

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2015

The 602nd meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:25 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, PhD.

Board members present:

Neal Morris, EdD, MS, CBSM, ABPP, Vice-Chairperson
Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D.
James F. Gormally, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Harriett Rakes, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.
Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.

Staff present:

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

Public:

Gregory Chasson, PhD, MPA
Paula Hollinger, DHMH Liaison
Sharon Bloom, Assistant DHMH Liaison
Kristen Neville, DHMH Legislative Coordinator

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open meeting held on April 10, 2015 were reviewed. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted and a vote called: For – 5; Abstention – 1**

B. Announcements

Executive Director – Ms. Smith reported that 10 individuals took the law exam in April and one failed. 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 later.**

Ms. Smith announced that an expert witness training, sponsored by the Board of Physical Therapy and the Office of the Attorney General is scheduled for May 8, 2015. Drs. Bishop, Heitt, and Klein and Ms. English and Mr. Felter will attend.

C. Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation (CLEAR)

Dr. Sobelman presented Module 1 of 5 CLEAR'S Board member training entitled *An Introduction to Regulatory Governance*. The module covered the foundation of occupational and professional regulation. Dr. Morris will present Module 2 in July.

D. Committee Reports

Licensing – Dr. Morris reported that the committee continues to review new applications for psychologists and psychology associates and review CEs that are audited.

Operations – It was reported that a full budget report will be presented at the end of the fiscal year.

Public Affairs – Ms. McCargo-Redd reported that articles have been received for the winter/spring newsletter.

E. Public Comment

Ms. Bloom stated that the Citizens Advocacy Center will sponsor a meeting to discuss the Supreme Court's ruling relating to the North Carolina Dental Board case.

Dr. Chasson stated that MPA is finalizing the list of Board member candidates.

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. Unless recused, those attending the open session remained for the administrative session. The Board entered into administrative session at 11:14 a.m., came out at 2:08 p. m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven A. Sobelman, PhD
Chairperson