

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2017

The 622nd Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the Vice-Chairperson, James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP.

Board Members Present:

Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP, Chairperson
Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.
Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member

Staff Present:

Stephanie Coley, Administrative Assistant
Sally Mitchell, Licensing Coordinator
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

Staff Absent:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director

Interpreters:

Charmine Johnson
Erin Krug

Public:

Sharon Bloom, DHMH
Shreya Hessler, MPA
Kristen Neville, DHMH

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on April 7, 2017 were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as submitted.**

B. Announcements

The list of registrants for the May 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.**

HB 0180 *Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Renaming (DHMH)* passed. This bill will rename the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to the Maryland Department of Health.

Dr. Gormally reported that the Board is invited to speak at the Maryland Psychological Association's annual conference in the fall.

Dr. Berg-Cross presented the mobility/reciprocity committee's recommendations. The recommendations were:

1. That Psychologists that hold an active license in good standing in another state and hold an American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) certification be allowed to complete an abbreviated licensure application.

2. Psychologists that hold an active license in good standings in another state and are recognized by the National Register as a Health Service Provider (HSP) be allowed to complete an abbreviated licensure application.

These options will expedite the licensing process for those that meet the criteria. The committee will determine what changes will need to be made to the current regulations.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Morris attended The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) mid-year annual convention. Topics discussed included the EPPP 2 and specialty licenses. It was also mentioned that the National Register of Health Service Psychologists and the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards joint Designation of Programs project will officially end in 2019.

The Board discussed how continuing education choices related to ones actually practice and the timing of the EPPP.

C. Committee Reports

Licensing – The committee continues to review psychologist and registered psychology associates applications.

Operations – Nothing to report.

Public Affairs Nothing to report.

Disciplinary – Nothing to report.

D. Public Comments

Ms. Neville stated that Governor Larry Hogan held a bill signing ceremony on May 4, 2017 and another one is expected in May.

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 10:34 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.