Minutes

The Music Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on October 20, 2025, 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 November 15, 2024, and posted on the Board's website on October 6, 2025, at 11:48 a.m. pursuant to 25 O.S. § 311(A)(9).

Members present were:

Suzanne Heppel, MT-BC – Chair
Rachel Nowels, MT-BC
Katy Kirk, MT-BC
Ms. Sonja Mangrum, Lay Member
Shelly Welsh, MS, CCC-SLP, Health Professional

Others present:

Sandra Harrison, JD, Executive Director
Kristi Ice, JD, Deputy Director
Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing
Mady Martin, Committee Legal Advisor

Having noted a quorum, Ms. Heppel called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll was called by Barbara Smith for purposes of the record.

Ms. Harrison made opening remarks including advising the Committee that the Medical Board's sunset date was extended through July of 2030. A couple of interim studies have been requested but have not yet been scheduled, specifically the study regarding consolidation of medical boards. Also, the agency is undergoing a major modernization of its database which should ease the licensing process in the future.

Following Committee review, Ms. Mangrum moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2025, as written. Ms. Kirk seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, the Committee reviewed licensure applications.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Nowels moved to recommend approval of the incomplete applications of **ELHAM YOUNESI, CALEB DAVID ZERBY,** and **BETTY THERESE CAIN** for Licensed Music Therapist pending completion of the files. Ms. Welsh seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Welsh moved to recommend approval of the complete application of **OLIVIA DESTINY ALFERINK** for Licensed Music Therapist. Ms. Mangrum seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

There being no further business, Ms. Mangrum moved to adjourn the meeting. The time was 1:41 p.m.