

## **Board Meeting - Minutes**

**May 16, 2025**

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 Tuesday, May 16, 2025, at 60 Commerce Street, Suite 1400, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairman, Dr. Raven Livingston.

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

1. Dr. Raven Livingston
2. Dr. Samuel Jones
3. Tony Watkins
4. Dr. Timothy Nichols
5. Ann Bethea

Also present, Claire Austin, Executive Director, Will Parker, Jacki Tucker Administrator, Present were Ben Seiss, Board Legal Counsel, Via Zoom Charlece (Charlie) Bishop

Executive Director, Austin administered the Oath of Office to the newest Board Member, Ann Bethea of Auburn, AL.

Chairman Livingston asked for an approval of the agenda. Dr. Tim Nichols 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 January 21, 2025, meeting. Tony Watkins 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 21, 2025, meeting.

Chairman Livingston stated this was her last meeting she would be stepping down as the Chairman and was being replaced by Ann Bethea. Dr. Livingston stated she has enjoyed her time serving on the Board and as the Chairman.

Executive Director Austin thanked Chairman Livingston for her service to the Board, as the Chairman. Austin wished her well on the upcoming birth of her third child in the end of July 2025.

Austin reported that there had been 249 renewals this year, and as of 03/11/25 - 235 renewed. Austin stated the Board has 534 current active Licensees and thirty-eight (38) pending applications for today board meeting.

Austin called on Jacki Tucker Board Administrator to update the Board on the National MFT Examination numbers in Alabama. Tucker presented the numbers and updated on the Examinations for the Board licenses with the School Performance Roster released by each state. Alabama has seven schools reporting their performance. The period from January 2025 – March 2025.

Parker stated that the Board is in very good financial shape, much better than a year ago. The Board has a balance of \$169,967.00. We have continued to try to increase revenue and lower expenses

Legal Counsel, Ben Seiss stated there were no complaints. He mentioned the lawsuit that was filed by an individual in the state that sued every state board that the Attorney General office had a lawyer handling this case for all the State Boards.

Under new business, The Board held elections of the new officers, Dr. Samuel Jones was elected Chairman, the nomination by Dr. Raven Livingston, and seconded by Dr. Tim Nichols.

Dr. Kathryn Jones was elected Vice Chairman by the Board. Jones was nominated by Ann Bethea and seconded by Dr. Samuel Jones.

**The review of all the applicants. – All these applicants were approved by a Board vote.**

**Intern Applications: - 6**

Cherry Duke  
Tara Erwin  
Angelique Hudson  
Aimee Whisler  
Aaliyah Williams  
Christina Young

**Permission to Sit for the Exam/Applications: (2)**

Aiya Carpenter  
Hannah Gracy

**Associate & Permission to Sit for the Exam/Applications (6)**

Madelyn Bingham  
Javacia Epps  
Marguarite Hale  
Brittney Halley  
Jackson McCoy  
Conor McGowen

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**LMFT: (13)**

Courtney Batt  
Brittany Boatwright  
Hannah Coleman  
Brandi Hopkins  
Jefkida Johnson  
Sara Mayers  
Martha Mitchell  
Margaret Monroe  
Brantley Oldenburg  
Amy Vaughn  
Molly Winn  
Madison Winter

**LMFT By Endorsement (9)**

Russell Brown – FL  
Timothy Glass – GA  
Briana Henery – CA  
Leah Manix – CA  
Tamera Ryan – TX & Alaska  
Marlon Robinson – KY  
Brandon Swaim – TN  
Andrew Williams – CA & Oregon  
Allison Santana - FL

**SIT – Supervisor in Training(2)**

Charlece Bishop  
Densie Hamlin-Glover

**Approved Supervisor Application: (1) Theresa Steele**

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 Ann Bethea; the meeting adjourned at 11:05 am

The next Board meeting will be held on Friday, August 29, 2025 @ 10:00 AM CST – at the ABEMFT office located downtown at 60 Commerce Street, Suite 1440, Montgomery, AL.

  
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Board Chairman – Samuel Jones, PhD  
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Claire H. Austin – Executive Director