

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – January 08, 2021

The 657th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:04 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

Public Present:

Andrea Chisolm, Ph.D. – Maryland Psychological Association (MPA) Member At Large

Due to Covid-19 the January 8, 2021 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 December 4, 2020 were reviewed **A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as submitted.**

B. Announcements

Executive Director - The list of registrants for the January 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 that odd number renewals commenced on January 7th and would continue until March 31, 2021. Board members were reminded to submit continuing education documentation during their renewal year.

The legislative session was said to begin on January 13, 2021 and sine die is April 12th. Due to Covid-19 all hearings will be held virtually. The legislative committee will meet to discuss legislation put forth by the Maryland Psychological Association proposing that Maryland join the

Association of the State and Provincial Psychology Boards, Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT).

Dr. Bishop proposed having a committee review the process for how new Board members are selected to serve on the Board. The Maryland Psychological Association currently facilitates this process.

C. Question

Mr. Felter reported that an email was received from a private psychology practice in Pennsylvania asking if they could provide teletherapy services to Slippery Rock University students who return home to Maryland during school breaks. The University contacted the practice for continuity of service as the students currently receive therapy through the University. After a discussion **a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to allow the practice to provide services via the COVID-19 Temporary Exception to Practice option since an existing client relationship was established through the University.**

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 9:46 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.