

Minutes

The Music Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on November 28, 2022 at 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Advance notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on October 15, 2021, and posted on the Board's website on November 18, 2022 at 4:01 p.m. pursuant to 25 O.S. § 311(A)(9).

Members Present were:

Suzanne Heppel, MT-BC – Chair
Sophia Lee, PhD, MT-BC – Vice-Chair
Rachel Nowels, MT-BC

Member(s) Absent:

Shelly Welsh, MS, CCC-SLP, Health Professional
Lay Person – Vacant

Others present:

Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing
Valeska Barr, Assistant Director of Licensing
Madalynn Martin, Assistant Attorney General, Committee Legal Advisor

Having noted a quorum, Ms. Heppel called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Following Committee review, Dr. Lee moved to approve the minutes of April 18, 2022, as written. Ms. Nowels seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, the Committee reviewed applications for licensure. Dr. Lee moved to recommend tabling the incomplete application of **TIFFANY ROSE LAFERRY** for LPMT licensure until the next meeting. Ms. Nowels seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Lee moved to recommend approving the complete application of **LIM HAYOUNG** for reinstatement of LPMT licensure. Ms. Nowels seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Lee moved to recommend approving the complete application of **CHIH-CHI HUANG** for LPMT licensure. Ms. Nowels seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee discussed possible nominations to fill the Committee Lay Member vacancy. Ms. Heppel believes she has a nominee and will provide the information directly to Barbara Smith.

Barbara Smith presented the Duties of Committee Members pursuant to Title 59 O.S. Section 889.3 and Application Requirements pursuant to Title 59 O.S. Section 889.5(A). Ms.

Smith explained that the law does not allow for committee members to act behind the scenes on behalf of an applicant. Further, the law states that an applicant is to submit their application directly to the Medical Board and, therefore, Mr. Kelsey has instructed board staff to no longer accept applications and application materials directly from committee members. Doing so appears to give an unfair advantage to those applicants who know, and/or are a student of or employed by a committee member and the Board frowns on this. Further, board staff is not allowed to discuss an application with a third-party. Outside of committee meetings, where review and discussion occur based only on the information provided in the committee notebook, all committee members are considered a third-party. In closing, Ms. Smith explained that Mr. Kelsey has instructed board staff to discontinue circulating applications or holding special meetings simply to accommodate applicants who failed to meet deadlines when applying for licensure. The Committee asked Lisa Cullen to schedule a licensure application presentation for all music therapy classes.

Under “New Business,” Dr. Lee asked about the possibility of allowing LPMTs to receive a provisional license. This was a conversation that was prompted by the discussion just above. Dr. Lee was advised that such a change would require a law change.

There being no further business, Ms. Heppel moved to adjourn the meeting. The time was 2:10 p.m.