

## Minutes

The Therapeutic Recreation Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on May 27, 2021 in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. This virtual regular meeting is being held consistent with the amendments to the Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. 2011, § 301 *et seq.*, signed into law by Governor Stitt on February 10, 2021. Advance notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on November 10, 2020 and posted on the Board's website on May 25, 2021 at 10:45 a.m. pursuant to 25 O.S. § 311.9(b).

### Members participating via videoconferencing:

Tim Passmore, Ed.D., TRS, Chair  
Angela Roberts, TRS  
Michelle Higgins, TRS  
Katie Hernandez, TRS  
Ms. Rendy Janssen

### Member(s) Absent:

N/A

### Others participating via videoconferencing:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director  
Sandra LaVenue, Deputy Director  
Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary  
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing  
Thomas Schneider, Assistant Attorney General, Committee Advisor  
Jason Fennell, I.T., Network Administrator

Having noted a quorum, Mr. Passmore called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes of August 20, 2020. Ms. Roberts moved to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Janssen seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BRILLIT JULIA-GOMEZ** appeared virtually in support of her application for Therapeutic Recreation Specialist licensure. She has practiced since October 2019 as a TRS without a license or temporary letter allowing her to practice. She was also working prior to receiving her certification. She did not apply for licensure until March 18, 2021. Mr. Passmore stated that in Oklahoma we have had law in place that requires a license to practice recreational therapy since 2010. The rules set out what the qualifications are for licensure. Mr. Passmore conducted a brief overview of the law and rules regarding licensure.

The applicant stated she was unaware of the licensing process and she did not really consider it. She became employed at Greer and her position did not require a licensure, just certification through the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (“NCTRC”) for the first year. Just recently her co-worker mentioned something about renewing her license and at that time Ms. Julia-Gomez started looking into it. Stacy, the HR manager with Robert Greer Center, appeared virtually and stated that she was made aware of the licensing issue in December but the job description does not require a licensed recreation therapist. Her application is

incomplete. Following discussion, Ms. Higgins moved to recommend approval of the application of **BRILLIT JULIA-GOMEZ** for Therapeutic Recreation Specialist under terms of agreement with terms to include one year of direct onsite supervision with a supervision log to be provided monthly to the licensing department for review by the TRS Committee. Ms. Roberts seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

*Katie Hernandez RECUSED.*

**MADISON FELLERS** appeared virtually in support of her application for Therapeutic Recreation Specialist licensure. Ms. Fellers confirmed that she has been practicing since September of 2019 at Cedar Ridge Behavioral Health as a TRS. Her file was in the approved pending status in August of 2019, so all she had to do was complete her file and she would have been licensed. She ended up reapplying for licensure on April 21<sup>st</sup> of this year. Ms. Fellers apologized profusely and stated she was certain she had sent all of her required documents into the Board. She remembers having all of the documents notarized and sending them in, but the licensing department does not have them. Her file is complete. Following discussion, Ms. Roberts moved to recommend approval of the application of **MADISON FELLERS** for Therapeutic Recreation Specialist licensure under terms of agreement with terms to include one year of general supervision with a supervision log to be provided quarterly to the licensing department for review by the TRS Committee. Ms. Higgins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

*Katie Hernandez returned to the meeting.*

**MIRANDA McKEE** appeared virtually in support of her application for Therapeutic Recreation Specialist licensure. Her license lapsed in January of 2021, but she has not practiced since that time. She is currently nationally credentialed. Her application is incomplete. Following discussion, Ms. Higgins moved to recommend approval of the application of **MIRANDA McKEE** for reinstatement of Therapeutic Recreation Specialist licensure pending completion of the file. Ms. Janssen seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, the Committee reviewed applications for licensure. Following Committee review and discussion, Ms. Roberts moved to recommend approval of the following incomplete applications for Therapeutic Recreation Specialist licensure pending completion of the files. Ms. Higgins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**KATHLEEN SUSAN WAXMAN**  
**JESSIE JO CAULEY SASSIN**

**LAUREN MACKENZIE DICK**

Ms. Higgins moved to recommend approval of the complete application of **JENELLE FREY** for Therapeutic Recreation Specialist licensure. Ms. Roberts seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

There being no further business, Ms. Janssen moved to adjourn the meeting. The time was 3:55 p.m.