

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 15, 2020**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Marriage and Family Therapists held virtually through Zoom on October 15, 2020.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Shawn Oak  
Scott Kaminsky  
Fred Stickle  
Mike Clark  
Tamara James  
John Embry

**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**

Tiler Hahn, Board Administrator  
Michael Newman, Commissioner

**OTHERS**

Bryan Morrow, Legal Counsel  
David Trimble, Assisting Legal Counsel

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

**GUESTS**

Michelle Oak, Melissa Smith, Marie Ruf

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Shawn Oak called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

**MINUTES**

A motion made by John Embry to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting. Motion, seconded by Fred Stickle, carried.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial statement for the month of September 2020 presented to the Board for review. No further action as required.

**DPL UPDATE**

Commissioner Michael Newman informed the Board that vacant Board positions would be filled hopefully soon. On that note, Commissioner Newman talked about the new Board member training video that has been made.

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Board Attorney updated the Board on upcoming dates and deadlines for pending amended regulations 201 KAR 32:110 and 201 KAR 32:035.

**LICENSURE STATUS REPORT**

A Licensure Status Report, October 13, presented to the Board for review. The report showed there are currently **591** active licensed Marriage and Family Therapists along with **181** active licensed Marriage and Family Therapy Associates. No further action was required.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A motion made by Fred Stickle to approve M. Mayfield's request to become a Board approved Supervisor. Motion, seconded by Johnny Embry, carried.

A motion made by Scott Kaminsky to approve the following 2021 Board meeting dates: **1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/17, 7/15, 8/19, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16**. Motion, seconded by Fred Stickle, carried.

A motion made by Fred Stickle to re-elect Shawn Oak as the Chair. Motion, seconded by Johnny Embry, carried.

A motion made by Shawn Oak to re-elect Fred Stickle as Vice Chair. Motion, seconded by Johnny Embry, carried.

A motion made by Shawn Oak to re-elect Tamara James as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion, seconded by Johnny Embry, carried.

Shawn oak spoke about attending the AMFTRB conference and how Kentucky was praised on its response to telehealth regulations.

A motion made by Fred Stickle to approve the public comment from Dr. Bertram previously approved at the September 17, 2020 Board meeting regarding 201 KAR 32:035 to include amending Section 7(2) from 6 to 12 associates. Motion, seconded by Johnny Embry, carried.

## **APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Board discussed an application for C. Harris-Gray as she was re-applying for a new permit due to almost reaching 5 years with her current active permit. A motion made by Fred Stickle to defer the application until the Board has an answer on if Senate Bill 150 affects the five year cut off date. Motion, seconded by Mike Clark, carried.

A motion made by Fred Stickle to approve all applications, renewals, audits, inactive requests and CE provider applications as reviewed by the applications committee prior to this meeting. Motion, seconded by Mike Clark, carried.

A motion made by Johnny Embry to approve the ratifications of applications, renewals, audits and CE provider applications reviewed and issued following the last meeting and prior to this meeting. Motion, seconded by Fred Stickle, carried.

## **COMPLAINT COMMITTEE**

### **2019MFT00003/2019KBMFT00001-**

Scott Kaminsky made a motion to enter into closed session under KRS 61.810(1)(c) to discuss pending litigation in 2019MFT00003/2019KBMFT00001. Motion, seconded by Johnny Embry, carried. Board Attorney Bryan Morrow, recused from closed session, did not attend or participate. The Board received legal counsel from David Trimble (Public Protection Cabinet, Office of Legal Services) during the closed session.

A motion made by Fred Stickle to come out of closed session. Motion, seconded by Johnny Embry, carried. No final action taken during the closed session.

A motion made by Scott Kaminsky to accept the hearing officer's findings of fact but reject his recommended penalty and increase the penalty to five years revocation of the Respondent's permit. The five-year period will run from the date of the complaint. Motion, seconded by Johnny Embry, carried.

A motion made by Johnny Embry to send a letter to the Tennessee Board for Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, and Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists notifying them of the Board's decision. Motion, seconded by Fred Stickle, carried.

**PER DIEM**

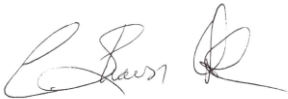
Motion made by John Embry to approve Per Diem for the following:

- 9/08/20: Shawn Oak- Hearing date
- 9/22/20: Shawn Oak- AMFTRB Conference
- 10/14/20: Fred Stickle, Mike Clark, Tamara James- renewals/ paper applications
- 10/15/20: Shawn Oak, Fred Stickle, Gary Clark, Scott Kaminsky, Tamara James, John Embry- Board Meeting

Motion, seconded by Mike Clark, carried.

**ADJOURN**

Motion made by John Embry to adjourn the meeting at 1:17p.m. Motion, seconded by Mike Clark, carried.



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Shawn Oak, Chair