

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2023

The 707th Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by the Chairperson, Samantha Rukert, Psy.D.

Board Members Present:

Brenda L. Terry-Leonard, Ph.D., Vice-Chairperson
Stephen Bono, Ph.D.
Shelley M. McDermott, Ph.D.
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member
Kimberly A. Sanschagrin, J.D., Ph.D.
Zeno St. Cyr, II, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Sybil Smith-Gray, Ph.D.

Staff Present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Stephanie Coley, Licensing Coordinator
Patricia Morris English, Board Investigator
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

Public Present:

Lillian Reese, MDH
Kimberly Link, MDH
Sydney Westwick, MDH
Ryan Hinojosa, Ph.D.

Board meeting was held via teleconference.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on January 6, 2023, were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded and a vote called to accept the minutes: For- 7: Abstention - 1**

B. Announcements

Executive Director - The list of registrants for the February law exam was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and others who may register later.**

Ms. Smith provided the following legislative update. HB 0019/SB 0349 – State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – License and Registration Issuance and Renewals- Electronic Means – The Bill allows the Board to issue electronic licenses and certificates and repeals the

requirement for the Board to send renewal notices by first-class mail. **The hearing in the House is scheduled for February 9th, and on February 14th in the Senate.**

HB 0026 – Health Occupations-Psychologists- Licensure Qualification - The Bill expands the eligibility qualifications to become a licensed psychologist in Maryland by allowing individuals with degrees from regionally accredited psychology programs who complete a respecialization training to apply for licensure. **The hearing is scheduled for February 9, 2023 in the House.**

SB 187 – Health Occupations – Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations – Immigrants - The Bill prohibits health Boards from denying a license, certification, or registration to an immigrant who meets all necessary education and training requirements because they are an immigrant.

SB0078- Health Occupations- Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses- Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting – The Bill requires health Boards to issue a temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meet certain requirements.

Dr. Rukert proposed having a Board retreat in April with the topic to be determined.

C. Committee Reports

The Committees continue to work on their respective topics.

D. Public Comments

Ryan Hinojosa, Ph.D., prospective licensure applicant asked a question about his application. Dr. Hinojosa was informed that would receive a written response from the office about his application.

E. Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter closed session to discuss disciplinary matters and to consult with Counsel. The open meeting was closed at 9:29 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.