

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2019

The 637<sup>th</sup> Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by the Vice-Chairperson, Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D.

### **Board Members Present:**

Crystal Barksdale, Ph.D., MPH  
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, Consumer Member  
Zeno St. Cyr II, Consumer Member

### **Board Members Absent:**

Christopher Bishop, Psy.D. Chairperson

### **Staff Present:**

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

### **Interpreters:**

Angela Conant  
Leah Moore

### **Public:**

Denise Bike, MPA

#### **A. Minutes**

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on November 2, 2018 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 to authorize the licensing committee to approve others who may register later.**

Ms. Smith reported that Maryland's legislative session began on January 9, 2019 and will run until April 8, 2019. Drs. Bishop, Barksdale and Mr. Razdan and St.Cyr will serve on the legislative committee. Three pre-filed Bills have been filed that impact the psychology profession.

HB 22 – *Occupational License or Certificates-Application Determinations-Use of Criminal History* - Prohibits boards from denying a license or certificate based on an applicant’s criminal history if a period of seven (7) years or more has passed since the applicant’s conviction (exceptions to this rule are listed in the Bill).

SB 77 *Estates and Trusts – Protection of Minors and Disabled Persons-Guardianship* - One of the procedures that the Bill establishes is both a physician and a licensed psychologist must evaluate the competence of an alleged disabled person when an estate or trust is involved.

HB18 *Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission- Certifying Providers* - Alters the definition of a certified cannabis provider to include physical therapists, psychologists, and physician assistants.

It was announced that the telepsychology regulations will be released for public comment on January 18, 2019. Also announced was the State Ethics Commission will provide Board member training during the February meeting.

Ms. Smith reported that the Department’s Secretary, Robert R. Neall met with Board Chairs and Executive Directors on January 3, 2019. Dr. Bishop attended the meeting. The agenda topics included the Department’s new Intranet Quorum (IQ) initiative, a constituent relationship management tool; Employee Performance, Planning and Evaluation (PEP) requirements; and the Financial Disclosure Reporting System.

### **C. Committee Reports**

*Licensing* – Ms. Smith reported the odd number renewals were proceeding well and would end on March 31, 2019. Board members were reminded that they are required to submit continuing education documentation during their renewal year.

*Operations* – Ms. Smith distributed the FY 2018 annual report to committee members.

*Public Affairs* – The public affairs committee suggested accepting articles written by individuals not on the Board. After discussion, it was agreed that the committee would develop measureable criteria that must be met in order to publish an article. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the committee’s proposal and a vote called: For – 5, Opposed -2, Abstention-1.**

*Disciplinary* – The committee distributed a draft of the Board’s revised complaint form. A copy with the proposed changes will be presented at the February meeting.

### **D. Public Comments**

Ms. Bike posed a question concerning the Board’s telepsychology regulations. She was informed that the regulations will be released for public comment on January 18, 2019.

### **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 11:02 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.