

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

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, May 07, 2025

Board Members Present	
Chiyo Alie, DDS, President	Allan J. Kroopnick, PhD
Aslim Abdullah, DDS, Vice President	Shari Kohn, DDS
Adam Eisner, DDS, Parliamentarian	Leslie E. Grant, DDS
Deborah Cartee, RDH, MS	Cynthia Zeder, RDH
Jennifer Gaglione, RDH	Tamara Miles-Dulan, DDS
Oluwatoyin M. Fatogun, DDS	Nagarajan Pattabiraman
Hari K. Razdan	Dana Truesdale, DDS
Board Members Absent	
Joy Void-Holmes, RDH, BSDH, DHSC, Secretary-Treasurer	
Guests Present	
Zakiyyah Holmes, Boards and Commissions Administrator	Alex Skhlyar
Amisha Shruff	Ahmed Alqarni
Staff Present	
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	Dr. Helen Lee-Virgil, Chief Dental Officer

Dr. Chiyo Alie, President of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (the "Board"), called the virtual Open Session Meeting to Order at 11:05am. 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 May 07, 2025:

Motion to Approve: Dr. Aslim Abdullah

Second: Dr. Allan Kroopnick

Responsible Party: Dr. Chiyo Alie

13-0-0

The Board voted to approve the Open Board Meeting Minutes for April 02, 2025:

Motion to Approve: Ms. Deborah Cartee

Second: Dr. Adam Eisner

Responsible Party: Dr. Chiyo Alie

13-0-0

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joy Void-Holmes, RDH, BSDH, DHSC, Secretary-Treasurer: No report

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING:

a) Stacey Scriven, Executive Director- Mrs. Scriven reported on the following: The Board will be hosting a Fee Increase: Public Forum May 19, 2025 at 7:00pm, May 21, 2025 at 6:00pm, and May 29, 2025 at 7:00pm. June, July, and August Open sessions will be virtual. Information will be provided on the Board Website.

b) Helen Lee-Virgil, D.D.S., Chief Dental Officer- Dr. Helen Lee-Virgil reported on the

following: The Board will host its annual Graduate Workshop for new dentists and dental hygienists May 29, 2025 from 10:00am-12:00pm, June 25, 2025 from 12:30pm-2:30pm, and August 14, 2025 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Registration began on May 1, 2025. The Board will also host Safer Waterlines, Safer Dentistry: Strategies for excellence on May 14, 2025 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Participants will receive 1.5 CE credits.

IV. LEGAL REPORTS:

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

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Anesthesia: Dr. Adam Eisner 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. Oluwatoyin Fatogun 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: The committee continues to meet with representatives from the Legislative committee in regards House Bill 499. As of May 6, 2025, the Maryland Department of Health reported that 42 Marylanders are hospitalized with COVID (40 adults and 2 children); 35 are in acute care and 7 are in the Intensive Care Unit (6 adults and 1 child). It is recommended that individuals 65 years and older get vaccinated every 6 months, with guidance from their Primary Care Physician. As of May 2, 2025 there are 935 confirmed cases of Measles across 30 jurisdictions. There have been 12 outbreaks. 13% of individuals that have been identified have been hospitalized, there have also been 3 deaths. All have either been unvaccinated or their status is unknown.
- d) Continuing Education: Ms. Cynthia Zeder requested approval for the following CEU credits.

Title(s): Effective Management of Dental Trauma: Endodontic Solutions Course Instructor(s): Dr. Tontesh Tawady MSDE CE Course Number: 2025-0042 Course Method: Lecture Course Provider: Progressive Dental Study Group Total CEU Requested: 1 CEU's Classification Code: 070	Title(s): A Smattering of Perio and When To Refer Course Instructor(s): Dr. Liz Polak MSDE CE Course Number: 2025-0043 Course Method: Lecture Course Provider: Reinheimer Orthodontics Total CEU Requested: 2 CEU's Classification Code: 490
Title(s): Dental Sleep Medicine 101 Course Instructor(s): Dr. Joel Nathanson MSDE CE Course Number: 2025-0044 Course Method: Lecture Course Provider: Greenspring Endodontics Total CEU Requested: 2 CEU's Classification Code: 200	

Motion to Approve: Committee Second: Committee
Responsible Party: Ms. Cynthia Zeder Vote: 13-0-0

- e) Dental Hygiene: no report
- f) Legislative Action: Mrs. Jennifer Gaglione reported on the following:
House Bill 499 Regulations: Health Occupations – Private Dental Offices – Infection Control

The Board **approved** the HB 499 Regulations

Motion to Approve: Committee Second: Committee
Responsible Party: Mrs. Jennifer Gaglione Vote: 13-0-0

- g) Nomination Committee: Dr. Grant reported on the following: Dr. Grant presented the 2025 Executive Board Slate.

Dr. Chiyo Alie for President

The Board **approved** the recommendation

Motion to Approve: Committee Second: Committee
Responsible Party: Dr. Leslie Grant Vote: 13-0-0

Dr. Aslim Abdullah for Vice President

The Board **approved** the recommendation

Motion to Approve: Committee Second: Committee
Responsible Party: Dr. Leslie Grant Vote: 13-0-0

Ms. Deborah Cartee for Treasurer/Secretary

The Board **approved** the recommendation

Motion to Approve: Committee Second: Committee
Responsible Party: Dr. Leslie Grant Vote: 13-0-0

Dr. Adam Eisner for Parliamentarian

The Board **approved** the recommendation

Motion to Approve: Committee Second: Committee
Responsible Party: Dr. Leslie Grant Vote: 13-0-0

Dr. Oluwatoyin Fatogun for Member at Large

The Board **approved** the recommendation

Motion to Approve: Committee Second: Committee
Responsible Party: Dr. Leslie Grant Vote: 13-0-0

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)- Dr. Grant reported on the following: The PDMP meeting held on April 10, 2025 was cancelled. The next PDMP meeting will be held on June 10, 2025 from 4:00pm-5:30pm. 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) Obituary- Previous Board members: Dr. Chiyo Alie reported on the following: Barbara Merritt and Barry Cohen have passed away. Board members shared their thoughts.
- c) Continuing Education- Mr. Murray Sherman reported on the following: All continuing education questions should be directed to the Licensing Unit.
- d) Board Presentation- The Board presented all Board members who have completed their term with plaques for their service.

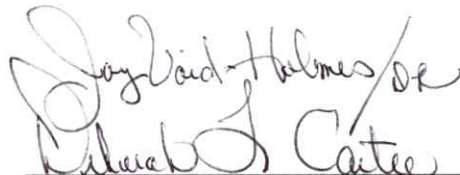
VII. UPCOMING REMINDERS: Next Open Session Meeting – June 4, 2025, 11:00am, Virtually

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 Ms. Cynthia Zeder and seconded by Ms. Deborah Cartee. There was no opposition or abstentions for adjournment. The open session adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Jameelah Richardson-Abakah, Executive Assistant

Minutes Adopted: _____


Joy Void-Holmes, Secretary