Minutes

The Music Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on January 12, 2026, 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, 2025, and posted on the Board's website on January 2, 2026, at 9:04 a.m. pursuant to 25 O.S. § 311(A)(9).

Members present were:
Suzanne Heppel, MT-BC – Chair
Rachel Nowels, MT-BC
Ms. Sonja Mangrum, Lay Member
Shelly Welsh, MS, CCC-SLP, Health Professional

Members absent were:
Katy Kirk, MT-BC

Others present:
Sandra Harrison, JD, Executive Director
Kristi Ice, JD, Deputy Director
Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary
Lisa Cullen, External Licensing Director
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 that the legislative session is beginning soon and the bill filing deadline is this Thursday, January 15, 2026. Currently, no bills have been filed regarding Music Therapy. The agency will run a cleanup bill on behalf of the Medical Board and will follow it through session, as well as also follow the permanent administrative rule amendments. In closing, Ms. Harrison advised that our database modernization is on target to be up and running sometime this summer.

Following Committee review, Ms. Nowels moved to approve the minutes of October 20, 2025, as written. Ms. Welsh seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, the Committee reviewed licensure applications.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Welsh moved to recommend approval of the incomplete application of **MILIANGELYS ORTIZ TORRES** for Licensed Music Therapist pending completion of the file. Ms. Mangrum seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Nowels moved to recommend approval of the complete application of **HANNELORE ANNAMARIE CLAYTON** for Licensed Music Therapist. Ms. Mangrum seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

There being no further business, Ms. Welsh moved to adjourn the meeting. The time was 1:40 p.m.