

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2024

The 720th 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

Stephen Bono, Ph.D.

LaKeita Denne 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

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

Staff

Lorraine Smith, MA, MPH, Executive Director

Tamika Davis, Licensing Coordinator, Deputy Director

Patricia Morris English, MS, Investigator

Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

Public

Lillian Reese- Legislative MDH Zakiyyah Homles-MDH

Rachel Singer- MPA member at large

Deborah Williams- MPA, Junior Representative member at large

Chanell Batiste-Public

The Board meeting was held via teleconference.

A. Minutes

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

B. Announcements

Dr. Terry-Leonard and the Board members welcomed and introduced themselves to LaKeita Denne Carter, Psy.D., Li Ying Kathy Diao, MA, and Trent Evans, Ph.D., the new Board members.

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

Dr. Terry-Leonard and Ms. Smith will attend the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards Annual Meeting in October 2024. The meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas.

The Board will consider holding some in-person board meetings and some virtual meetings in 2025.

With the change in Board membership, all members will be asked to select two board committees.

C. Committee Updates

Licensure—The committee lost three members. The new committee members will continue updating the application for licensure.

Legislation/Regulation —The committee is in the process of finalizing changes to the telepsychology regulations.

Disciplinary — The committee is in the process of finalizing changes to the complaint form.

Public Relations — The newsletter was published in July 2024.

D. Public Comment

Dr. Singer asked what the continuing education (CE) requirements were for the 2025 renewal period and was informed that the CE requirements before COVID-19 were reinstated, COMAR 10.36.02 - Continuing Education.

Dr. Batiste asked the Board to consider lowering the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology score requirement because of the risk of racial disparities.

E. Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into a closed session to discuss disciplinary matters and to consult with Counsel. The open meeting was closed at 9:30 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.