

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Licensing Standards Committee Meeting
Department of State Health Services
Friday, January 9, 2015 9:00 AM
Exchange Building
8407 Wall Street, Room N-102
Austin, TX

MINUTES

Board Member Present:

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

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Carol Miller
Elaine Snow
Molly Fudell
Georgia Norman

Guests Present:

Dale Bertram
Lauren Leising
Amanda Ellis
Jodie Elder

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 9:05 by Dr. Bruhn, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2014 Licensing Standards Committee meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Francis 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 request of Dale Bertram was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to waive the examination. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Lauren Leising was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Ronald Rush was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to require examination. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to approve for a provisional license. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Ana Gonzalez was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to recommend additional courses and examination. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Francesca Bartoccini was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to approve for LMFTA licensure but require additional hours and examination. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Leo Mora was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to require examination, and supervision via Skype or compliant mechanism. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Lorena Maria Yakovlev was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to deny the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

The request of Suzanne Tubbs was tabled and not discussed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding revisions to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists' Licensed Supervised Experience Verification Form (Form V). A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to change the form. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion regarding potential changes to Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §801.203. Provisional License. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to refer to the rules committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion regarding potential changes to 22 TAC §801.263. Requirements for Continuing Education. This was tabled for further discussion.

Agenda Item 7 was public comment. Ms. Elder 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. There was none.

Agenda Item 9 was to schedule the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be April 9-10, 2015.

Agenda Item 10 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am..