

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2015

The 601<sup>th</sup> Open meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by the Vice-Chairperson, Neal R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP.

### **Board members present:**

Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D.  
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D  
Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D  
James F. Gormally, Ph.D.  
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.  
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member  
Harriett Rakes, Consumer Member

### **Board member absent:**

Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

### **Staff present:**

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director  
Dorothy Kutcherman, Licensing Coordinator  
Patricia Morris English, Investigator  
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel

### **Interpreters:**

Patrick M. Coble  
Chad Legler

### **Public:**

Katherine Killeen, Ph.D., MPA  
Astrid Edens  
Paula Hollinger, DHMH Liaison

### **A. Minutes**

Minutes of the Open meeting held on February 6, 2015 were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as submitted.**

### **B. Announcements**

*Executive Director* – Ms. Smith reported that 16 individuals took the law exam between February and March and there were two failures. The list of candidates for the April exam was distributed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the Licensing Committee to approve others who may register at a later time.** Ms. Smith announced that Dr. Sobelman would be leaving the Board effective July 1, 2015 and a search for a replacement was underway.

**C. Regulation Responses**

Ms. Smith reported that the Board received several comments pertaining to the Board's proposed regulations. Comments were primarily about requiring psychology associates (PAs) to have continued education (CE) hours in order to renew their registration; requiring those that supervise PAs to have CEs in supervision; the increase in the licensure and national exam fees; PAs having to take the laws exam; and some clarification question. The Board discussed the comments and responses. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the responses with the revisions.**

**D. Public Comment**

Dr. Killeen announced that Judy DeVito, Executive Director of the Maryland Psychological Association (MPA) would be retiring in June. MPA was said to be in the process of hiring a replacement.

**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.** Unless recused, those attending the open session remained for the administrative session. The Board entered into administrative session at 10:00 a.m., came out at 11:20 a.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP  
Vice-Chairperson