

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2021

The 660th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by the Chairperson, Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.

Board Members Present:

Crystal Barksdale, Ph.D. Vice Chairperson
Stephen Bono, Ph.D.
James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member
Samantha Rukert, Psy.D.
Zeno St. Cyr II, Consumer Member

Staff Present:

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

Public Present:

Andrea Chisolm, Ph.D. – Maryland Psychological Association (MPA) Member At Large
Kimberly Link - MDH

Due to Covid-19 the April 9, 2021 Board meeting was held via teleconference. The public was asked to submit questions via email prior to the meeting.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on March 5, 2021 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 April law exam was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize others who may register later.**

Ms. Smith reported on the following bills:

SB 0072 – Open Meetings Act – Requirements for State Agencies and Local Boards of Elections (Maryland Transparency Act of 2021) – Requires Boards to post live video or audio streaming of Open Meetings on their website. **No movement**

HB 0224/SB 0262 – Department of Information Technology- Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards - This bill requires the Department of

Information Technology to review technology platforms used by Health Occupation Boards to determine the feasibility and cost of developing one platform used by all Boards. **Passed**

HB0732 – Health Care Practitioners- Telehealth-Out-of-State Health Care

This bill authorizes out-of-state practitioners to provide telehealth services to patients located in Maryland requires Health Occupation Boards to register out-of-state practitioners who provide telehealth services to patients locate din Maryland. Out-of-state practitioners would be required to complete an application, pay an application fee, and submit a criminal history records check. Registration information would be published on websites and Board’s would be responsible for disciplinary actions. **No movement**

SB0500/HB0970 – Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact This bill requires the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists to enter into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, PsyPact. PsyPact establishes certain criteria and duties for compact states and requires psychologists to meet certain eligibility requirements to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology and temporary authority to practice in-person. **Passed A subcommittee will meet to develop implementation plans.**

The legislative session will end on April 13, 2021.

Ms. Smith also reported that the Board will need to have a legislative Sunset Review before 2023. A sunset review is an evaluation of the need to continue the existence of the Board. Therefore, a legislative bill will be submitted during the 2022 session requesting that the Board be granted an additional 10 years to exist.

Dr. Bishop announced that Drs, Bishop, Gormally and Morris will be leaving the Board after serving eight years on June 30, 2021. The names of the new Board members effective July 1, 2021 are Shelley McDermott, Ph.D., Kimberly Sanschagrín, Ph.D., and Brenda Terry-Leonard, Ph.D.

C. Public Comments

No Public Comment.

D. 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 9:21 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.