

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – April 08, 2022

The 669th Administrative Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by the Chairperson, Crystal Barksdale, Ph.D.

Board Members Present:

Samantha Rukert, Psy.D., Vice-Chairperson
Stephen Bono, Ph.D.
Shelley M. McDermott, Ph.D.
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member
Kimberly A. Sanschagrín, J.D., Ph.D.
Zeno St. Cyr, II, Consumer Member
Brenda L. Terry-Leonard, Ph.D.

Staff Present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Stephanie Coley, Licensing Coordinator
Patricia Morris English, Board Investigator
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

Public Present:

Shalena Heard, Ph.D. – Maryland Psychological Association (MPA) Member at Large
Lillian Reese - MDH

Board meeting was held via teleconference.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on February 04, 2022 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 April law exam was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and others who may register later.**

SB 0195 – State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – Sunset Extension – This bill continues the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending the Board's existence to July 1, 2033. During last month's Board meeting Ms. Smith reported that the Senate voted to extend the Board's sunset for only two years, until July 1, 2025 instead of ten years. Ms. Smith reported that the House amended the bill to extend the Board for the full ten years. The bill will head back to the Senate for a vote with the House amendments.

SB0077 – Health Occupations Boards – Investigations- Right to Counsel authorizes a licensee or certificate holder to be represented by counsel during an investigation that may result in charges or sanctions and authorizes a licensee or certificate holder to have counsel present at any interview conducted by the health occupations board during an investigation. **Pending**

SB0440 – Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland – This bill will establish a Commission to examine the role of the Boards and the relationship between the Maryland Department of Health and the health occupations boards and require the Commission to report its finding and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31 each year. **Passed with Amendments.**

SB 0899 - Health Occupations – Authority Over Staffing and Infrastructure Operations gives the Secretary of Health Authority over the infrastructure operations of all health occupations boards and commissions; alters the method of selecting officers for health occupations boards, specifies the term of the president/chair; establishes procedures for the filling of certain vacancies on certain health occupations boards in consultation with the Boards; appoint the Executive Director of the Board and set compensation of employees of the health occupations boards and commissions. **Did not proceed.**

HB0911 – Health Occupations-Psychologists-Licensure Qualifications alters the qualifications an individual must have to be licensed as a psychologist by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

Dr. Barksdale thanked the Board members for attending the closed Board member training held on March 4, 2022. The training was said to be both informative and helpful.

Ms. Smith announced that in July 2022 there will be 3 Board member vacancies; two psychologists and one consumer member.

C. Public Comments

No public comments.

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 9:26 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the administrative session.