

**Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, January 10, 2015 9:30 AM**  
**Exchange Building**  
**8407 Wall Street, Room N-102**  
**Austin, TX**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Carol Miller  
Georgia Norman  
Elaine Snow  
Molly Fudell

**Agenda Item 1** was to call the meeting to order at 9:35 am by Mr. Puhl, chair.

**Agenda Item 2** was the approval of the minutes of the September 27, 2014 and November 15, 2014 Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda Item 3** was the discussion regarding reports from the following board committees:

Dr. Bruhn gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee reviewed 9 cases, of which 6 cases were approved, 2 cases were denied and 1 case was tabled. The committee also discussed revisions to the Licensed Supervised Experience Verification Form (Form V), potential changes to Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 801, §801.203 Provisional License and potential changes to 22 TAC §801.263 Requirements for Continuing Education. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Smothermon gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee discussed 6 cases, of which 4 cases were closed and 2 cases were proposed for disciplinary action. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to send a letter regarding non-compliance with an order. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Stokes gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed public comments on the proposed rules, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of marriage and family therapists, as published in the November 14, 2014 issue of the Texas Register, §801.112 Academic Requirements for Examination and Licensure: General and §801.114 Academic

Requirements for Examination and Licensure: Academic Course Content. The committee also discussed the final adoption of the proposed rules, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of marriage and family therapists, as published in the November 14, 2014 issue of the Texas Register, §801.112 Academic Requirements for Examination and Licensure: General, §801.114 Academic Requirements for Examination and Licensure: Academic Course Content, potential changes to 22 TAC Chapter 801, §801.44. Relationships with Clients, 22 TAC §801.143. Supervisor Requirements, 22 TAC §801.263. Requirements for Continuing Education and licensees who conduct or receive telepractice and/or telesupervision. Professional Development Committee meeting held on January 10, 2015. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to approve the recommendations to the full board. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Francis gave the Professional Development Committee report. The committee reviewed the quarterly summary from the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists' Jurisprudence Examination vendor. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda Item 4** was the discussion regarding public comments on the proposed rules, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of marriage and family therapists, as published in the November 14, 2014 issue of the *Texas Register*, specifically §801.112 Academic Requirements for Examination and Licensure: General and §801.114 Academic Requirements for Examination and Licensure: Academic Course Content. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept the response

**Agenda Item 5** was the discussion regarding final adoption of the proposed rules, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of marriage and family therapists, as published in the November 14, 2014 issue of the Texas Register, §801.112 Academic Requirements for Examination and Licensure: General, and §801.114 Academic Requirements for Examination and Licensure: Academic Course Content. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda Item 6** was Executive Session: Consultation with Board attorney pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071 regarding Texas Medical Association v. Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists. There was no Executive Session.

**Agenda Item 7** was the discussion regarding Texas Medical Association v. Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to pursue the appellate process. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda Item 8** was the report from the Board Chair and update concerning: current challenges and accomplishments; lawsuits; interaction with stakeholders, state officials, and staff; committee appointments and functions; workload of board members; conferences; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the board. Mr. Puhl gave the report.

**Agenda Item 9** was the report from the Executive Director and update concerning: program operations; customer service accomplishments, inquiries, and challenges; current and/or historical licensee statistics; media, legislative, and stakeholder contacts and concerns; workload processing; special projects assigned to executive director; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the licensure program. Ms. Miller gave the report.

**Agenda Item 10** was the Management report and update from the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit manager, including: unit organization and staffing; program costs and revenue; current operational initiatives; customer service accomplishments and challenges; workload processing and statistical information; status of rulemaking within the unit; legislative and media contacts and tracking; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the unit.

**Agenda Item 11** was the discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board.

**Agenda Item 12** was public comment. Three people addressed the board.

**Agenda Item 13** was to schedule the next meeting. The next meeting date will be April 17-18, 2017.

**Agenda Item 14** was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.