

**Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists**  
*Licensing Standards Committee*  
**Friday, October 2, 2009 at 3:30 pm**  
**Department of State Health Services**  
**8407 Wall Street, Suite N-102**  
**Austin, TX 78754**

**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**

Kaye Nelson, Professional Member  
Michael Puhl, Public Member  
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member  
Edna Reyes-Wilson, Professional Member

**Staff Present:**

Carol Miller  
Dan Meador  
Georgia Norman

**Guests Present:**

Rick Bruhn  
Rita Pickering  
Charlie Moore  
Steve Matt

**Agenda Item 1** was to call the meeting to order at 3:46 pm by Dr. Nelson, chair.

**Agenda Item 2** was to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

The application of Charles Moore was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to approve the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application of Mei-Ju Chen was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to deny the request because of non-jurisdiction. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application of Janine Bunke was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to forward her letter to the examination company for investigation. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application of Richard Hill was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to deny the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application of Hector Oswaldo Chavez was discussed. Dr. Nelson was recused. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl approve upon verification of completion of supervision requirements. The motion was seconded and passed.

The committee affirmed the staff decision to accept the accredited seminary degree as meeting academic requirements.

**Agenda Item 4** was the discussion regarding the ability of Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist-Associates to practice privately and independently. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to recommend changes to rule 801.142 b and remove c. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda Item 5** was the discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules in 22 Texas Administrative Code, Part 35, Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of Marriage and Family Therapists, related to qualifications for board-approved supervisors. No action taken.

**Agenda Item 6** was the discussion related to implementation of notification to all supervisors who are not Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists of non-eligibility to supervise. No action taken.

**Agenda Item 7** was the discussion regarding guidelines for supervisor training courses. No action taken.

**Agenda Item 8** was the discussion related to proposed amendments to the board's rules in 22 Texas Administrative Code, Part 35, Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of Marriage and Family Therapists, related to the frequency of licensing examinations. No action taken.

**Agenda Item 9** was public comment. There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item 10** was to schedule the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be January 15, 2010.

**Agenda Item 11** was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.