

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – February 01, 2019

The 638th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by the Chairperson, Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.

Board Members Present:

Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D. Vice-Chairperson
James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member
Zeno St. Cyr II, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Crystal Barksdale, Ph.D., MPH
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP

Staff Present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Stephanie Coley, Administrative Assistant
Sally Mitchell, Licensing Coordinator
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

Interpreters:

Charmine Johnson
Leah Moore

Public:

Peter Smith, MPA

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on January 11, 2019 were reviewed **A motion was made, seconded and a vote called to accept the minutes as submitted. For -4, 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 to authorize the licensing committee to approve others who may register later.**

Ms. Smith reported that the telepsychology regulations were released for public comment on January 18, 2019. The regulations will be posted for thirty days.

HB18 *Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission-Certifying Providers- modified*. This bill was modified to remove physical therapists and psychologists from the bill's definition of certified cannabis providers.

HB 399 *End-of-life Option Act*. This bill seeks to enact a provision that allows a psychologist with a physician to evaluate the competence of a terminally ill patient to determine if the individual has the mental capacity to make informed medical decisions to terminate their life.

Ms. Smith announced that Budget hearing would be held on February 7th and 14th. The hearings are expected to be non-eventful.

C. Committee Reports

Licensing – The committee continues to review psychologist applications.

Operations – Nothing to report.

Public Affairs – The public affairs committee presented measurable criteria for accepting articles written by individuals not on the Board. The criteria included requirements for the following areas: relevance, article length, scientific data, and alignment with APA ethical principles. A core group of approved writers were also identified. This group includes past and present Board members, current Board approved experts and supervisors, and administrations within the Department of Health. Others may be added at a later date.

Disciplinary – A copy of the revised complaint form was distributed, reviewed and approved.

D. Public Comments

No Public comment.

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 9:57 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.