

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2026

The 736th Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:19 a.m. by Trent Evans, Ph.D.

### Board Members Present

Matthew Edelstein, Psy.D.  
Chenere Evans, Psy.D.  
Judith Kinney, Ph.D.  
Li Ying Kathy Diao, MA, Public Member  
Zeno St. Cyr. II, MPH, Public Member

### Absent Board Members

Stephen F. Bono, Ph.D.  
LaKeita Carter, Psy.D.

### Board Staff

Lorraine Smith, MA, MPH, Executive Director  
Tamika Davis, Licensing Coordinator, Deputy Director  
Patricia Morris English, MS, Investigator  
Brett Felter, J.D., AAG, Board Counsel

### Public

Laurie Donze, MPA

The Board meeting was held via teleconference.

#### A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on March 6, 2026, were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the minutes.**

#### B. Announcements

The list of registrants for the April Jurisprudence exams were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve.**

Ms. Smith provided the following legislative updates.

**HB 1365 Health Occupations and, Public Health, and Insurance – Menopause – Provider Training and Coverage Requirements, Policy Initiatives, and Access to Care** The Bill requires licensees to attest to completing a “menopause training” to renew their license. **moving in both chambers WILL PASS** (Brett will review the bill for clarification).

**HB 557 Occupational Licensing and Certification – Criminal History – Predetermination Review Process** The Bill requires the board to conduct a predetermination review of one’s

criminal history before submitting an application. **moving in both chambers WILL PASS**

**SB 568/ HB 1021 prescriptive authority** Authorizing a licensed psychologist to use prescriptive authority if the psychologist is certified by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and Establishes a Prescriptive Authority Advisory Committee. **no movement WILL NOT PASS**

**HB 771 Health Occupations - Human Trafficking Awareness Training**

Requires health boards to adopt regulations for continuing education hours in human trafficking awareness. **moving in chambers WILL PASS**

**HB 995 Health Occupations – Behavioral Health Care Providers – Use of Artificial Intelligence** Prohibits behavioral health care providers from using artificial intelligence to provide behavioral health care to a patient... **no movement WILL NOT PASS**

**HB 1372 Public Health - Office of Health Care Quality Information and Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission (Emergency Bill)**

Establishing the Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission to provide advice and recommendations relating to the relationship between the Department and the health occupations boards **moving in chambers WILL PASS.**

**HB 1420/SB 806 Health Occupations - Criminal History Records Checks** requires criminal history record checks for all boards and implements the Rap Back Program for the board. **moving in chambers WILL PASS**

**HB 1527 Complementary and Alternative Health Care - Practice Authorized (Complementary and Alternative Health Care Practice Act)**

Authorizing an individual to practice complementary or alternative health care in the State without obtaining a license, certification, or authorization issued under certain provisions of law. **no movement in chamber WILL NOT PASS**

**SB 910/HB 1094 Health Insurance - Graduate-Level Clinical Interns - Required**

**Reimbursement** Establishing that insureds and any other persons covered by certain health insurance policies, contracts, or certificates are entitled to reimbursement for the services rendered by a graduate-level counseling, social work, or psychology clinical intern under certain circumstances; and generally relating to health insurance reimbursement for the services of clinical interns. **moving in chambers WILL PASS**

**Committee Reports:**

**Licensing**—The committee and Mr. Felter will meet to finalize regulatory changes to COMAR 10.36.01. The committee will also begin to review COMAR 10.36.07 Psychology Associates regulations.

**Legislation and Regulations**- The committee met and bills introduced in the legislative session that impact the board.

**Complaint and Disciplinary**- The committee met and discussed ways to improve resources to licenses.

**Public Relations**- The committee will meet in May.

### **C. Public Comment**

Dr. Donze asked could a license be suspended or revoked based on background reports. Dr. Donze was informed that COMAR 10.36.08 defines guidelines for disciplinary sanctions.

### **Administrative Session/Adjournment**

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter a closed session to discuss Board matters and consult with Counsel. The open meeting was closed at 9:50 a.m. Unless they were recused, those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.