

ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

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Board Meeting Minutes July 27, 2018

The Alabama Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family Therapy met on Friday, July 27, 2018, at the Board office in Montgomery to conduct Board business. Members present were as follows: Dr. Scott Ketring (Board Chair), Dr. Luciana Silva (Board Vice Chair), Mr. Jeremy Blair, (member); Dr. Mark Westfall (member) and Ms. Angela Nelms-Griffin (member). Also present were: Mr. Todd Hughes (Assistant Attorney General), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator) and Ms. Jenna Lanier (Recording Secretary).

The regularly scheduled meeting was advertised on the Board's website, www.mft.alabama.gov, and the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ketring at 10:03 a.m. with a quorum of the members present to conduct business.

Chairman Ketring presented the April 27, 2018 Board meeting minutes for the Board's approval. A motion was made by Mr. Blair to approve the minutes from April meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Westfall and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Childers presented to the Board the financial activities of the Board as of June 30, 2018. The financial report also included a line item summary of expenses. She reported on the total number of licensees (#366 total), along with the total number of complaints received during fiscal years during FY 2018 (copy of report available for review in Official Book of Minutes). Mr. Blair made the motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Silva and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Childers presented the Administrator's Report listing activities performed by the staff since the last Board meeting, along with a list of new licenses issued (reports available for review in Official Book of Minutes).

Chairman Ketring responded to the public comment and concern regarding the proposed rule changes affecting the rules and regulations revisions. He stated that the Board's duty is to protect the public and not the licensees.

Further proposed rules revisions were passed to all members and presented by Chairman Ketring. After discussion, a change was proposed to eliminate mentor regulation and licensing. A motion to approve the proposition and open it for public comment was made by Dr. Westfall. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nelms-Griffin and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Ketring presented a change of supervisor fees to \$25, or \$100 if not nationally approved. A motion was made to open the proposition to public comment by Ms. Nelms-Griffin and seconded by

Mr. Westfall. The Chairman called for a vote. The motion passed with four votes in favor and one against. The Board unanimously approved.

Double language exists within the statute, and Chairman Ketring noted those duplicates. A motion was made by Dr. Silva to remove the duplicated language. That motion was seconded by Mr. Westfall and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Silva and Ms. Nelms-Griffin volunteered to finalize a draft regarding in-school intern regulation status and present it at the next meeting.

After discussion among the members, it was determined that graduates taking the exam must have his or her program director write a letter stating that he or she has met all necessary requirements. A motion was made by Dr. Westfall to approve the new requirement. Dr. Silva seconded the motion and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Childers presented the administrative contract renewal to the members. After specifications were discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Blair to renew the administrative contract for one year at the current rate. The motion was seconded by Dr. Silva and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Ketring signed the renewal contract.

Chairman Ketring announced that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Friday, October 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

The Board reviewed and approved 15 applications for licensure (list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

There was no further business of the Board and Chairman Ketring adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Scott A. Ketring, Chair



Keith E. Warren, Executive Director

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