

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2025

The 725th Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at a.m. by Chairperson Brenda L. Terry-Leonard, Ph.D.

Board Members Present

Shelley M McDermott, Ph.D., Vice-President

La Keita Carter, Psy.D.

Li Ying Kathy Diao, 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

Board Member Absent

Stephen Bono, Ph.D.

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

Rachel Singer, Jr Representee, MPA

The Board meeting was held via teleconference.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on February 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 Jurisprudence exams in February and March was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve both the current list and any additional registrations that may occur later.**

Ms. Smith reported that the legislative session would end on April 7, 2025, and provided the following updates.

Ms. Smith reported that

HB 482 Occupational Licensing and Certification - Criminal History

Requires the Board to perform a predetermination of an individual's criminal history to determine if the information would disqualify them from licensure. **The bill is currently progressing.**

SB 372 Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025

Permits reimbursement for audio-only telephone consultations. **The bill is moving forward.**

SB 458 Health Occupations- Structural Racism Training

Require licensees to complete a training on Structural Racism. **No movement.**

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 licensure. **No movement**

Dr. Terry- Leonard and Ms. Smith reported that the Texas Mental Health Licensing Board approved the removal of the requirement for mental health licensees to complete training on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) for license renewal. The Texas Board currently requires training in cultural diversity. However, additional levels of approval are required before this change can be implemented.

Ms. Smith reported that The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board's (ASPPB) mid-year conference will take place in Canada in April. However, the State will not authorize Board members to travel outside of the country. Ms. Smith expressed doubt about her receiving approval to attend as well.

C. Committee Updates

Licensure – The committee met on March 6, 2025, and discussed ways to improve the licensing process.

Legislation/Regulation – The committee will meet in March.

Disciplinary – The committee will meet in March.

Public Relations – The committee will meet on March 7, 2025, to discuss newsletter articles and ways to improve the Board website.

D. Public Comment

Dr. Singer from MPA asked if the jurisprudence exam had convened and to be notified if any interruptions were to occur.

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 9:21 a.m. Unless recused, those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.