

## Board Meeting - Minutes

September 26, 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, September 26, 2024, at 60 Commerce Street, Suite 1050, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 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. Dr. Kathryn Jones

Also present, Claire Austin, Executive Director, Jacki Tucker Administrator, Ben Seiss Board Legal Counsel.

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

Chairman Livingston asked for an approval of the board minutes from the August 23, 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 August 23, 2024, meeting.

Austin thanked everyone for participating in the Sunset Review Committee today. Austin stated that Chairman Livingston and Dr. Samuel Jones did a fantastic job presenting at the Sunset Review Committee.

Austin mentioned the National Exam portion that was overlooked by the auditors and was questioned by the Members of the Sunset Committee yesterday. Austin stated she prepared a handout for each member of the Sunset Review Committee and presented it to each member of the Sunset Committee today. Austin discussed that the Board has worked with Association for the past four years in trying to get the Medicaid Commissioner Azar to cover the service for Medicaid patients. Austin stated that she wrote a letter to Commissioner Azar the first month she took over the administrative services for the MFT Board.

Legal Counsel, Ben Seiss said that the Board needed to discuss an Administrative RFP for the Purchasing Department. The staff, Claire Austin and Jacki Tucker left the meeting. Mr. Seiss presented the Administrative RFP to the Board and answered questions. He also explained the timeline and the remaining steps the Board needed to take at the next meeting. Dr. Samuel Jones made the motion to approve the RFP, and it was seconded by Dr. Tim Nichols. Mr. Seiss said that the RFP would be submitted to Purchasing.

Under old business, Austin stated that during the next Board meeting November 1 that the Board would need to certify the administrative rules that were posted and published in the Administrative Monthly.

Under new business, there was much discussion about the applications and education committee, concerns and questions of the online universities, and places where the information could come from and what is required to advance the professional requirements. (fill in more details as you deem necessary)

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

The next Board meeting will be held on Friday, November 1, 2024 @ 10:00 AM CST – at the ABEMFT office located downtown at 60 Commerce Street, Suite 11500, Montgomery, AL 36104.



Board Chairman – Raven A. Livingston, PhD



Claire H. Austin – Executive Director