

**MINUTES**  
**Board Meeting**  
**February 15, 2007**

The Alabama Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family Therapy met on Thursday, February 15, 2007 in Montgomery, Alabama for the purpose of conducting Board business. Those present were as follows: Dr. John Mark Trent, Chairman; Rev. Charles Alexander, Vice-Chair; Reina Brashier, Member; and Dr. Charlotte Daughhete, Member. Also present was Dr. Stephanie Puleo, AlaMFT President; Paula "Scout" McCaleb, Executive Director; and Dana Billingsley, Legal Counsel. John "Jab" Brown, Member was absent.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:20 a.m. with a quorum present in the following Members: Dr. John Mark Trent; Rev. Charles Alexander; and Dr. Charlotte Daughhete.

Public notice was given for this meeting on the Board's Official Web Site, [www.mft.state.al.us](http://www.mft.state.al.us) and advertised on the Secretary of State's Web Site in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Charlotte Daughhete made a motion to approve the Minutes from November 17, 2006 as submitted. Charles Alexander seconded the motion. The Board passed unanimously.

At approximately 9:21 a.m.; Reina Brashier, Member joined the meeting.

Dr. Stephanie Puleo, AlaMFT President, then presented information to the Board regarding CEU Providers, CEU Approval, confusion over Associate and Intern status, and Board Member Nominations.

A motion was made by Charlotte Daughhete and seconded by Charles Alexander to make the following amendments to the Rules and Regulations:

**536-X-4-.02 Requirements for designation: Marriage and Family Therapy Associate (MFT Associate)**

(A) Acceptable CEU's include:

- (a) National, state or local MFT association training and continuing education activities;
- (b) Graduate courses in MFT or cross disciplinary course (one (1) graduate semester = fifteen (15) hours, one (1) graduate quarter = ten (10) hours);
- ~~(c) MFT peer workshops approved by the Board;~~
- (d) NBCC approved courses and continuing education activities sponsored by allied mental health professional associations or agencies.

### 536-X-6-.01 Required Relevant Professional and Continuing Education Experience

- (1) Acceptable CEU's include:
- (a) National, state or local MFT association training and continuing education activities;
  - (b) Graduate courses in MFT or cross disciplinary course (one (1) graduate semester = fifteen (15) hours, one (1) graduate quarter = ten (10) hours);
  - ~~(g) MFT peer workshops approved by the Board (not more than twenty (20) hours);~~
  - (c) NBCC approved courses and continuing education activities sponsored by allied mental health professional associations or agencies;
  - (d) Supervision by an Approved MFT Supervisor under a board approved contract (not more than ten (10) hours);
  - (e) Independent study activities such as: teaching graduate courses in MFT; presenter of MFT material in a recognized professional forum (first time presented); supervising a person for MFT licensure under a Board approved contract; service rendered on professional MFT boards or committees, ~~listening to audiotapes; viewing videotapes; reading;~~ editing or writing professional books or articles for publication.; ~~and conducting professional research.~~ No more than ten (10) hours of continuing education shall be in independent study.
  - (f) AAMFT, NBCC, or ALAMFT pre-approved distance learning courses that may include web page lectures; class discussions via internet bulletin boards; student interaction; and student to student interactive online communication through electronic mail, television, or video. Distance learning is a convenient mode for Board approved, interactive on-line/video coursework that is designed to provide an alternative to conventional continuing education for MFT members who demonstrate physical impairment, conflicting work schedule, or hardship. Distance learning requires no or limited physical attendance and does not replace face-to-face clinical supervision.

The Chair called for a vote from the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

At approximately 10:21 a.m., John Mark Trent presented the Chairman's Report.

A motion was made by Charles Alexander and seconded by Charlotte Daughette to extend the Legal Services Contract with Dana Billingsley for twelve months if possible, with the contingency that if the contract could not be extended for twelve months, a new contract for the same amount per year be submitted to the Contract Review Committee with a two year term. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Executive Director Report was then presented by Paula "Scout" McCaleb.

At approximately 10:42 a.m., the Board began review of files.

A motion was made by Charles Alexander to approve the following: For Intern Status: Sharon Flynn; For Associate Status: Dwight Kidd, Elizabeth Godwin, Sallie Lowman, Robin Harvey, Tojuana Thomason, Sara Hoover, Sara Wait, and Donna Sisson pending receipt of MFT Form 10 with appropriate hours; To Sit for the Examination: Martha Roundtree; and for LMFT: Dondra Scott, Heather Jordan, and Valerie Bradford Davis pending passing the National Examination in Marital and Family Therapy. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Daughhetee and passed unanimously.

The Chair announced that the next scheduled Board Meeting will be held on May 11, 2007 at the Board office in Montgomery.

The time being 12:04 p.m. and there being no further Board business, Charles Alexander made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Reina Brashier and unanimously carried by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

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John Mark Trent, Chairman

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Paula McCaleb, Executive Director

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Charles Alexander, Vice Chair