

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
Benjamin Rush Building ♦ Spring Grove Hospital Center
55 Wade Avenue ♦ Catonsville, Maryland 21228

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, June 05, 2024

Board Members Present	
Chiyo Alie, DDS, President	Allan J. Kroopnick, PhD
Joy Void-Holmes, RDH, BSDH, DHSC, Vice President	Shari Kohn, DDS
Aslim Abdullah, DDS, Secretary-Treasurer	Leslie E. Grant, DDS
Adam Eisner, DDS, Parliamentarian	Cynthia Zeder, RDH
Deborah Cartee, RDH, MS	Sherri McGee, DDS
Jennifer Gaglione, RDH	Oluwatoyin M. Fatogun, DDS
Tamara Miles-Dulan, DDS	Hari K. Razdan
Guests Present	
Zakiyyah Holmes, Board and Commission Administrator	Greg Buckler, MSDA Executive Director
Edwin Morris, DDS	Eric B.
Lori Serna	Valerie Skvirsky
Dr. A. Becket	Det. Carey Kus
Staff Present	
Jameelah Richardson-Abakah, Executive Assistant	Tony DeFranco, AAG
Shiela West, Investigator Supervisor	Tiffani Shannon, AAG
Sandra Sage, Computer Specialist	Murray Sherman, Board Legal Assistant
Dr. Helen Lee-Virgil, Chief Dental Officer	Debbie Welch, Licensing Unit Supervisor
Jesse Wilson, Compliance and Record Manager	Paula Boxley, Investigator
Debbie Wurster, Licensing Coordinator	

Dr. Chiyo Alie, President of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (the "Board"), called the virtual Open Session Meeting to Order at 11:05 am. Dr Chiyo Alie requested Roll call of Board Members and Board Staff for the record. Dr. Alie Confirmed that there was a quorum of the Board.

I. APPROVAL AND REVIEW OF BOARD AGENDA AND MINUTES

The Board voted to approve the Open Board Meeting Agenda for June 05, 2024:

Motion to Approve: Dr. Joy Void-Holmes Second: Dr. Adam Eisner
Responsible Party: Dr. Alie 14-0-0

The Board voted to approve the Open Board Meeting Minutes for May 01, 2024:

Motion to Approve: Dr. Allan Kroopnick Second: Dr. Void-Holmes
Responsible Party: Dr. Alie 11-0-3

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dr. Aslim Abdullah reported on the following: Fiscal Year 2024 Carry Over \$833,600.29; FY 2024 Revenue: \$1,630,384.60; FY Expenditures: -\$2,205,905.14; Accrued Expenses: \$55,151.31; Encumbrance: -\$5,837.00; FY 2024 Fund Balance \$307,425.06

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING:

- a) Stacey Scriven, Executive Director: Our three new board members, Dr. Shari Kohn, Dr. Harry Benavent, and Nagarajan Pattabiraman, have received their appointment letters and are in the process of getting sworn in. During the summer our July 10, 2024, and August 7, 2024 meetings will be virtual, these dates will be posted on our website.
- b) Helen Lee-Virgil, D.D.S., Chief Dental Officer- The May 30, 2024, graduate workshop had 47 new dental professionals, 26 dental and 20 hygienists successfully completed the registration process. The upcoming dates are June 26, 2024, 12:30pm- 2:30pm, and August 15, 2024, 10:00am-12:00pm. The Maryland Eastern Shore is hosting a Mission of Mercy on September 13-14, 2024. They are looking for volunteers, for more information go to their website. <https://www.easternshoremom.org/>

IV. LEGAL REPORTS:

- a) Murray Sherman, Board Legal Assistant: no report
- b) Tony DeFranco, Esq., Board Counsel: no report

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Anesthesia: no report
- b) Applications: Dr. Oluwatoyin Fatogun reported that, as of June 4, 2024, 1,334 dentists and 908 dental hygienists had renewed their licenses.
- c) Infection Control/Biosafety: Dr. Leslie Grant reported on the following: The Organization for Safety, Asepsis, and Prevention (OSAP) has changed their name to Association for Dental Safety (ADS). The Avian Influenza, Bird Flu, has transmission through cow's milk. This is a concern for individuals who do not drink processed milk. Maryland General Assembly House Bill 499 goes into effect October 1, 2024, which requires each private dental office to designate a licensed dentist to be responsible for all infection control within the private dental office.
- d) Continuing Education: no report
- e) Dental Hygiene: no report
- f) Legislative Action: Mrs. Jennifer Gaglione, on behalf of the Legislative Action Committee, has requested the approval of the following:

The Board voted to **approve** amendments to COMAR 10.44.01 Dental Assistants.

Motion to Approve: Committee	Second: Committee
Responsible Party: Mrs. Jennifer Gaglione	Vote: 12-0-2

The Board voted to **approve** the recommendation to amend the present law during the 2025 General Assembly session to authorize the Board to discipline expanded function dental assistants.

Motion to Approve: Committee	Second: Committee
Responsible Party: Mrs. Jennifer Gaglione	Vote: 14-0-0

VI. UPCOMING REMINDERS: Next Open Session Meeting – July 10, 2024, 11:00am, Virtually

VII. CLOSING STATEMENT: Dr. Alie stated that the Board, the Board Counsel, and investigators will move to the Board's administrative, quasi-judicial session. In particular, the Board will discuss administrative office matters, complaints, inspections, and investigations.

Ms. Cartee moved for adjournment, which was seconded by Dr. Aslim Abdullah. There was no opposition or abstentions for adjournment. The open session adjourned at 11:27am.

Minutes prepared by Jameelah Richardson-Abakah, Executive Assistant

Minutes Adopted: 9/18/24


Aslim Abdullah DDS, Secretary