

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2014

The 592nd Open meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 10:36 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

Board members present:

Jeffrey Barnett, Psy.D., ABPP, Vice-Chairperson
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.
James F. Gormally, Ph.D.
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP
Harriet Rakes, Consumer Member
Myra Waters, Ph.D.

Staff present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Dorothy Kutcherman, Licensing Coordinator
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Brett Felter, Staff Attorney

Interpreters:

Sandra Brown
Justine Garrett

Public present:

Michelle Friedman

A. Minutes

The Open Minutes of the meeting held on February 7, 2014 were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as submitted.**

B. Announcements

Executive Director – Ms. Smith reported that of the 14 individuals who took the law exam in February, two failed. The list of registrants for the March 28, 2014 exam was distributed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the licensing committee to approve others that may register later.**

A draft of the winter edition of the newsletter was distributed. Members were asked to review and submit any changes to Ms. Smith by Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

Ms. Smith reported that the board's psychology associate legislative bill passed in both the House and Senate and that no problems were anticipated in the cross over of the bill. Ms. Smith also reported that the budget hearing was held in both the House and Senate and no reductions to the budget were made.

Chair – Dr. Sobelman reported that *SB 607 - Health Occupations – Child Abuse and Neglect – Training* requires the boards to adopt regulations regarding training on the identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect prior to licensure and upon renewing a license. The health boards will oppose the bill.

Dr. Sobelman provided a brief history on *HB841 – State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists and State Board of Social Work Examiners*, known as Lynette's Law. The Board is not part of the bill; however, there is a website that names the Board as being a part of the situation.

Dr. Sobelman announced that in July Ms. Bethman will begin working full-time with the Board of Pharmacy and will no longer work with the psychology Board. Mr. Felter will serve as the Board's counsel.

C. Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into administrative session to discuss disciplinary matters and to consult with Counsel. Those Board members and staff in attendance at the Open Meeting were also in the administrative session unless recused. The Board entered into Administrative Session at 11:15 a.m., came out at 1:30 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven A. Sobelman, PhD
Chairperson