

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2026

The 735th Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:00 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  
Patricia Morris English, MS, Investigator  
Brett Felter, J.D., AAG, Board Counsel

### Public

Deborah Williams, MPA

The meeting was held via teleconference.

#### A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on February 6, 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 March 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 provided an update on the following legislative bills.

***HB 1365- Health Occupations and Insurance – Menopause – Provider Training and Coverage Requirements*** - Require licensees to attest to completing a “menopause training” to renew their license. Bill is moving.

***HB 568 Health Occupations - Licensed Psychologists - Prescriptive Authority*** – Authorize licensed psychologists to use prescriptive authority and establish a prescriptive authority advisory committee. Dr. Edelstein testified at both the House and the Senate hearings. Several medical doctors also testify in opposition to the bill.

***In addition, HB 1372 Public Health - Office of Health Care Quality Information and Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission, establishes*** the Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission to provide certain advice and recommendations relating to the relationship between the Department and the health occupations boards. A joint Letter of Concern from all the boards was submitted.

***HB 1420/SB 806 Health Occupations - Criminal History Records Checks*** - Requires criminal history records checks and Rap Back program. This is a joint bill of all boards.

### **C. Committee Reports**

**Licensing**—The committee met in February and discussed the regulatory changes needed to COMAR 10.36.01. A member of the committee attended the American Psychological Association Town Hall meeting on the *Model Act for State Licensure of Psychology Professionals*. The topic of master 's-level licensure was discussed.

**Legislation and Regulations** - The committee met to discuss bills from the 2026 legislative session. The committee and the licensing committee will begin to promulgate regulations after the legislative session.

**Disciplinary**- The committee met in February and discussed ways to improve the resources available to licensees.

**Public Relations**- The committee met in February and discussed articles for the newsletter.

### **D. No Public Comment**

#### **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 9:30 a.m. Unless they were recused, those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.