Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
Open Meeting Minutes –June 26, 2026

The 738th Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Trent Evans, Ph.D.

Board Members Present
Stephen Bono, Ph.D.
LaKeita Carter, Psy.D.
Matthew Edelstein, Psy.D.
Chenere Evans, Psy.D.
Li Ying Kathy Diao, MA, Public Member
Zeno St. Cyr. II, MPH, Public Member

Board Staff
Tamika Davis, Licensing Coordinator, Deputy Director
Patricia Morris English, MS, Investigator
Erin Turner, Administrative Aide
Brett Felter, J.D., AAG, Board Counsel
Patricia Bennett, MSW, Administrator
Lillian Reese, Legislative Liaison/Regulations Coordinator

Public
Deborah Williams, MPA

The Board meeting was held via teleconference.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on June 5, 2026, were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and a vote was called to accept the minutes with changes: For- 7: Abstentions – 0

B. Announcements

The list of registrants for the Jurisprudence exams in June and July 2026 was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approval.**

Dr. T. Evans provided the following organizational updates.

A candidate has been selected to fill the Executive Director position. Human Resources has transitioned its focus from recruitment to onboarding and integration.

Digitizing Project: Planning for the digitizing project will begin once the new Executive Director is officially in place.

Board of Directors: Effective July 1, 2026, Stephen Bono, Ph.D., and Mr. Zeno St. Cyr II are no longer serving on the Board.

Beginning July 1, 2026, new members will join the board. They will be assigned complaints, and consumer members will begin reviewing complaints. To help ease the transition into these new duties and roles, new members of the Board will be paired with experienced members.

Mr. Felter announced the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) fees are expected to increase and may take effect January 1, 2027. Both renewal and reinstatement application cost will increase by $26 for psychology associate registrants.

Ms. Lillian Reese provided the following legislative updates.

***HB 1365 H*ealth Occupations and, Public Health, and Insurance – Menopause – Provider Training and Coverage Requirements, Policy Initiatives, and Access to Care** the Bill requires licensees to attest to completing a "menopause training" to renew their license. **Passed. To be effective 7/1/26, 10/1/26, and 1/2/27.**

HB 557 Occupational Licensing and Certification – Criminal History – Predetermination Review Process the Bill requires the board to conduct a predetermination review of one's criminal history before applying. **Passed. To be effective 7/1/26.**

SB 568/ HB 1021 Prescriptive Authority Authorizing a licensed psychologist to use prescriptive authority if the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and Establishes a Prescriptive Authority Advisory Committee certifies the psychologist. **Did not get voted out of the House Health Committee or Senate Finance Committee.**

HB 771 Health Occupations - Human Trafficking Awareness Training Requires health boards to adopt regulations for continuing education hours in human trafficking awareness. **Passed. To be effective 6/1/26.**

HB 995 Health Occupations – Behavioral Health Care Providers – Use of Artificial Intelligence Prohibits behavioral health care providers from using artificial intelligence to provide behavioral health care to a patient. **Withdrawn by sponsor.**

HB 1372 Public Health - Office of Health Care Quality Information and Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission (Emergency Bill) Establishing the Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission to provide advice and recommendations relating to the relationship between the Department and the health occupations boards. **Passed. To be effective when Governor signs bill.**

HB 1420/SB 806 Health Occupations - Criminal History Records Checks require criminal history checks for all boards and implements the Rap Back Program for the board. **Passed. To be effective 6/1/26.**

HB 1527 Complementary and Alternative Health Care - Practice Authorized (Complementary and Alternative Health Care Practice Act) Authorizing an individual to practice complementary or alternative health care in the State without obtaining a license, certification, or authorization issued under certain provisions of law. **Did not get voted out of the House Health Committee.**

SB 910/HB 1094 Health Insurance - Graduate-Level Clinical Interns - Required Reimbursement Establishing that insureds and any other persons covered by certain health insurance policies, contracts, or certificates are entitled to reimbursement for the services rendered by a graduate–level counseling, social work, or psychology clinical intern under certain circumstances; and generally relating to health insurance reimbursement for the services of clinical interns. **Passed with amendments. To be effective 1/1/27**

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, Subtitle 31 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS, *10.31.03 General Continuing Education Requirements, Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§1–225, 1–225.1, and 1-231, Annotated Code of Maryland, proposed draft was reviewed and voted on.* **After a discussion, motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to accept the drafted updates to 10.31.03 General Continuing Education Requirements.** Ms. Reese will send the signature sheet for the proposal approved by the Psychology Board.

Ms. Patricia Bennett provided financial updates. The Board reviewed the Monthly Agency Budget Report (Expenditure Details by Program, Organization, and Fund) under the Board's program code R418
Financial Updates Summary:

- **FY26 Status (as of June 10, 2026):** Total budget is $1.33M; $745.9k has been expended, leaving a balance of $586.9k.
- **FY27 & FY28 Planning:** FY27 begins July 1, 2026. Board budget requests for FY28 (covering travel, supplies, contracts, etc.) begin in August.
- **Digitizing Project:** $400k has been secured for the computer licensing and imaging system.

Committee Reports:

- **Licensing**–The committee attended ASPPB's virtual Town Hall Meeting, "Steps in the Implementation and Registration for the EPPP in the fall of 2027 on June 9, 2026. **Integrated EPPP Overview**: The EPPP will transition to a single, integrated 5.5-hour exam in Q4 2027.
- **Key Dates**:
  - **Beta Testing**: March–April 2027 ($100 fee).
  - **Transition**: Current Part 1 and 2 exams remain available through Q4 2027.
  - **Deadline**: April 1, 2028, is the cutoff for all retakes of earlier exam versions; the new integrated EPPP will be the only version available after this date.
- **Format**: Computer-based exam covering 175 scored items across Foundational (50%) and Functional (50%) domains.
- **Resources**: The Candidate Handbook, sample exams, and jurisdictional training tools are scheduled for release in Fall 2026.

Legislation and Regulations- The committee has no updates and will meet later.
Complaint and Disciplinary- The committee has no updates and will meet later.

Public Relations- The committee has no updates and will meet later.

C. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

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 closed at 10:02 a.m. Unless they were recused, those attending the open session remained for the Closed session.