

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2026

The 734th Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Acting Chairperson Stephen F. Bono, Ph.D.

### Board Members Present

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

### 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

Deborah Willams, MPA  
Kim Sanschagrín, Ph.D.

The meeting was held via teleconference.

### A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on January 9, 2026, were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the minutes.**

### B. Announcements

The list of registrants for the Jurisprudence exams in January & February 2026 was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve.**

Ms. Smith reported that the Legislative Session Committee is currently reviewing the following bills.

**(No number assigned) - Health Occupations and Insurance – Menopause – Provider Training and Coverage Requirements** - Requires licensees to attest to completing a “menopause training” to renew their license.

**SB238 - School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact** - Establishes a School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact. (The board does not license school psychologists)

**HB 557 Occupational Licensing and Certification – Criminal History – Predetermination Review Process** - Requires the board to establish a predetermination review process for one’s criminal history before they apply for a license.

**SB 568 prescriptive authority**

Authorizing a licensed psychologist to use prescriptive authority and establishing the Prescriptive Authority Advisory Committee to advise the Board.

Mr. Felter mentioned a federal bill, the *Military Spouse Licensing Relief Act of 2021*, which allows the portability of a professional license from one jurisdiction to another under PCS Leave for Military Spouses.

**Committee Reports**

**Licensing**–The committee met on January 30, 2026, and discussed regulatory changes to COMAR 10.36.01. A member of the committee will attend the American Psychological Association Town Hall meeting on *the Model Act for State Licensure of Psychology Professionals*.

**Legislation and Regulations**- The committee will meet later this month.

**Complaint and Disciplinary** - The committee met in January and discussed ways to improve the supervisory process. The committee will meet later this month.

**Public Relations**- The committee will meet later this month.

## **C. Public Comment**

Dr. Sanschagrín asked for an update to regulatory changes to COMAR 10.36.01 and other chapters. The board counsel and the licensing committee were said to be working on the regulatory changes.

### **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 9:33 a.m. Unless they were recused, those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.