

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

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, March 19, 2025**

<b>Board Members Present</b>	
Chiyo Alie, DDS, President	Allan J. Kroopnick, PhD
Aslim Abdullah, DDS, Vice President	Shari Kohn, DDS
Joy Void-Holmes, RDH, BSDH, DHSC, Secretary-Treasurer	Leslie E. Grant, DDS
Adam Eisner, DDS, Parliamentarian	Cynthia Zeder, RDH
Deborah Cartee, RDH, MS	Tamara Miles-Dulan, DDS
Jennifer Gaglione, RDH	
<b>Board Members Absent</b>	
Oluwatoyin M. Fatogun, DDS	Nagarajan Pattabiraman
Hari K. Razdan	
<b>Guests Present</b>	
Zakiyyah Holmes, Boards and Commissions Administrator	Alexis Bennett
<b>Staff Present</b>	
Stacey Scriven, Executive Director	Tony DeFranco, AAG
Jameelah Richardson-Abakah, Executive Assistant	Murray Sherman, Board Legal Assistant
Shiela West, Investigator Supervisor	Leslie Thompson, Fiscal Administrator
Sandra Sage, Computer Specialist	Paula Boxley, Investigator
Dr. Helen Lee-Virgil, Chief Dental Officer	Debbie Wurster, Licensing Coordinator
Jesse Wilson, Compliance and Record Manager	Harini Jaddu, Business Analyst Intern

Dr. Chiyo Alie, President of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (the “Board”), called the virtual Open Session Meeting to Order at 11:03am. Dr Chiyo Alie requested a roll call of Board Members and Board Staff for the record. Dr. Chiyo 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 amended Open Board Meeting Agenda for March 19, 2025:

Motion to Approve: Dr. Allen Kroopnick                      Second: Dr. Aslim Abdullah  
Responsible Party: Dr. Chiyo Alie                                      10-0-0

The Board voted to approve the Open Board Meeting Minutes for March 05, 2025:

Motion to Approve: Mr. Deborah Cartee                      Second: Dr. Tamara Dulan-Miles  
Responsible Party: Dr. Chiyo Alie                                      8-0-2

**II. SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Joy Void-Holmes, RDH, BSDH, DHSC, Secretary-Treasurer: no report

**III. PRESIDENT’S REMARK:** Dr. Chiyo Alie, DDS: Dr. Alie reported on the following: Effective March 3, 2025, Maryland licensed Dentists and Dental Hygienists can receive one continuing education credit for attending a Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners’ Open Session meeting. The Dentist and Dental Hygienist can only receive a maximum of two CE credits per renewal cycle and must stay on for the complete duration of the session to receive the credit. The individuals

attending in person will need to sign in. Individuals attending virtually will need to put their name in the chat and email the Board at [mdh.mddentalboard@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.mddentalboard@maryland.gov)

**IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING:**

- a) Stacey Scriven, Executive Director- Mrs. Scriven reported on the following: The Dental Radiation Technologist renewal cycle is currently in the late period. The Board is asking all DRTs with certificates that end in an odd number to renew to avoid going through the reinstatement process. Dentist and Dental Hygienist renewal cycle will begin on May 1, 2025, and run through June 30, 2025. Please check The Board's website regularly for updates.
- b) Helen Lee-Virgil, D.D.S., Chief Dental Officer- Dr. Helen Lee-Virgil reported on the following: March 20, 2025, is World Oral Health Day.

**V. LEGAL REPORTS:**

- a) Murray Sherman, Esq., Board Legal Assistant: Mr. Murray Sherman reported on the following: The Infection Control requirement for renewals will go from 2 CE credits to 3 CE credits. This will be enforced effect beginning with the 2027 renewal cycle.
- b) Tony DeFranco, Esq., Board Counsel: no report

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Anesthesia: Dr. Adam Eisner reported on the following: The committee continues to review all Class I, II, III Permits.
- b) Applications: no report
- c) Infection Control/Biosafety: Dr. Leslie Grant reported on the following: The infection control and Biosafety committee continues to meet with the Legislative committee to discuss House Bill 499 (2024). According to the CDC as of March 14, 2025, there were 301 Measles cases in the United States in 15 jurisdictions: 3 outbreaks, 50 hospitalizations, and 3 deaths. 80% of those affected were unvaccinated or their status is unknown, 7% received 1 MMR dose, 4% received 2 MMR doses. As a reminder, Infants are considered vulnerable because they are unable to get vaccinated until they are at least 12 months. In regard to the H1N5 Avian Influenza A as of March 18, 2025, the CDC is considering this a low risk in the US. There has been no person-to-person spread. There have been 70 cases and 1 death in the US.
- d) Continuing Education: Ms. Cynthia Zeder requested approval for the following CEU credits.

<b>Title(s): Essential Differential: The Art of Creating a Differential Diagnosis</b> Course Instructors: <b>Dr. Stephen Roth</b> MSDE CE Course Number: <b>2025-0028</b> Course Method: <b>Live In-Person</b> Course Provider: <b>Mid-Atlantic Oral Surgery Specialists</b> Total CEU Requested: 2 CEU's Classification Code: 310	<b>Title(s): Trigeminal Neuralgia and Microvascular Decompression</b> Course Instructors: <b>Vanessa Benavent, DDS, MSD</b> MSDE CE Course Number: <b>2025-0029</b> Course Method: <b>Live</b> Course Provider: <b>Terrapin Study Group</b> Total CEU Requested: 2 CEU's Classification Code: 200
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Motion to Approve: Committee      Second: Committee  
Responsible Party: Ms. Cynthia Zeder      Vote: 10-0-0

- e) Dental Hygiene: no report
- f) Legislative Action: Mr. Murray Sherman reported on the following: March 17, 2025 marks the General Assembly's Crossover Date. Any bills that are not passed from one chamber to the other by the end of the day will die.

**VII. UPCOMING REMINDERS:** Next Open Session Meeting – April 2, 2025, 11:00am, 55 Wade Ave/Tulip Dr., Catonsville, MD 21228

**VIII. CLOSING STATEMENT:** Dr. Chiyo 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.

A motion for adjournment was made by Dr. Tamara Miles-Dulan and seconded by Dr. Joy Void-Holmes. 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: 16/07/2025

Deborah Cartee

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Joy Void-Holmes, Secretary