

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2021

The 659th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by the Chairperson, Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.

Board Members Present:

Stephen Bono, Ph.D.
James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member
Samantha Rukert, Psy.D.
Zeno St. Cyr II, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Crystal Barksdale, 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

Due to Covid-19 the March 5, 2021 Board meeting was held via teleconference. The public was asked to submit questions via email prior to the meeting.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on February 5, 2021 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 March 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 on the following bills:

HB 1041 – *Health Occupations Boards – Uniform Reporting* requires health occupations boards to obtain certain information from applicants before issuing, renewing or reinstating licenses; requires the information to be posted on board's website in a searchable format. The

sponsor (Delegate Kelly) **withdrawn the Bill, but will meet with the Boards to determine how best to accomplish this task.**

SB 0072 – *Open Meetings Act – Requirements for State Agencies and Local Boards of Elections (Maryland Transparency Act of 2021)* – Requires Boards to post live video or audio streaming of Open Meetings on their website. **No movement**

SB 0041 – *Health-Mental and Emotional Disorders- Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)* - This bill alters the minimum age of consent for mental or emotional treatment from 16 years old to 12 years old. **No movement still in committee**

HB 0224/SB 0262 – *Department of Information Technology- Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards* - **no update.** This bill requires the Department of Information Technology to review technology platforms used by Health Occupation Boards to determine the feasibility and cost of developing one platform used by all Boards.

HB0732 – *Health Care Practitioners- Telehealth-Out-of-State Health Care Practitioners* –This bill authorizes out-of-state practitioners to provide telehealth services to patients located in Maryland and requires Health Occupation Boards to register out-of-state practitioners who provide telehealth services to patients located in Maryland. Out-of-state practitioners would be required to complete an application, pay an application fee, and submit a criminal history records check. Registration information would be published on websites and Board’s would be responsible for disciplinary actions. **No update**

SB0500/HB0970 – *Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact* –. This bill requires the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists to enter into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, PsyPact. PsyPact establishes certain criteria and duties for compact states and requires psychologists to meet certain eligibility requirements to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology and temporary authority to practice in-person. A hearing is scheduled for March 11 at 11:00 am. **No update**

Ms. Smith thanked Board members who have testified this legislative session.

C. Public Comments
No Public Comment.

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 9:28 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.