

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Meeting Minutes – June 27, 2025

The 729th Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairperson Brenda Terry-Leonard, Ph.D.

Board Members Present

Shelly M. McDermott, Ph.D.

La Keita Carter, Psy.D.

Trent Evans, Ph.D.

Sybil Smith-Gray, Ph.D.

Stephen Bono, Ph.D.

Kimberly A. Sanschagrin, Ph.D., J.D.

Li Ying Kathy Diao, MA, Public 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

Lillian Reeve- Health Boards Legislative and Regulatory Liaison

Zakiyyah Holmes- MDH

Rachel Singer- MPA, Senior Representative

Amanda Mercer

The Board meeting was held via teleconference.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on June 6, 2025, were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and a vote was called to accept the minutes with changes: For- 8:**

Abstentions – 0

B. Announcements

The list of registrants for the Jurisprudence exams in June and July was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to approve others that may register later.**

Dr. Terry Leonard provided an update on the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) Virtual Town Hall Meeting held on June 25. The meeting focused on the Education and Training Community. The EPPP was established in 1965 to standardize the assessment of one's knowledge in psychology. The focus of the EPPP2 is to test one's skills in psychology.

Instead of having a Part 1 and a Part 2 exam, in 2024, ASPPB decided to integrate the exams to test both psychology knowledge and skills. The implementation of the revised exam is scheduled for 2027.

Mr. Felter reported that the health boards are currently drafting a legislative bill to be submitted during the 2026 legislative session for the implementation of the Record of Arrest and Prosecutions Back (Rap Back) Service. The Rap Back service will alert the Board if a licensee's background contains new information. In addition, the Board's requirement for background checks every six years will be removed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried.**

C. Committee Updates

Licensure –No update.

Legislation/Regulation – As required by law, the committee performed the eight year review of regulations and determined the following.

10.36.01 - Will be amended to require postdoctoral experience from applicants for licensure and deleting the pre-doctoral option.

10.36.02 Continuing Education – No change

10.36.03 Procedure for Board Hearings - No change

10.36.04 vacant N/A

10.36.05 Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct – No change

10.36.06 Fee Schedule - Delete cost for wallet license

10.36.07 Psychology Associate – Delete site visits be supervisor requirement

10.36.08 Disciplinary Sanctions, Monetary Penalties, and – No change

10.36.09 Child Custody Evaluations in Family Law Proceedings – No change

Disciplinary – No update.

Public Relations –The newsletter will be available on June 30, 2025. The website continues to be updated to be more user friendly.

D. Public Comment

Dr. Singer was informed that licensees can now print a valid license verification from the Board's website. Ms. Singer stated that she will no longer be an MPA representative. Deborah Williams will continue as MPA's representative.

Ms. Amanda Mercer asked the Board to consider accepting educational specialist studies as qualifying for psychology associate status.

Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter a closed session to discuss disciplinary matters and consult with Counsel. The open meeting was closed at 9:45 a.m. Unless recused, those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.