

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2025

The 724th Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairperson Brenda L. Terry-Leonard, Ph.D.

Board Members Present

Shelley M McDermott, Ph.D., Vice-Chair
Stephen Bono, Ph.D.
LaKeita Carter, Psy.D.
Li Ying Diao (Kathy), 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

Staff

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

Public

Zakiyyah Holmes, MDH
Debrorah Williams, MPA
Heather Altier, Public

The Board meeting was held via teleconference.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on January 7, 2025, were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and a vote was called to accept the minutes: For- 8: Abstention – 0

B. Announcements

The list of registrants for the February Jurisprudence exams will be presented at the March 7, 2025, meeting.

Ms. Smith reported that the legislative session began on January 8, 2025, and will continue until April 7, 2025. The Board did not submit legislation this year but will respond to any legislation that may impact the Board. A summary was provided for the following Bills.

HB 482 Occupational Licensing and Certification - Criminal History

Requires the Board to perform a predetermination review process of one criminal history to determine whether their criminal history would disqualify them for a license.

HB 959 School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact

Establishes a School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact.

SB 372 Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025

Continues the reimbursement of audio-only telephone conversations under the definition of “telehealth” relating to reimbursement and coverage of telehealth by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers.

SB 458 Health Occupations- Structural Racism Training

Require licensees to attest to taken implicit bias and Structural Racism Training approved by the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program, beginning in 2026.

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 a licensure.

C. Committee Updates

Licensure– The committee will meet in February.

Legislation/Regulation – The committee met in January and began reviewed the application for licensure.

Disciplinary – The committee will meet in February.

Public Relations – The committee met on February 7, 2025. Mr. St. Cyr. II will be the committee chair, and Dr. Sanschagrin will be the vice chair. The committee will examine ways to make the website more informative.

D. Public Comment

Heather Altier had questions about the jurisprudence exam that she took. Ms. Altier was instructed to contact Ms. Smith at the office.

Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter closed session to discuss disciplinary matters and to consult with Counsel. The open meeting was closed at 9:29 a.m. unless those who were recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.