

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Ethics Committee Meeting
Friday, July 14, 2017, 1:00 pm
Exchange Building, N-102
8407 Wall Street
Austin, TX 78754

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Georgia Norman
Scott Merchant
Oscar Draughn
Gerard Bonner
Anthony Luna

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

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2017 Ethics Committee meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Stokes to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion on requests regarding closed complaints.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion on the following pending complaints:

Complaint #1062-14-0037 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to approve the extension. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint #1062-14-0027 and # 1062-14-0033 were discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Stokes to approve. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-17-0047 was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Stokes to propose a suspension. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-17-0023 was discussed. A motion was made by. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-17-0032 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 # 1062-14-0028 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to propose a reprimand. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0018 was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Stokes to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-17-0014 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to propose a 2 year probated suspension with stipulations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the report from staff on complaints closed by the Executive Director.

Agenda Item 6 was the report from staff on compliance activities.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion on policy to prioritize complaints.

Agenda Item 8 was the discussion on policy to settle cases informally. A motion was made by Dr. Stokes to recommend to the board. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 9 was the discussion on a penalty matrix. A motion was made by Dr. Stokes to recommend to the board. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 10 was public comment. One person addressed the committee.

Agenda Item 11 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 12. The date is July 14, 2017. The time is 4:30 pm. The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists came out of Executive Session at 4:40 pm. No action taken. The date is July 14, 2017.

Agenda Item 12 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 13 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.