

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2020

The 647th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by the Chairperson, Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.

Board Members Present:

Crystal Barksdale, Ph.D., MPH, Vice-Chairperson
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member
Zeno St. Cyr II, Consumer, Member

Staff Present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Stephanie Coley, Licensing Coordinator
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

Board Members Absent:

James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP

Interpreters:

Charmine Johnson
Leah Moore

Public:

Isabelle Blackwood Ellis, Ph.D.- MPA

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on November 1, 2019 were reviewed **A motion was made, seconded and a vote called to accept the minutes as submitted. For – 4; Abstention-2**

B. Announcements

Executive Director - The list of registrants for the January law 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 the even number renewals began and would continue until March 31, 2020. Board members were reminded to submit continuing education documentation during their renewal year.

Ms. Smith reported that Maryland's legislative session began on January 8, 2020 and would end on April 6, 2020. Drs. Bishop, Barksdale, Nettles and Mr. St. Cyr II will serve on the legislative committee. The following bills were reported.

SB 0067- Public Information Act- Applications for Inspection- Responses and Time Limits – Alters the time for a custodian to respond to a Public Information Act (PIA) request from thirty (30) days to seven (7) days.

SB 0043- Licensing – Fingerprint Requirement - The bill exempts applicants from having to submit fingerprints when the applicant has submitted fingerprints for a prior license in the State.

Ms. Smith reported that the Senate budget hearing is scheduled for January 24, 2020 and the House hearing is scheduled for January 29, 2020.

Ms. Smith reported that the Department's Secretary, Robert R. Neall met with Board Chairs and Executive Directors on January 6, 2020. During the meeting the Secretary discussed Total Cost Care, reducing the cost of health care, and improving the quality of health care and access to health care.

Dr. Bishop reported that during the retreat held in December, the child custody regulations and the supervision of registered psychology associates were discussed. Drs. Barksdale, Gormally, Leigh, and Mr. Razdan will serve on a subcommittee to continue the discussions.

C. Inquires

Dr. Bishop reported that the Board received a request from the Department of Juvenile Service asking for a waiver of the requirement for face-to-face supervision between registered psychology associates and a licensed psychologist supervisor. **After a discussion a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to grant a temporarily waiver while the Board further examines the situation.**

It was also reported that the Board received a request from a licensee asking for a waiver to supervise registered psychology associates without having met the two years licensed requirement. **After a discussion a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to grant a temporarily waiver while the Board further examines the situation.**

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 9:56 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.