

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Licensing Standards Committee Meeting
Friday, January 22, 2016, 2:00 PM
William P. Hobby Jr Building
333 Guadalupe St., Tower III, Room 100
Austin, TX 78701

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Rick Bruhn, Professional Member
Michael Miller, Public Member
George Francis, Public Member
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Molly Fudell
Amanda Stallings

Guests Present:

Laura Ryan	John Lloyd
Gwen Bain	Miranda Thornton
Pari Ebrahim	Ruesha Hart
Jodie Elder	Suzanne Simpson
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Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order. The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM, by Dr. Bruhn, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2015 Licensing Standards Committee meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion regarding the applications for licensure or examination for the following individuals:

The request of Laura Ryan was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept hours all hours from October 2012-to present and two-thirds of the hours from August 2012-October 2012. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Gwendolyn Bain was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to deny the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Pari Ebrahimi was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to allow her to retest. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of John Lloyd was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to approve the applicant's request. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Miranda Thornton was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn accept the start date of June 24, 2015 and accept all hours from that date forward and they will accept two-thirds the hours from the date of January 14, 2015-June 23, 2015. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Rulesha Hart was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to allow her test. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Suzanne Simpson was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to deny the request. Seconded and passed.

The request of Corinna Collins was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to allow her to retest once she submits documentation of successful completion of study courses. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Michelle Ezell was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to allow her to retest. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Germanie Harris was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to allow her to retest. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Tawanda Heim-Jones was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to allow her to retest. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Shandelynn Hillard was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to allow her to retest. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Bessye Gray was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to deny the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Michael Gooden was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to deny the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Kathleen Jones-Trebatoski was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to deny the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Rita McCarthy was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept her request to waive the examination requirement. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Lauren Troublefield was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to deny the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding potential changes regarding 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §801.236. Inactive Status. A motion was made to draft language and present to the Rules Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion and possible action regarding 22 TAC §801.174. Licensure and Jurisprudence Examinations. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to give the Executive Director the authority to allow applicants to test a third time. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion and possible action regarding the status of a LMFT Associate who has completed all experience requirements while she or he is waiting for DSHS staff to process the upgrade to full licensure. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 7 was public comment. There were two people who addressed the committee.

Agenda Item 8 was announcements and comments not requiring committee action, such as statements regarding conferences and other recent or upcoming events.

Agenda Item 9 was to schedule next committee meeting date(s). This was tabled for discussion in the full board meeting.

Agenda Item 10 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM.