



State of Alaska
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATION, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY
Minutes of the meeting June 8, 2026

By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.63.030, and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, specifically AS 44.62.310d(1), a scheduled meeting of the Board of Marital and Family Therapy originated from Anchorage. This meeting was held via Zoom.

The Chair called meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Agenda Item - Roll Call

Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum

Noah Shields
Shawnmarie Carpenter
Chantal Cohen
Kayla Green

Division Staff Present

Amberly Northcutt, Occupational License Examiner 3
Alyssa Castles, Occupational License Examiner 3
Jeanne Pace, Program Coordinator 1

Board Members Absent

n/a

Members of Public Present

n/a

Agenda Item - Ethics Disclosure

Noah Shields, Chair, requested ethics disclosures from all board members. The Board had no ethics disclosures to report.

Agenda Item - Review/Approve Agenda

In a motion duly made by Chantal Cohen, seconded by Kayla Green, with unanimous consent, it was resolved to accept the June 8th agenda as presented.

Agenda Item – Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda Item – Division Report

- a. **Quarterly Report FY26Q3:** Melissa Dumas reviewed the quarterly report
- b. **MFT Fee Analysis:** Melissa Dumas moderated the board discussion of fee changes.

In a motion duly made by Shawnmarie Carpenter, seconded by Kayla Green, with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve board recommended fee changes.

Agenda Item - Investigations

- a. **Investigative Report:** Billy Homestead presented the Investigative Report from April 2, 2026, through May 27, 2026. This period has five open cases and no cases closed.

Agenda Item – Regulations

- a. **AO 360 – Project One:** Jeanne Pace presented an overview of governor approved changes included in the first project. The first project topics include:
 - i. Supervised Experience, Approved Supervisors, Supervisor Authorization
 - ii. Teletherapy Eligibility
 - iii. Continuing Education Requirements and License Renewal

In a motion duly made by Kayla Green, seconded by Chantal Cohen, with unanimous consent, it was resolved to initiate a regulations project regarding AO 360 priority one projects for the Board of Marital and Family Therapy by approving changes to the following regulations for public comment, unless substantive changes are made by the regulation specialist or the Department of Law. The draft language is appended to the minutes:

12 AAC 19.130 - SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE

12 AAC 19.210 - APPROVED SUPERVISORS

12 AAC 19.300 - LICENSE RENEWAL

12 AAC 19.310 - CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

12 AAC 19.340 - FAILURE TO MEET CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND LICENSE REINSTATEMENT

New Supervisor Authorization Renewal and Reinstatement section

12 AAC 19.405 - ELIGIBILITY TO PRACTICE TELETHERAPY.

Agenda Item – New Business

- a. **Schedule Future Meetings:** The board scheduled a back-up for the September meeting: December 14th
- b. **Defining Substantially Equivalent:** Shawnmarie Carpenter presented concerns about applicants from states with lesser training. Noah recommended AMFTRB data to provide

insight into states with substantially lesser training. Jeanne reviewed statutory reasons for application denial.

In a motion duly made by Kayla Green, seconded by Chantal Cohen with unanimous consent, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40AM.

Date Final Minutes Approved by the Board:	06/26/2026
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