

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2024

The 718th Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairperson Brenda L. Terry-Leonard, Ph.D.

Board Members Present:

Shelley M McDermott, Ph.D., Vice-Chairperson
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member
Samantha Rukert, Psy.D.
Kimberly A. Sanschagrin, J.D., Ph.D.
Zeno St. Cyr. II, MPH Consumer Member
Sybil Smith-Gray, Ph.D.
Stephen Bono, Ph.D.

Board Member Absent:

Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP

Staff Present:

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

Public Present

Lillian Reese - MDH
Zakiyyah Homles - MDH
Andrea Chisolm - MPA member at large

Board meeting was held via teleconference.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on April 5, 2024, were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and a vote was called to accept the minutes: For- 7: Abstention - 1**

B. Announcements

The list of April registrants for the jurisprudence exam was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and others who may register later.

Ms. Smith reported that House Bill 581/ SB 472 - *State Government - Permits, Licenses, and Certificates - Processing (Transparent Government Act of 2024)* passed during the session, requiring every principal department and independent unit to create a catalog of information relating to permits, licenses, and certificates and the submit the catalog to the Governor on or before October 1, 2024. In addition, the Bill also requires by December 1, 2024, each department post on its website a description of an interim description (to the extent practicable) of the application process.

Ms. Smith reported that under the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act, all chapters of COMAR must be reviewed every eight years to ensure that the regulations are necessary, supported by statutory authority and judicial opinion, or are obsolete or in need of amendments. A work plan is due by October 1, 2024, and the evaluation reports are due October 1, 2025. The Board's regulations must be reviewed except for the telepsychology regs (10.36.10) because they were adopted within the last eight years.

Dr. Terry-Leonard reminded Board members to notify Ms. Smith and her when will be absent.

Dr. Terry-Leonard also reported on an article about the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists pushing back on implementing a part 2 Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) exam in 2026. The EPPP is owned and developed by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). The Texas Board opposes an EPPP 2 exam, citing additional costly fees for applicants and will increase the shortage of mental health providers. Texas is looking into other test options. The Maryland Board will begin discussing the EPPP matter at the end of 2024 and in 2025.

C. Committee Reports

Licensure– No updates. The committee will meet in June.

Legislation/Regulation – The committee continues to work on updating the telepsychology regulations.

Disciplinary – The committee met in May and discussed ways to improve the complaint form. The next meeting will be in June.

Public Relations – The newsletter will be available in July.

D. Public Comment

Dr. Chislom announced that her term as MPA liaison has ended.

E. Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into administrative session at 9:27 a.m. to discuss disciplinary actions and consult with Counsel. Unless recused, those attending the open session remained for the administrative session. The Board came out of administrative session at 10:58 a.m. and the meeting was adjourned.