

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

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, July 02, 2025

Board Members Present	
Chiyo Alie, DDS, President	Allison Signor, RDH
Aslim Abdullah, DDS, Vice President	Leslie E. Grant, DDS
Adam Eisner, DDS, Parliamentarian	Jennifer Mai, DDS
Deborah Cartee, RDH, MS Secretary/Treasurer	Nagarajan Pattabiraman
Jennifer Gaglione, RDH	Dana Truesdale, DDS
Oluwatoyin M. Fatogun, DDS	Shari Kohn, DDS
Katherine Wise, RDH	
Board Members Absent	
Tamara Miles-Dulan, DDS	
Guests Present	
Zakiyyah Holmes, Boards and Commissions Administrator	Lori Serna-Pate, RDH
Trelawny Saldana- ORDTS	
Staff Present	
Jameelah Richardson-Abakah, Executive Assistant	Tony DeFranco, AAG
Shiela West, Investigator Supervisor	Murray Sherman, Legal Assistant
Sandra Sage, Computer Specialist	Leslie Thompson, Fiscal Administrator
Jesse Wilson, Compliance	Dr. Helen Lee-Virgil, Chief Dental Officer
Sydney Gish, Licensing Coordinator	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 11:02am. 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 Open Board Meeting Agenda for July 02, 2025:

Motion to Approve: Dr. Dana Truesdale Second: Mrs. Jennifer Gaglione
Responsible Party: Dr. Chiyo Alie 13-0-0

- II. SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Deborah Cartee, RDH, MS, Secretary-Treasurer: Ms. Cartee reported on the following: Fiscal Year 25 Cash Revenue \$2,322,897.03, Accrued Revenue **-\$1,050.00**, Fiscal Year 25 Cash Expenditures **-\$2,384,754.06**, Accrued Expenses \$14,102.66, Encumbrance **-\$17,646.04**, Fiscal Year 24 Carry Over \$716,971.40, Fiscal Year 25 Fund Balance \$650,520.99.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING:

- a) Helen Lee-Virgil, D.D.S., Chief Dental Officer- Dr. Helen Lee-Virgil reported on the following: The Board held its first annual Graduate Workshop of 2025 for new dentists and dental hygienists on June 25, 2025 from 12:30pm-2:30pm. 51 dental professionals (13 dentists and 38 dental hygienists) attended the event. The upcoming Graduate workshop date is August 14, 2025 from 10:00am-12:00pm.

IV. LEGAL REPORTS:

- a) **Murray Sherman, Board Legal Assistant:** Murray Sherman reported on the following: Omnibus Bill on Criminal Background checks. The bill proposes to implement criminal history background checks on all licensees and certificate holders.

The Board **approved** being included in the Omnibus Bill

Motion to Approve: Deborah Cartee

Second: Shari Kohn

Responsible Party: Murray Sherman

Vote: 13-0-0

- b) **Tony DeFranco, Esq., Board Counsel:** no report

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) **Anesthesia:** Dr. Shari Kohn reported on the following: The committee continues to review all Class I, II, III Initial and renewal permit applications. The committee will soon begin to review all application forms.
- b) **Applications:** Dr. Adam Eisner reported on the following: The committee works with the licensing department to review applications as they come in.
- c) **Infection Control/Biosafety:** Dr. Leslie Grant reported on the following: As of June 25, 2025, there are currently 1,227 cases of Measles in 37 jurisdictions. There have been 23 outbreaks. 95% have either been unvaccinated or their status is unknown. As of July 1, 2025, the Maryland Department of Health has reported 31 Marylanders are hospitalized with COVID (29 adults and 2 children): 5 are in intensive care. As of June 21, 2025, the CDC has reported 70.6% of individuals who test positive for Influenza have influenza type A. The Infection Control Summary and Checklist is available on the CDC's Division of Oral Health website for download.
- d) **Continuing Education:** Dr. Oluwatoyin Fatogun requested approval for the following CEU credits.

Title(s): Prescription Opioid Crisis Course Instructors: Kim Barker, MS, RPh MSDE CE Course Number: 2025-0051 Course Method: Lecture & Self Study Course Provider: DC Dental Society Total CEU Requested: 2 CEU's Classification Code: 346	Title(s): Using a Specialized PowerPoint Template for Successful Comprehensive Treatment Planning Course Instructors: Dr. James Wooddell MSDE CE Course Number: 2025-0052 Course Method: Lecture Course Provider: Baltimore County Dental Association Total CEU Requested: 2 CEU's Classification Code: 149
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<p>Title(s): From Classroom to Clinic: Preparing Senior Dental Hygiene Students for Clinical Practice</p> <p>Course Instructors: Jasmine Reyes, RDH</p> <p>MSDE CE Course Number: 2025-0053</p> <p>Course Method: Lecture</p> <p>Course Provider: Howard Community College</p> <p>Total CEU Requested: 1 CEU's</p> <p>Classification Code: 149</p>	<p>Title(s): Peri-Implantitis: the Not So Hidden Epidemic</p> <p>Course Instructors: Dr. Bruce Mandel</p> <p>MSDE CE Course Number: 2025-0054</p> <p>Course Method: Lecture</p> <p>Course Provider: Innovative Implants and Periodontics, LLC</p> <p>Total CEU Requested: 2 CEU's</p> <p>Classification Code: 690</p>
<p>Title(s): Bridging the Gap: Enhancing Results Through Effective Lab-Clinic Communication and Realities of Digital Dentistry</p> <p>Course Instructors: Jong Y. Park, Dental Technician</p> <p>MSDE CE Course Number: 2025-0055</p> <p>Course Method: Lecture</p> <p>Course Provider: Terrapin Study Club</p> <p>Total CEU Requested: 2 CEU's</p> <p>Classification Code: 610</p>	

Motion to Approve: Committee
Responsible Party: Dr. Oluwatoyin Fatogun

Second: Committee
Vote: 13-0-0

- e) Dental Hygiene: no report
- f) Legislative Action: no report

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program-
 - Dr. Chiyo Alie reported on the following: The Board is looking for a new representative to attend the PDMP bimonthly meetings. Ms. Katherine Wise was nominated to shadow Dr. Leslie Grant.
 - Dr. Leslie Grant reported on the following: Dr. Grant provided a report for June 10, 2025. The MHCC program gave a presentation on a data dispenser manual. They also discussed the communication campaign encouraging health professionals to use the CRISP portal. The next meeting will be held on August 5, 2025 from 4:00pm-5:30pm via Zoom. This meeting is open to the public. All information can be found on their website. PDMP website:
<https://health.maryland.gov/PDMP/Pages/Home.aspx>

- b) Adex representative- Ms. Deborah Cartee volunteered to be the Board's ADEX representative.
- c) Telephone Scam Alert- Dr. Chiyo Alie reported on the following: The Board has been made aware that dental professionals are getting scam calls posing as Dental Board Employees or Law enforcement demanding money. The Board will never call the dental professionals with such demands. A bulletin has been placed on the Board's website and will be sent out to the dental community.

VII. UPCOMING REMINDERS: Next Open Session Meeting – August 06, 2025, 11:00am, Virtually.

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. Aslim Abdullah and seconded by Dr. Tamara Miles-Dulan. There was no opposition or abstentions for adjournment. The open session adjourned at 11:55am.

Minutes prepared by Jameelah Richardson-Abakah, Executive Assistant

Minutes Adopted: _____



Deborah Cartee, RDH, MS, Secretary