

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2020

The 648th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by the Chairperson, Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.

Board Members Present:

James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan

Board Members Absent:

Crystal Barksdale, Ph.D.
Zeno St. Cyr II
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

Staff Present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Stephanie Coley, Administrative Assistant
David Finkler, AAG, Board Counsel

Interpreters:

Charmine Johnson
Leah Moore

Public:

Andrea Chisolm- MPA

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on January 10, 2020 were reviewed **A motion was made, seconded and a vote called to accept the minutes as submitted. For – 5; Abstention-1**

B. Announcements

Executive Director - The list of registrants for the February 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 on the following legislative bills:

HB 0448 - Health Care Practitioners-Telehealth- Allows practitioners to provide services asynchronously via telehealth and allows texting as a modality for services delivered. The Board's legislative committee discussed opposing the bill. The hearing is scheduled for February 13th in the Senate and February 18th in the House.

SB 067 - Public Information Act-Applications for Inspection-Responses and Time Limits. This bill alters the time for a custodian to respond to a Public Information Act from 30 days to seven (7) days. Collectively the Boards are discussing opposing the bill.

HB 259 - Health Occupations - Diagnostic Evaluation and Treatment of Patients – Disciplinary Actions (The Patient’s Access to Integrative Healthcare Act of 2020) This bill prohibits health boards from disciplining a practitioner that uses non-conventional practices when performing evaluations and treatment (no action taken at this time).

HB 639- Public Health - Health Care Professionals - Cultural Competency Coursework or Training requires health care professionals who work in hospital settings to submit proof of having received training in cultural competence and requires Boards to post cultural competency training courses on their website (no action taken at this time).

C. Public Comments

Andrea Chisolm reported that MPA’s legislative committee would review the legislative bills at their upcoming meeting.

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 10:12 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.