

**Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists**  
*Ethics Committee Meeting*  
**Friday, July 20, 2018, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Abilene Christian University**  
**Onstead-Packer Biblical Studies Building (Bldg #50), Hart Auditorium (Room 100)**  
**1850 Teague Blvd., Abilene, TX 79601**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Sarah Faszholz  
Georgia Norman  
Scott Merchant

**Agenda Item 1** was to call the meeting to order at 10:15 am by Ms. Smothermon, chair.

**Agenda Item 2** was to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2018, 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 the following pending complaints:

Complaints # 1062-15-0013 and # 1062-15-0016 LA were discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to accept recommendations as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-18-0025 MR was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve as recommended. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda Item 4** was the report from staff on complaints closed by the Executive Director. Ms. Faszholz gave the report.

**Agenda Item 5** was the report from staff on compliance activities. Ms. Faszholz gave the report.

**Agenda Item 6** was the discussion on cases with compliance activities.

**Agenda Item 7** was the discussion on the policy to settle cases informally.

**Agenda Item 8** was the discussion pursuant to the rule review as directed by Government Code § 2001.039 pertaining to Agency Review of Existing Rules.

**Agenda Item 9** was public comment. Three people addressed the committee.

**Agenda Item 10** was announcements and comments not requiring committee action, such as statements regarding conferences and other recent or upcoming events.

**Agenda Item 11** was the update on the following pending complaints awaiting informal settlement or State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) hearings:

**1062-16-47 JF**

**Agenda Item 12** was Executive Session: Consultation with board attorney pursuant to Government Code § 551.071. There was no Executive Session.

**Agenda Item 13** was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.



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*Sarah Faszholz, MBA  
Interim Executive Director*

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