

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2026

The 733rd 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.
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

Zakiyyah Holmes, MDH
Laurie Donze, MPA

The Board meeting was held via teleconference.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on December 5, 2025, were reviewed. **motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the minutes.**

B. Announcements

The list of registrants for the jurisprudence exams in December 2025 & January 2026 was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and others eligible to take the exam that register at a later time.**

Ms. Smith announced the 2026 license and registration renewal opened on January 8, 2026, and will remain open until March 31, 2026.

Ms. Smith also reported that the 2026 legislative session will begin on January 14, 2026. The Board, in collaboration with the other health boards, requested that the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) submit a legislative bill requiring the boards to participate in the Rap Back

Service Program, which is facilitated by the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The program allows authorized government agencies to receive notification of subsequent activity on individuals who hold positions of trust or are under criminal justice supervision or investigation. The bill also requests that the every-six-year background check requirement be removed. The Board approved this proposal at the June 27, 2025, meeting.

C. Committee Reports

Licensing—The committee met December 12, 2025, to discuss regulations surrounding Psychology Associates licensing regulations. The committee will meet on January 30, 2026, and provide details at a later date.

Legislation and Regulations- The committee plans to meet later this month.

Complaint and Disciplinary- The committee met on December 5, 2026, and discussed updating supervisory forms. The committee will meet again later this month

Public Relations- The committee will schedule a meeting this month.

C. Public Comment

Dr. Donze asked for clarification on the proposed Rap Back Bill.

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 9:12 a.m. Unless they were recused, those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.