Minutes

The Music Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on October 19, 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 October 8, 2026, at 2:52 p.m. pursuant to 25 O.S. § 311(A)(9).

Members present were:
Suzanne Heppel, MT-BC – Chair
Katy Kirk, MT-BC
Rachel Nowels, MT-BC
Shelly Welsh, MS, CCC-SLP, Health Professional
Members absent were:
Ms. Sonja Mangrum, Lay Member
Others present:
Sandra Harrison, JD, Executive Director
Renee Banks, JD, Deputy Director
Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary
Valeska Barr, 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 introducing Renee Banks, JD, as the new Deputy Director, and Valeska Barr as the new Director of Licensing. She further reported that the database has been operational since June of this year. The A/V equipment in the board room has been replaced and we are very pleased with the upgrade. Lastly, our website is also being upgraded and it will contain much of the same information but will be much cleaner and more user-friendly.

Following Committee review, Ms. Nowels moved to approve the minutes of June 8, 2026, 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 applications which are "In Review" of **GRACE RAMSEY, JACIE HUTCHERSON,** and **MOLLY HEDGPETH** for Licensed Professional Music Therapist licensure pending completion of the files. Ms. Welsh 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 1:41 p.m.