

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Ethics Committee Meeting
Friday, October 27, 2017, 1:00 pm
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Bawcom Student Union Building; Room: McLane Great Hall A & B
901 W University Dr.
Belton, TX 76513

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Evelyn Husband-Thompson, Public Member
Sean Stokes, Professional Member
Michael Miller, Public Member
Keith Rosenbaum, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Scott Merchant
Georgia Norman
Gerard Bonner
Anthony Luna

Guests Present:

Jodie Elder	Hope Herring	Jennifer Williamson
Willaim Benner	Kenya King	Ellen Huffman
Maranda Hannon	Stnarail King	Harris Leonard
Jeff Jorry	Amanda Busch	Jason Martin
Mara Thernburg	Ashley Ratcliff	Ken Banks
Jeffer Proctor	Ernest Smith	Kelcie Ellis
Athina Kaseyeanis	Daniel Williamson	Terrance Tufes

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 1:02 pm by Mr. Miller, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes of the July 14, 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 the following pending complaints:

Complaint # 1062-16-0027 was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Rosenbaum to close with a conditional letter of agreement. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-17-0043 was tabled and not discussed.

Complaint # 1062-17-0047 was tabled and not discussed.

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

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

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion on the policy to prioritize complaints.

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

Agenda Item 8 was the discussion on rule changes pursuant to rule review as directed by Government Code § 2001.039 pertaining to agency review of existing rules.

Agenda Item 9 was public comment. Four 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 pending complaints awaiting informal settlement or State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) hearings.

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.

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 11. The date is October 27, 2017. The time is 2:02 pm. The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists came out of Executive Session at 2:24 pm. No action taken. The date is October 27, 2017.

Agenda Item 13 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.