jennifer Washburn
Gail Viel	Luis Leos	Lauren Troublefield
Jon Porter	L. Clement	Jason Martin
Colleen Christie	David Kunschik	Andre Conyer
Marion Hicks	Debbie Mabray	
Leanna Marchand	Amanda Ellis	

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 9:00 by Mr. Miller, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes of the April 15, 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 # 1062-13-0043 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-13-0044 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 # 1062-14-0004 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to propose a reprimand. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0005 and # 1062-14-0012 were discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close these complaints with a conditional letter of agreement. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0007 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close this complaint as license expiration. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0016 was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Stokes to close this complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0019 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0023 was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to propose a reprimand. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0032 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0050 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-16-0015 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close this complaint violation found and corrected. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-16-0018 was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to propose an 18 month probated suspension. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-16-0021 was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Stokes to close this complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-16-0023 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 # 1062-16-0025 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close this complaint as non-jurisdictional. 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 July 15, 2016. The time is 3:23 pm. The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists came out of Executive Session at 3:39 pm. No action taken. The date is July 15, 2016.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion on the following pending complaints awaiting informal settlement or State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH):

Complaint # 1062-09-0034 JP was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to offer an informal conference. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-10-0025/1062-15-0033 TN were discussed. No action taken.

Agenda Item 6 was public comment. Four people addressed the committee.

Agenda Item 7 was announcements and comments not requiring committee action, such as statements regarding conferences and other recent or upcoming events.

Agenda Item 8 was to schedule the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting will be October 14-15, 2016.

Agenda Item 9 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

