

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2018

The 628th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by the Chairperson, Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.

Board Members Present:

Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D.
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP

Board Members Absent:

James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP Vice-Chairperson
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP

Staff Present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Stephanie Coley, Administrative Assistant
Sally Mitchell, Licensing Coordinator
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

Interpreters:

Charmine Johnson
Leah Moore

Public:

Sharon Bloom, DOH
Kimberly Campbell, MPA

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on November 3, 2017 were reviewed. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as submitted and a vote called: For – 5 Abstention – 1**

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 to authorize the licensing committee to approve others who may register later.**

Ms. Smith reported that Maryland's legislative session began on January 10, 2018. The Board did not submit legislation this year. Drs. Buckson, Berg-Cross and Nettles will serve on the Board's legislative committee.

After the committee reviews pertinent bills they will consider taking the following positions, No position, Letter of information, Letter of concern, Support, Support with amendment, or Oppose.

Ms. Smith announced that the budget hearings are scheduled for February 19th in the House and February 26, 2018 in the Senate. Ms. Smith will represent the smaller health boards at the hearings.

Ms. Smith reported that the even number renewals were proceeding well and would end on March 31, 2018. She reminded Board members that they are required to submit continuing education documentation during their renewal year.

Ms. Smith announced that the February open meeting would be short because of other scheduled meetings.

It was announced that Kristen Neville, regulatory/legislative liaison is no longer with the Department.

Dr. Buckson provided comments about the Board's training that was held in December. Drs. Gormally and Bishop, Mr. Razdan and she serve on the Board competency committee and Drs. Berg-Cross, Nettles, Leigh and Ms. McCargo-Redd will serve on the licensee competency committee.

Dr. Buckson reported that Board Chairs from all of the health Boards and the Executive Directors attended a meeting with Boyd K. Rutherford, Lieutenant Governor, Dennis Schrader, outgoing MDH Secretary, and Robert R. Neall incoming MDH Secretary on January 8, 2018. The state's initiative to improve service delivery and enhance customer service was discussed.

C. Proposed Regulations

Ms. Smith reported that the public comment period for the mobility and background check regulations closed on December 28, 2017. No comments were received. The background check regulations will be implemented in 2020.

The telepsychology regulation will be released for public comment from January 19 to February 19, 2018.

D. Committee Reports

Licensing – The committee continues to review psychologist and registered psychology associate applications.

Operations – Ms. Smith stated that there are a few forms that need to be revised.

Public Affairs – The committee continues to gather articles for the winter newsletter.

Disciplinary – Nothing to report.

E. Public Comments

Dr. Kimberly Campbell commented that the Maryland Psychological Association (MPA) received calls concerning the length of time it takes for psychology associates to become registered with the Board. Dr. Campbell stated that as a result, many psychology associates were

opting to work in other states. Ms. Smith stated that a new process was recently implemented to expedite the process.

F. 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 10:04 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.