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December 5, 2019

Honorable Larry Hogan  
Governor  
Office of the Governor  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland  21401

Re: Dentists and Dental Hygienists - Results of Balloting for Dental Board Appointments

Dear Governor Hogan:

In accordance with Senate Bill 764 and House Bill 811, Chapters 211 and 212 respectively, Acts of 2008, the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners is charged with holding a balloting process for nominations for vacancies on the Board.

There are 5 dentist vacancies on the Board. Dr. Ali Behnia concluded his second term and is not eligible for re-appointment; Dr. Louis G. DePaola concluded his first term and is eligible for re-appointment; Dr. Arpana Singh Verma concluded her first term and is eligible for re-appointment; Dr. David A. Williams, concluded his first term and although eligible for reappointment, chose not to seek reappointment; and Dr. Robert R. Windsor concluded his first term and is eligible for reappointment. Balloting was therefore for the 5 positions.

There is one dental hygienist vacancy on the Board. Jane S. Casper, R.D.H. concluded her second term and is not eligible for reappointment. Balloting was therefore for the one position.

The ballots for dentists and dental hygienist have been tallied.

Dentist Candidates:

Dr. Chiyo Anaite Gomez Alie  
Number of votes for Dr. Alie: 99
Dr. Dina A. Chehab  
Number of votes for Dr. Chehab: 80

Dr. Louis G. DePaola  
Number of votes for Dr. DePaola: 179

Dr. Patricia Eileen Higgins  
Number of votes for Dr. Higgins: 123

Dr. Edwin L. Morris  
Number of votes for Dr. Morris: 156

Dr. Minhthu Viet Phan  
Number of votes for Dr. Phan: 78

Dr. Ahmad Shams Soolari  
Number of votes for Dr. Soolari: 70

Dr. Arpana Singh Verma  
Number of votes for Dr. Verma: 118

Dr. Robert R. Windsor  
Number of votes for Dr. Windsor: 124

**Dental Hygienist Candidate:**

Jane L. Phillips, R.D.H.  
Number of votes for Ms. Phillips: 56

I have attached a copy of the “Results Report Certified Final” from Election Trust, the independent third party election service with whom the Board has contracted to conduct the balloting.

If I can be of further assistance I may be reached at 410-402-8518.

Very truly yours,

Francis X. McLaughlin, Jr.  
Executive Director
cc: Robert R. Neall, Secretary, MDH
Chris E. Cavey, Secretary, Governor’s Appointments Office
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Dr. Chiyomi Anaite Gomez Alie
Dr. Dina A. Chehab
Dr. Louis G. DePaola
Dr. Patricia Eileen Higgins
Dr. Edwin L. Morris
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Dr. Ahmad Shams Soolari
Dr. Arpna Singh Verma
Dr. Robert R. Windsor
Jane L. Phillips. R.D.H.
Members – Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners
The following report reflects Election Trust’s Certified Final Result tally for the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners 2019 Election based on the secure receipt of 266 total electronic and paper ballots (Dentists) and 56 total electronic ballots (Hygienists) between November 15 and November 29, 2018.

**Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners – Dentists**

Vote for up to Five (5)

- Dr. Chiyo Anaite Gomez Alie: 99
- Dr. Dina A. Chehab: 80
- Dr. Louis G. DePaola: 179
- Dr. Patricia Eileen Higgins: 123
- Dr. Edwin L. Morris: 156
- Dr. Minhthu Viet Phan: 78
- Dr. Ahmad Shams Soolari: 70
- Dr. Arpana Singh Verma: 118
- Dr. Robert R. Windsor: 124
- Blank Votes: 0

**Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners – Hygienists**

Vote for up to One (1)

- Blank Votes: 0