

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists

Board Meeting Agenda for
Friday, April 5, 2024, 1 p.m.

The April 5, 2024 meeting of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists will be held by videoconference call, as authorized under Texas Government Code section 551.127. The presiding officer will be physically present at Abilene Christian University, Biblical Studies Building, Room 126, 1850 Teague Blvd., Abilene, Texas 79601. Other board members may appear at the scheduled meeting in-person or via videoconference call. This location will be open to the public, but seating is limited to first come, first served.

In lieu of attending in person, members of the public are encouraged to access and participate virtually in this meeting by entering the URL address <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82489591306> into their web browser. Telephone access numbers and additional videoconference call access information can be found in the attached addendum. An electronic copy of the agenda and meeting materials will be made available at www.bhec.texas.gov prior to the meeting. A recording of the meeting will be made available on the Council's YouTube channel after the meeting is adjourned. To obtain a copy of the recording, please contact the Council's public information officer at Open.Records@bhec.texas.gov.

For members of the public wishing to give public comment, once the public comment item is reached on the agenda after the meeting convenes, the presiding officer will allow those who are attending in person to give public comment first and then ask those joining by computer to use the "raise hand" feature to indicate who would like to make a public comment. Those individuals who raise their hand will then be unmuted to give public comment. Once all of the individuals with raised hands have been given an opportunity to make public comment, the individuals appearing by telephone will be unmuted and asked whether they would like to make a public comment. Please note that public comment is not intended for a discussion or a question-and-answer session with the Board. Additionally, when making a public comment, please identify yourself and whether you are speaking individually or on behalf of an organization. All public comments will be limited to 3 minutes, unless otherwise directed by the presiding officer. In lieu of providing public comment during the meeting, you may submit written public comments by clicking here: <https://forms.office.com/r/PX8T8nTWRA>. Only those written public comments received by 5pm on the last business day before the meeting will be submitted to the board members for their consideration. No written comments received will be read aloud during the meeting.

Please note that the board may request input during the meeting from any interested parties or members of the public during its discussion of an agenda item.

If you are planning to attend this meeting and need auxiliary aids, services or materials in an alternate format, please contact the Council at least 5 working days before the meeting date. PHONE: (512) 305-7700, TTY/RELAY TEXAS: 711 or 1-800-RELAY TX.

The board may go into Executive Session to deliberate any item listed on this agenda if authorized under Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Ch. 551.

The board may discuss and take action concerning any matter on the agenda and in a different order from what it appears herein.

MFT BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024, 1 P.M.

(Merchant, Bartee, Elder, Ezell, Parrish, Reyna, Richardson, Smith)

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Public Comment.
3. Approval of minutes of the January 26, 2024, videoconference Board meetings.
4. Board review and possible action regarding appeals of application for licensure denials.

5. Board review and possible action regarding agreed orders to be executed by the Board.
6. Board review and possible action regarding contested cases from the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).
7. Report of agreed orders executed by the Council's Executive Director.
8. Report of cases dismissed by the Council's Executive Director.
9. Status report of quarterly enforcement case activities.
10. Report from Committee Chairs per Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code, §801.11(f):
 - A. Report from Ethics Committee Chair Dr. Elder.
 - B. Report from Licensing Standards Committee Chair Dr. Merchant.
 - C. Report from Outreach Committee Chair Dr. Merchant.
 - D. Report from Professional Development Committee Chair Dr. Bartee.
 - E. Report from Rules Committee Chair Dr. Merchant.
11. Discussion and possible action concerning recommendations from the October 27, 2023, Virtual Townhall; November 7, 2023, and January 12, 2024, Rules Committee meetings; January 26, 2024 Board meeting; and February 26 and March 18, 2024, Rules Committee meetings for changes in Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code,
 - A. §801.114 *Academic Course Content*: to add remedy for incomplete supervised clinical internship that fails to satisfy academic requirements.
 - B. §801.115 *Academic Requirements and Supervised Clinical Internship Equivalency for Applicants Currently Licensed as an LMFT in Another Jurisdiction* is repealed to align with current statute.
 - C. §801.142 *Supervised Clinical Experience Requirements and Conditions*: clarifies hour requirements; removes limit to supervision by telephone, if the supervisor determines live video is inaccessible; limits excess practicum award to those enrolled in qualified program before September 1, 2025; and repeals provisions concerning applicants who hold non-Texas LMFT license.
12. Discussion and possible action regarding jurisprudence exam:
 - A. Discussion and possible action concerning the quarterly summary from the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists' Jurisprudence Exam vendor.
 - B. Discussion and possible action related to changes in the Board's Jurisprudence Exam.
13. Discussion and possible action regarding changes to the Supervisory Agreement Form discussed at the December 8, 2023, Professional Development Committee meeting; January 26, 2024 Board meeting; and February 20, 2024, Council meeting. The Council's motion carried: to return the form to the MFT Board, requesting consideration of changing the sentence structure to the bulleted item regarding Associate's right to change supervisors and, if needed to file complaint against supervisor.
14. Report from the Board Chair concerning current challenges and accomplishments; lawsuits; interaction with stakeholders, state officials, and staff; committee appointments and functions; workload of Board members; conferences; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the Board.
15. Report from the Board's Delegates to the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council regarding the activities of the Executive Council, including
 - A. The Council's rulemaking actions taken at its February 20, 2024 meeting including adopted rules and
 - B. Proposed rules; and
 - C. Other Council updates.

16. Report from the Board Administrator concerning operations, organization, and staffing; workload processing and statistical information; status of rulemaking; customer service accomplishments, inquiries, and challenges; media, legislative, and stakeholder contacts and concerns; special projects; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the program.
17. Discussion and possible action regarding future priorities and activities of the Board.
18. Announcements and comments not requiring Board action, such as statements regarding conferences and other recent or upcoming events.
19. Adjournment.

This meeting is open to the public. No reservations are required and there is no cost to attend this meeting.

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Addendum: Additional Videoconference and Telephone Conference Call Information

When: April 5, 2024 1 p.m. Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists' April 5, 2024 Regular Meeting

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