

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2020

The 651<sup>st</sup> Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by the Chairperson, Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.

### **Board Members Present:**

Crystal Barksdale, Ph.D., Vice Chairperson  
James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP  
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.  
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP  
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  
Patricia Morris English, Board Investigator  
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

Due to Covid-19, the June 5, 2020 Board meeting was held via teleconference. The public was asked to submit questions prior to the meeting.

### **A. Minutes**

Minutes of the Open Meetings held on March 6, and April 3, 2020 were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded and a vote called to accept the minutes. March 6 For – 7; Abstention-1; April 3 unanimously carried.**

### **B. Announcements**

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

Ms. Smith reported that the Board received and processed many Temporary Exception to Practice applications from out of state licensed psychologists. Extensions have and will continue to be granted to assist with continuing of care during the COVID-19 crisis.

Ms. Smith reported that the renewal period ended and the majority of licensees renewed. A report will be given at a future meeting.

### **C. Question**

Dr. Bishop reported that the Board received a hypothetical question asking if a registered psychology associate that moved out of state could continue to provide services to current Maryland patients as well as new Maryland patients and receive virtual supervision.

After a discussion, it was agreed that hypothetically the first part of the scenario was possible in order to provide continuing of care, however the second part would not be.

**D. Public Comments**

The Board received a comment from the Maryland Psychological Association asking *could caps on live and home study courses requirements be waived or modified for the 2021 renewal*. After a discussion the Board agreed that the same exception that was granted to 2020 renewals would be granted to 2021 renewals. All CEs may be obtained through independent study.

**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 10:32 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.