

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2023

The 708<sup>th</sup> 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  
Zeno St. Cyr, II, Consumer Member

### **Board Members Absent:**

Sybil Smith-Gray, Ph.D.  
Kimberly A. Sanschagrin, J.D., Ph.D.

### **Staff Present:**

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

### **Public Present:**

Linda McGhee, Psy.D. (MPH)

*Board meeting was held via teleconference.*

### **A. Minutes**

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on February 3, 2023 were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as submitted.**

### **B. Announcements**

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

**Ms. Smith provide the following legislative updates.**

**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 Bill passed in the House and is 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 Bill passed in the House and is in the Senate.**

**SB 726 – State Board of Examiners of Psychologists- Sunset Extension -** The Bill continues the State Board of Examiners of Psychologist's in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law), by extending the Board's existence until July 1 2026. The Bill amends the extension of the Board from ten (10) years, July 1, 2033 to three (3) years, July 1, 2026. A hearing in the Senate Finance Committee is scheduled for today, March 3, 2023 and Ms. Smith will testify that the Board's position is to amend the extension date to 2033.

Dr. Rukert discussed having a Board retreat in May. It was agreed that the retreat would be on May 12<sup>th</sup> at Turf Valley.

Ms. Smith reported that the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) midyear meeting will be April 27-April 30. Dr. Rukert and Ms. Coley will attend. Mr. St. Cyr, II reported that ASPPB asked him to serve on the planning committee for the October meeting.

#### **C. Committee Reports**

**Disciplinary** - The committee proposed routinely processing applications when a background check does not reveal a crime of moral turpitude or charges have been dismissed. The Board's counsel agreed to the recommendation. **A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the proposal.**

**Public Relations-** The committee continues to identify articles for the newsletter.

**Telepsych, License/Regist/Psypac** - No update.

**Legislation/Regulation** – No update.

#### **D. Public Comments**

No public comment.

#### **E. Administrative Session/Adjournment**

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into closed session to discuss disciplinary matters and to consult with Counsel. The open meeting was closed at 9:49 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the administrative session.