

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2023

The 715th Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Vice-Chairperson Shelley M McDermott, Ph.D.

Board Members Present:

Shelley M. McDermott, Ph.D., Vice-Chairperson
Stephen Bono, Ph.D.
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member
Samantha Rukert, Psy.D.
Kimberly A. Sanschagrin, J.D., Ph.D.
Zeno St.Cyr II, Consumer Member

Board Member Absent:

Brenda L. Terry-Leonard, Ph.D., Chairperson
Sybil Smith-Gray, Ph.D.

Staff Present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Tamika Davis, Licensing Coordinator, Deputy Director
Thinh Nguyen, Board Database Specialist
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

Staff Absent

Patricia Morris English, Board Investigator

Public Present

Rachel Singer - MPA member at large

Board meeting was held via teleconference.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on December 1, 2023, were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded and a vote called to accept the minutes: For- 7: Abstention - 1**

B. Announcements

The list of registrants for the January and February jurisprudence exams was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and others who may register later.

Ms. Smith reported that the 2024 renewal period opened on January 4, 2024, and will remain open until March 31, 2024. Approximately 1700 licensed psychologists and 200 registered psychology associates are up for renewal.

MPA is working on recruiting new Board members for the upcoming fiscal year.

Ms. Smith provided an update on the following 2024 legislative Bills.

SB 241 – State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – Sunset Extension

SB 3 - Health Occupations – Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses – Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting

SB 221/HB 146 Health Occupations Boards – Reciprocal Licensure and Certification

HB 93 Landlord and Tenant - Termination of Residential Lease - Limitation of Liability for Rent

SB 54/HB 175 Occupational Licensing and Certification - Criminal History - Prohibited Disclosures and Predetermination Review Process

Dr. Samantha Rukert and Ms. Smith will testify on SB 241, with a soft amendment asking the legislators to consider granting the Board a 10-year extension instead of three.

C. Committee Reports

Licensure– The committee met on January 5, 2024, and discussed options to make the licensing application user-friendly.

Legislation/Regulation – The committee met on January 5, 2024, and discussed possible changes to the telepsychology regulations with post-covid in mind.

Disciplinary – The committee met on December 1, 2023, and January 5, 2024, and reviewed the current complaint form in order to make it more user-friendly and gather pertinent information.

Public Relations – The committee met on January 5, 2024, and is planning to have a newsletter in April.

D. Public Comment

Dr. Singer asked if extensions would be allowed to obtain a background check and was informed that a renewal could not be processed without a background check.

E. Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter a closed session to discuss administrative sessions. The open meeting was closed at 9:14 a.m. unless those attending the open session remained for the Administrative Session.