

## DANCE/MOVEMENT THERAPY CERTIFICATION BOARD

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The Dance/Movement Therapy Certification Board (DMTCB) develops and promotes high ethical standards for dance/movement therapists. DMTCB requires that certified dance/movement therapists meet these standards. The following disciplinary procedures are the rules for processing possible violations of these ethics standards. These rules are applicable to DMTCB certificants and applicants for DMTCB certification. This document describes and outlines the only procedure for handling ethics cases brought to the attention of DMTCB. When dance/movement therapists apply for certification or recertification, they agree to abide by the DMTCB policies, including the Code of Ethics and the Standard of Ethical Practice and the Ethics Case Procedures.

1. Nature of the Process. These procedures are the only means to resolve DMTCB ethics charges and complaints. DMTCB has the exclusive authority to end any ethics inquiry or case, regardless of circumstances. By applying for certification or recertification, dance/movement therapists agree that they will not challenge the authority of DMTCB to apply the Code of Ethics, the Standards of Ethical Practice and the Ethics Case Procedures, and will not challenge the results of any DMTCB action taken under these policies in a legal or government forum. These ethics procedures are not formal legal proceedings, therefore, many legal rules and practices are not observed. DMTCB will review the pertinent information presented when considering ethics investigations, cases and decisions. The DMTCB Ethics Case Procedures are designed to operate without the assistance of attorneys. Any party may be represented by an attorney with respect to ethics proceedings and procedures, at the party's sole expense. However, if a party has retained an attorney, that party and attorney may be directed to communicate with DMTCB only through DMTCB Legal Counsel. The parties are encouraged to communicate directly with DMTCB.
2. Participants. Ethics cases shall be decided by the DMTCB. A DMTCB certificant or applicant who is the subject of an ethics charge or investigation will be, and is identified as, the respondent in these rules. The person(s) initiating an ethics complaint concerning a certificant or applicant will be, and is identified as, the complainant(s).
3. Complainants/Ethics Charge Statement. Any person, group or, in appropriate cases, DMTCB, may initiate an ethics case and act as a complainant. A complainant other than DMTCB must: contact the DMTCB Chairperson and request an Ethics Charge Statement form; complete the information requested on the Ethics Charge Statement.