

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2025

The 726th Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at a.m. by Chairperson Brenda L. Terry-Leonard, Ph.D.

### **Board Members Present**

Stephen Bono, Ph.D.

Li Ying Kathy Diao, MA, Public Member

Trent Evans, Ph.D.

Kimberly A. Sanschagrin, J.D., Ph.D.

Sybil Smith-Gray, Ph.D.

Zeno St. Cyr. II, MPH Public Member

### **Board Member Absent**

Shelley M McDermott, Ph.D.

La Keita Carter, Psy.D.

### **Staff**

Lorraine Smith, MA, MPH, Executive Director

Tamika Davis, Licensing Coordinator, Deputy Director

Patricia Morris English, MS, Investigator

Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

### **Public**

Lillian Reeves – Health Boards legislative and regulatory liaison

Zakiyyah Holmes - MDH

Rachel Singer - MPA

The Board meeting was held via teleconference.

### **A. Minutes**

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on March 7, 2025, were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and a vote was called to accept the minutes: For- 6: Abstention – 0**

### **B. Announcements**

The list of registrants for the jurisprudence examination for April was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve both the current list and any registrations that may be received at a later date.**

Ms. Smith provided the following legislative updates.

### **HB 482 Occupational Licensing and Certification - Criminal History**

Requires the Board to perform a predetermination of an individual's criminal history to determine if the information would disqualify them from licensure. **The bill is moving forward.**

### **SB 372 Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025**

Permits reimbursement for audio-only telephone consultations. **The bill is moving forward.**

### **SB 458 Health Occupations- Structural Racism Training**

Require licensees to complete a training on Structural Racism. **Movement is expected.**

### **HB 621 Criminal Procedure - Expungement - Adverse Actions and Removal From Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) System**

Clarifies that refusal by a person to disclose information about their criminal charges that have been expunged may not be the sole reason for denying the person's application for licensure. **No movement**

Ms. Smith reported that the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) held a virtual Town Hall meeting in April to discuss the evolving Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP). ASPPB announced that the EPPP will be restructured to become a single test by combining EPPP1 and EPPP2. This new exam is scheduled to be implemented sometime in 2027. Some participants raised concerns about the decision to have one exam instead of two, noting that having two separate exams would allow jurisdictions to continue using EPPP1 only.

Ms. Smith reported that legislators reduced the amount of money that each board was scheduled to contribute to help address the budget shortfall of the Behavioral Health Administration. Specifically, the amendment for the Board of Examiners for Psychologists is now set at \$465,310, which is half of the initial amount.

### **C. Committee Updates**

**Licensure** – The committee proposed the deletion of COMAR 10.36.04-2A regarding Supervised Professional Experience Practice-Oriented Programs.

A. For applicants for licensure graduating from practice-oriented programs, supervised professional experience may be accrued through:

- (1) Pre-internship.
- (2) Internship; and
- (3) Pre-doctoral or post-internship

A motion was made, seconded, and a vote was called to approve the deletion: For- 6: Abstention – 0.

**Legislation/Regulation** – The committee will meet in April.

**Disciplinary** – The committee presented an updated liaison report format which liaisons will begin using in May.

**Public Relations** – The committee will meet after the Board meeting to continue discussing newsletter articles and ways to improve the Board's website.

### **D. Public Comment**

Ms. Reeves provided information on SB 749 *Health Occupations - Authorization to Practice for Former Federal Employees and Dental Applicants Licensed or Certified in Another State*

The Bill requires the Maryland Department of Health to develop a plan for a temporary or permanent authorization to practice a health occupation in the State for certain individuals who left employment with a federal agency after a certain date.

### **Administrative Session/Adjournment**

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter a closed session to discuss disciplinary matters and consult with Counsel. The open meeting was closed at 9:21 a.m. Unless recused, those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.