

Board Meeting - Minutes

November 7, 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 on Friday, November 7, 2025, at 60 Commerce Street, Suite 1400, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order at 10:09 am by Chairman, Dr. Samuel Jones.

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

1. Dr. Kathryn Jones
2. Dr. Samuel Jones
3. Tony Watkins
4. Ann Bethea
5. Dr. Tim Nichols – Via Zoom

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

Chairman Dr. Samuel Jones asked for an approval of the agenda. Dr. Kathryn Jones made the motion to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by Tony Watkins. All members present voted in favor of the agenda. Roll Call VOTE because 1 member was on Zoom. All Members of the Board voted approval.

Chairman Dr. Samuel Jones asked for an approval of the board minutes from the August 29, 2025, meeting. Dr. Kathryn Jones made the motion to approve the minutes, and it was seconded by Ann Bethea. All members of the board voted in favor of approving the minutes from the August 29, 2025, meeting. Roll call vote was done to approve the minutes.

Executive Director Austin reported that there were 270 renewals due this year, and as of 11/06/25 – 38 renewed. Austin stated the Board has 582 current active licensees and twenty (20) pending applications for today's board meeting. Austin presented the proposed 2026 meeting schedule for the 2026 calendar. The board voted to approve the dates. A motion was made by Ann Bethea, and seconded by Tony Watkins.

The Board certified the **Administrative Rule 536-X-2-.03 Endorsement of an Individual who is licensed/registered as an MFT under the laws of another state or territory of the United States or of a foreign country** with a roll call vote. The first motion was made by Dr. Samuel Jones, and it was seconded by Dr. Kathryn Jones, board members presenting voting in favor were Tony Watkins, and Ann Bethea.

Austin called on Jacki Tucker, Board Administrator, to update the Board on the National MFT Examination numbers in Alabama. Tucker presented the numbers and gave an update on the

National Exam numbers for each school. Alabama has nine schools reporting their performance for the period July 2025 – September 2025.

Next order of business, Austin called for the Board to hold election of officers of the Board. The Board held elections of the new officers, Tony Watkins was elected Chairman, the nomination was made by Ann Bethea. Dr. Kathryn Jones was elected Vice Chairman, nomination was made by Dr. Samuel Jones.

Parker stated that the Board is in very good financial shape, much better than a year ago. The Board has a balance of \$179,020.68. We have continued to try to increase revenue and lower expenses.

Legal Counsel, Ben Seiss, stated there were open cases regarding an insurance carrier and custody dispute. Attorney Ben Siess stated that the Board should go into executive session to discuss the two licensees due to good name and character. The motion was made by Tony Watkins and seconded by Dr. Kathryn Jones. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The Board went into executive session at 11:07 am and a motion to leave executive session was made by Dr. Samuel Jones and seconded by Dr. Kathryn Jones. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion to end executive session at 11:20 am. The board deliberated and voted unanimously to restore the license of licensee Salena Potter.

The board deliberated and unanimously delayed the other licensee decision until the next board meeting, Friday January 23.

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

Intern Applications (2):

Lawrence Mason
Skyhler Schaffer

Associate Applications (2):

Mechill Coel
Angela Hill

Associate & Exam Application (3):

Denise Browne
Courtney Connole
Angelique Hudson

LMFT By Endorsement (8):

Mamie Albritton - Mississippi
David Farris – Arkansas

LMFT (8):

Maddison Fort
Jada Henderson
Maddison Kirschner
Dylann Lowery
Salena Potter
Christle Reddix
Samantha Scott
Sarah Grace Stevenson

SIT – Supervisor in Training (1):

Kylie Hathaway

A motion was made to except all applicants listed above by Dr. Kathryn Jones and seconded by Anne Bethea.

Approved Supervisor: (1)

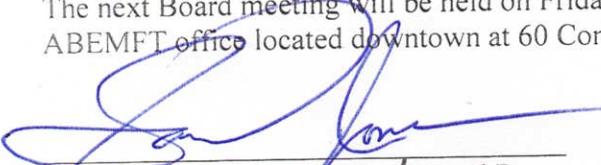
Samuel Jones

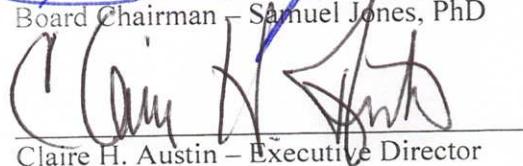
There was a motion by Ann Bethea to approve Dr. Samuel Jones, and the motion was seconded by Tony Watkins.

Under other new business members suggested that we update regulation forms on the website. There was a motion made by Dr. Kathryn Jones and seconded by Ann Bethea for the board to approve Jacki Tucker, Administrator of the ABEMFT Board, to attend the February Association meeting in Birmingham.

With no further business before the board, Chairman Dr. Samuel Jones requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Dr. Kathryn Jones and seconded by Ann Bethea; the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 am.

The next Board meeting will be held on Friday, January 23, 2026 @ 10:00 AM CST – at the ABEMFT office located downtown at 60 Commerce Street, Suite 1440, Montgomery, AL.


Board Chairman – Samuel Jones, PhD


Claire H. Austin – Executive Director