

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2020

The 649<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, Crystal Barksdale, Ph.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, Consumer Member  
Zeno St. Cyr II, Consumer Member

### **Staff Present:**

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director  
Stephanie Coley, Licensing Coordinator  
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

### **Board Members Absent:**

Christopher Bishop, Psy.D., Chairperson

### **Interpreters:**

Charmine Johnson  
Leah Moore

### **Public:**

Isabella Blackwood Ellis - MPA

### **A. Minutes**

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on February 7, 2020 were reviewed **A motion was made, seconded and a vote called to accept the minutes as submitted. For – 6; Abstention-1**

### **B. Announcements**

Executive Director - The list of registrants for the March 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 criminal history record checks are scheduled to begin during the 2021 renewal period. Background checks performed as early as July 1, 2020 will be accepted.

Ms. Smith reported on the following bills:

**HB 0448 - Health Care Practitioners-Telehealth - Passed with amendments -** Allows practitioners to provide asynchronously telehealth services.

**SB 0067 - Public Information Act-Applications for Inspection-Responses and Time Limits – Failed** - Altered the time for a custodian to respond to a Public Information Act (PIA) request from thirty (30) days to seven (7) days.

**HB 259 - Health Occupations - Diagnostic Evaluation and Treatment of Patients – Disciplinary Actions (The Patient’s Access to Integrative Healthcare Act of 2020) – Passed** Prohibits health boards from disciplining a practitioner that uses non-conventional practices when performing evaluations and treatment.

**HB 639- Public Health - Health Care Professionals - Cultural Competency Coursework or Training – Withdrawn** - Required health care professionals who work in a hospital setting to submit proof of cultural competency and requires Boards to post cultural competency training courses on their website.

**HB782- Health- Mental and Emotional Disorders- Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)** **No action** - Allowed minors younger than 16 to consent to therapy without parents’ permission

**HB1551- Health Practitioners – Minor Patients- Child Abuse Reporting - No action** - Required health care practitioners to inform minors that they can report abuse to practitioner.

**C. Public Comments**

No public comment.

**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 9:45 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.