

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – December 04, 2020

The 656th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:03 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:

Shalena Heard, Ph.D. – Maryland Psychological Association (MPA) Member At Large

Due to Covid-19 the December 4, 2020 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 November 6, 2020 were reviewed **A motion was made, seconded and a vote called to accept the minutes as submitted. For- 8; Abstention - 1**

B. Announcements

Executive Director - The list of registrants for the December 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 an online psychologist licensure and psychology associate registration application system has been implemented. Applicants can apply and track the progress of their application online. It was also reported that proposed legislative bills are beginning to be communicated. A bill that requires healthcare professionals to obtain continuing education on bias and implicit bias is being proposed. The legislative session will officially begin on January 13, 2021.

License renewals for those with odd license number will begin on January 7, 2021. Board members were reminded to submit continuing education documentation during their renewal year.

Mr. Felter, Board Counsel briefed the Board on a federal bill H.R.8680- *Occupational Licensing Board Antitrust Damages Relief Act of 2020* that was introduced. The bill establishes immunity from antitrust liability for an official action taken by an occupational licensing board, or any member, officer, employee, or agent of the board, as long as specified requirements are met. Mr. Felter will keep the Board abreast of the bill's progress.

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 9:27 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.