

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2022

The 704th Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:02a.m. by the Chairperson, Samantha Rukert, Psy.D.

Board Members Present:

Stephen Bono, Ph.D.
Shelley M. McDermott, Ph.D.
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member
Kimberly A. Sanschagrin, J.D., Ph.D.
Sybil Smith-Gray, Ph.D.
Zeno St. Cyr, II, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Brenda L. Terry-Leonard, Ph.D., Vice-Chairperson

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

Board meeting was held via teleconference.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on September 9, 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 October 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 the new Board Member Ethics Commission training is scheduled for October 26, 2022, and the new Board member Orientation training is scheduled for November 4, 2022. Both trainings are opened to all board members and the links to the trainings were emailed to members.

Ms. Smith thanked MPA for posting the Board's renewal information on their website.

C. Inquiries

Dr. Rukert reported that the Board received an email from a licensed psychologist requesting that the Board require continuing education hours in suicide risk assessment, management, and treatment. Also mentioned was that legislation may be put forward in the future, to make CEs in suicide prevention a requirement. **After a discussion, the Board agreed that suicide prevention is an area of concern. However, it is only possible to legislate some areas of concern.** Licensees have 34 hours to choose CE in areas of their interest, including suicide prevention. The Board may include articles on suicide risk assessment, management, and treatment in the newsletter.

Dr. Rukert reported that the Board received an email from the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission regarding their regulations on the certification of police officers. **After a discussion, it was determined that the Board did not have the authority to interpret the Commission's regulations. The Board will recommend that the Commission review the Board's Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct regulations and contact the American Psychological Association for guidance.**

D. Public Comments

Dr. Chisolm stated that MPA will hold their annual convention on October 24- 28, 2022.

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 9:54 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.