

## Board Meeting - Minutes

May 17, 2024

With proper and required notice having been provided to the Alabama Secretary of State's Office and with posting on the websites of the Alabama Secretary of State and the Alabama Board of Examiners in Marriage & Family Therapy (ABEMFT), the ABEMFT meeting was held Friday, May 17, 2024, at 60 Commerce Street, Suite 1050, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by Chairman, Dr. Raven Livingston.

A quorum having been established and maintained; the following Board members were present:

1. Dr. Tim Nichols
2. Dr. Raven Livingston
3. Dr. Samuel Jones
4. Anthony (Tony) Watkins
5. Dr. Kathryn Jones

Also present, Claire Austin, Executive Director, Jacki Tucker Administrator, Charles McKay, Board Legal Counsel. Sarah Beth Earles from the Alabama Association Marriage & Family Therapy.

Chairman Livingston asked for an approval of the agenda. Dr. Samuel Jones made the motion to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by Dr. Kathryn Jones. All members of the board voted in favor of the agenda.

Chairman Livingston asked for an approval of the board minutes from the March 8, 2024, meeting. Dr. Tim Nichols made the motion to approve the minutes, and it was seconded by Dr. Samuel Jones. All members of the board voted in favor of approving the minutes from the January 19, 2024, meeting.

Austin then gave an administrative update on current operations of the board. Austin stated that the Board has 497 Active Licensees, 38 Pending Applicants, and 11 expired licenses, as of May 17, 2024.

The Board moved on to new business which consisted of Dr. Scott Ketring's request for a rule change to Ala. Admin. Code r. 536-X-2-.02 to count additional hours beyond the 500 required for Associate status towards the 1000 post degree hours required for full licensure. The supervision is 1/5 ratio which is the best supervision most people receive during their training. A motion was made by Chairman Livingston to approve the rule change request by Dr. Scott Ketring. The motion was seconded by Anthony (Tony) Watkins. There was a roll call vote in favor from all board members to approve the rule change to Ala. Admin. Code r. 536-X-2-.02.

The Board then moved to reviewing applications. Out of 34 applications requiring review, there were two applicants approved pending official transcripts from the University of Alabama.

A motion was made by Anthony (Tony) Watkins to approve the applications that were determined to meet requirements for the level of licensure indicated by the application. This motion was seconded by Dr. Samuel Jones. There was roll call vote in favor from all board members: Dr. Raven Livingston, Dr. Samuel Jones, Anthony (Tony) Watkins, and Dr. Kathryn Jones voted in favor of accepting the applicants listed below:

**Intern Applications Approved:**

Aliyah Brown  
Elizabeth Gervais  
Ashlyn Jones  
Stephanie Myers  
Tonya Vaughn

The motion was made by Dr. Tim Nichols and seconded by Tony Watkins to approve these five applicants. A roll call vote was unanimous by all members of the board.

**Permission to Sit for the Exam Only**

Kendrique Coats  
Melissa Richmond  
Emily Wright

The motion was made by Dr. Tim Nichols and seconded by Dr. Kathryn Jones to approve these three applicants. A roll call vote was unanimous by all members of the board.

**Associate Applications:**

Chloe Barnette  
Daniel Birdsong  
Gregory Carpenter  
Gabrielle Curry  
Madison Delaney  
Kaimen Howard  
Heeyoung Kang  
Shalanda Kangethe  
Jordan Kirk  
Sarah McCain  
Anna Meherg  
Jon Elyn Murphree  
Kasey Pair

Holly Powell  
Jennifer Doty  
Brittany Boatwright

The motion was made by Dr. Samuel Jones and seconded by Dr. Kathryn Jones to approve these sixteen applicants. A roll call vote was unanimous by all members of the board.

**LMFT by Endorsement**

Katrina Bobo  
Alwyne Hutchings  
Christie Poole

The motion was made by Dr. Samuel Jones and seconded by Tony Watkins to approve these three applicants. A roll call vote was unanimous by all members of the board.

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Leigh Fowler  
Jessica McKay  
Janel Porter  
Jennifer Starling

The motion was made by Dr. Kathryn Jones and seconded by Tony Watkins to approve these four applicants. A roll call vote was unanimous by all members of the board.

**SIT: Supervision in Training**

Samuel Jones  
Courtney Shields

The motion was made by Dr. Kathryn Jones and seconded by Dr. Tim Nichols to approve these two applicants. A roll call vote was unanimous by all members of the board.

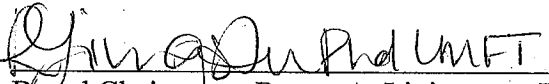
**LMFT Approved Supervisor**

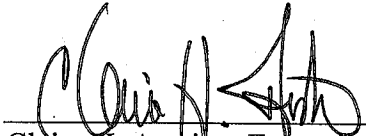
Michael Stanfield

The motion was made by Tony Watkins and seconded by Dr. Samuel Jones to approve his application. A roll call vote was unanimous by all members of the board.

With no further business before the board, Chairman Livingston requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Dr. Tim Nichols and seconded by Dr. Samuel Jones. The meeting adjourned at 11:45pm.

The next Board meeting will be held on August 23, 2024 @ 10:00 AM CST – at the ABEMFT office located downtown at 60 Commerce Street, Suite 1440, Montgomery, AL 36104.

  
Board Chairman – Raven A. Livingston, PhD

  
Claire H. Austin – Executive Director