

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – May 2, 2025

The 727th Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Vice-Chairperson Shelley M McDermott, Ph.D.

Board Members Present

Stephen Bono, Ph.D.
Li Ying Kathy Diao, MA, Public Member
Trent Evans, Ph.D.
Sybil Smith-Gray, Ph.D.
Zeno St. Cyr. II, MPH Public Member
La Keita Carter, Psy.D.

Board Member Absent

Brenda L. Terry-Leonard, Ph.D.
Kimberly A. Sanschagrin, J.D., Ph.D.

Board Staff

Lorraine Smith, MPH, Executive Director
Tamika Davis, Licensing Coordinator, Deputy Director
Patricia Morris English, MS, Investigator
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

Public

Zakiyyah Holmes, MDH
Deborah Williams, Jr, Representee, MPA

The Board meeting was held via teleconference.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on April 4, 2025, were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and a vote was called to accept the minutes with changes: For- 6: Abstentions – 2

B. Announcements

The list of registrants for the Jurisprudence exams in May was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and any registrations that may be received at a later date.**

Ms. Smith provided the following last legislative session update.

HB 482 Occupational Licensing and Certification - Criminal History

Requires the Board to perform a predetermination review of an individual's criminal history to assess if it would disqualify them from licensure. **BILL ENROLLED.** However, MDH was amended out of the Bill. Therefore, the Bill does not apply to the Boards. The amended Bill also removed MDH from § 14–101 16 of the Criminal Law Article.

SB 372 Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025

Permits the continuation of reimbursement for audio-only telephone consultations. **BILL ENROLLED.**

HB 783 Health Occupations- Structural Racism Training.

The Bill requires new applicants for licensure/registration to attest to the completion of an Implicit Bias and a Structural Racism training upon their first renewal. Effective April 1, 2026. **BILL ENROLLED**

SB 749 Health Occupations- Authorization to Practice for Former Federal Employees and Dental Applicants Licensed or Certified in Another State.

The Bill requires MDH to develop a plan for temporary or permanent authorization to practice a health occupation in the State for certain individuals who left employment with a federal agency after a certain date. **ENROLLED BILL.** (Other health boards were amended into the Bill).

C. Committee Updates

Licensure – Ms. Smith amended the April 4, 2025, Open minutes by deleting the word “**Internship**” from the list. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried.**

Legislation/Regulation – The committee will meet in May 2025.

Disciplinary – The committee completed revision to the complaint forms. The forms are now fillable.

Public Relations – The committee continues to further discuss newsletter articles and ways to improve the Board’s website as well as identify items for the newsletter.

D. Public Comment

Dr. Singer asked the Board to consider incorporating a PDF license verification that can be printed. The request is being explored.

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 9:31 a.m. Unless recused, those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.