

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2022

The 705<sup>th</sup> Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:04a.m. by the Chairperson, Samantha Rukert, Psy.D.

### **Board Members Present:**

Brenda L. Terry-Leonard, Ph.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.  
Sybil Smith-Gray, Ph.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:**

Kimberly Link, MDH  
Lillian Reese, MDH  
Jessica Rothstein, MPA

*Board meeting was held via teleconference.*

### **A. Minutes**

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on October 14, 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 November 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 she and Mr. St. Cyr II attended the Association for State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) annual meeting. The meeting was held on October 26-October 30th at National Harbor, Maryland. ASPPB announced that the EPPP 2 exam (Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology) will be implemented on January 1, 2026. The EPPP 2 is a skills exam, and the EPPP 1 is a knowledge exam. ASPPB owns both the EPPP 1 and the EPPP 2. ASPPB has presented the possibility of implementing an EPPP 2 for several years. However, schools/universities and psychology licensing Boards have raised concerns about the EPPP 2

being biased, unvalidated, an additional cost to applicants, and unnecessary. The EPPP 2 will be part 2 of the EPPP 1, but will be a separate exam. ASPPB recommends that applicants be able to take the EPPP 1 before completing the doctoral program. Eight US/Canadian jurisdictions are currently using the exam. Information about the EPPP 2 is posted on ASPPB's website, and the Board will provide a link to that information on its website. The Board will address the implications of the EPPP 2 and devise a plan before January 1, 2026. Ms. Smith will provide other highlights of the meeting in December.

Mr. St. Cyr II gave a brief overview of the meeting highlights that included topic of social justice issues, regulations, transparency, and equity diversity and inclusion.

Dr. Rukert proposed reimbursing Mr. St. Cyr II for attending the conference. **A motion was made, seconded, and a vote called to reimburse Mr. St. Cyr II for his expenses. For -7 Abstention – 1**

Dr. Rukert stated that all Board Members should have received a Maryland.gov email address. This will allow for more secure access to Board related matters. She also reported that sub-committees will meet after the December 2nd Board meeting.

#### **C. Public Comments**

Dr. Rothstein asked if MPA could receive information on licensees' race, ethnicity, and emails. Mr. Felter stated that the Public Information Act prohibits email addresses from being included in the monthly roster of active psychology s that MPA receives. Ms. Coley will provide the other information.

#### **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 9:58 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the administrative session.