

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2020

The 653rd Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:01 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

Due to Covid-19 the September 11, 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 June 26, 2020 were reviewed **A motion was made, seconded and a vote called to accept the minutes as submitted. For – 6; Abstention-3**

B. Announcements

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

The new board members, Stephen Bono, Ph.D. and Samantha Rukert, Psy.D., introduced themselves to the Board and the Board welcomed them.

C. Public Comments

Dr. Bishop reported that the Board received the following questions. *If a Maryland psychologist is out of state, can they still provide telehealth services to their patient residing in Maryland?* After a brief discussion, the Board stated that the psychologist could provide telehealth services to patients residing in Maryland. However, it was recommended that the psychologist check with the Board in the state where they are located about their telehealth laws.

Dr. Andrea Chisolm, Ph.D. stated that the Maryland Psychological Association (MPA) would be holding their retreat on September 12, 2020. Esther Finglass, Ph.D. was named as MPA's new president and Shalena Heard, Ph.D. will be the Member at Large.

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 9:30 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.