

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

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Board Members Present	
Chiyo Alie, DDS, President	Nagarajan Pattabiraman, consumer
Adam Eisner, DDS, Parliamentarian	Dana Truesdale, DDS
Aslim Abdullah, DDS, Vice President	Leslie E. Grant, DDS
Deborah Cartee, RDH, MS Secretary/Treasurer	Jennifer Mai, DDS
Oluwatoyin M. Fatogun, DDS	Tamara Miles-Dulan, DDS
Jennifer Gaglione, RDH	
Board Members Absent	
Shari Kohn, DDS	Hari Razdan, consumer
Katherine Wise, RDH	
Guests Present	
Lori Serna-Pate, RDH	Mary Ellen Murphy
Staff Present	
Stacey Scriven, Executive Director	Tony DeFranco, AAG
Jameelah Richardson-Abakah, Executive Assistant	Leslie Thompson, Fiscal Administrator
Shiela West, Investigator Supervisor	Debbie Wurster, Licensing Coordinator
Jesse Wilson, Compliance and Records Manager	Sydney Gish, Licensing Coordinator
Paula Boxley, Investigator	

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 amended Open Board Meeting Agenda for February 18, 2026:

Motion to Approve: Mr. Nagarajan Pattabiraman Second: Dr. Tamara Miles-Dulan

Responsible Party: Dr. Chiyo Alie 10-0-0

II. SECRETARY’S REPORT: Deborah Cartee, RDH, MS, Secretary-Treasurer: no report

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING:

- a) Stacey Scriven, Executive Director - Mrs. Scriven reported on the following: Dental Radiation Technologists are coming to the end of their renewal period. Next month starts the late period. Staff is currently experiencing a very busy period due to renewals and a staffing shortage. Individuals attempting to reach the Board are asked to leave a voicemail, and their call will be returned. The Board has been made aware that individuals are receiving telephone scams from individuals claiming to be investigators with the Board.
- b) Helen Lee-Virgil, D.D.S., Chief Dental Officer- no report

IV. LEGAL REPORTS:

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

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Anesthesia: no report
- b) Applications: Dr. Tamara Miles-Dulan reported on the following: The committee collaborates with the licensing department to review applications as they are received.
- c) Infection Control/Biosafety: Dr. Leslie Grant reported on the following: The committee continues to review Inspector applications and update committee processes. Some committee members attended the House Health Occupations Committee hearing to provide testimony on House Bill 373 - State Board of Dental Examiners - Disciplinary Action and Unannounced Inspections. According to the CDC, as of February 13, 2026, there have been 910 confirmed measles cases reported across 24 jurisdictions in 2026 to date, with no associated deaths. On February 10, 2026, the Maryland Department of Health, Office of Preparedness and Response, issued a clinician letter regarding an increase in mump cases in Maryland. To date in 2026, Maryland has identified 14 confirmed or probable cases, compared with four total cases in all of 2025. The letter advises adherence to standard and droplet precautions and heightened awareness given increased in-state activity. Regarding influenza, for the week ending February 7, 2026, flu activity in Maryland appears minimal after previously high levels. For COVID-19 in Maryland, there have been 69 hospitalizations, including 60 acute adults and five pediatric acute patients.
- d) Continuing Education: Dr. Oluwatoyin Fatogun requested approval for the following CEU credits.

<p>Title(s): From Womb to Smile: What Dental Professionals Need to Know About Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Oral Conditions Course Instructors: Reyhaneh Nejad, RDH MSDE CE Course Number: 2026-0013 Course Method: Lecture Course Provider: Howard Community College Total CEU Requested: 2 CEU's Classification Code: 730</p>	<p>Title(s): OSHA Essentials for the Dental Team: Bloodborne Pathogens & Hazard Communication Course Instructors: Lorri-Serna Pate, RDH MSDE CE Course Number: 2026-0010 Course Method: Lecture Course Provider: Dental Training Solutions Total CEU Requested: 1 CEU's Classification Code: 148</p>
<p>Title(s): 4 Part DUWL Mini-Series Course Instructors: Lori Serna-Pate, RDH MSDE CE Course Number: 2026-0014 Course Method: Lecture Course Provider: Dental Training Solutions Total CEU Requested: CEU's Classification Code: 148</p>	<p>Title(s): From Consultation to Commitment: Mastering Full Arch Case Presentation Course Instructors: Dr. Travann Lyn, DMD MSDE CE Course Number: 2026-0015 Course Method: Lecture Course Provider: Akeso Oral Surgery Total CEU Requested: 2 CEU's Classification Code: 610</p>

Motion to Approve: Committee
Responsible Party: Dr. Oluwatoyin Fatogun
Second: Committee
Vote: 10-0-0

- e) Dental Hygiene: no report
- f) Legislative Action: Ms. Deborah Cartee reported on the following: The Legislative Committee supports the following bills:

HB771: Human Trafficking Awareness Training
The Board **approved** the committee's recommendation of a Letter of Support with the

amendments from the Board of Nursing

Motion to Approve: Committee

Responsible Party: Ms. Deborah Cartee

Second: Committee

Vote: 8-0-0

VI. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a) Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)- Dr. Leslie Grant reported on the following: The PDMP Advisory Board met on February 12, 2026. The 2025 PDMP Annual Report was approved and submitted to the Office of Governmental Affairs. The committee discussed House Bill 1045, sponsored by Delegate Cullison, which addresses limitations on PDMP data disclosure to federal law enforcement, specifically regarding testosterone products commonly used in gender-affirming care. Additional agenda items included a presentation from the Opioid Treatment Program Workgroup and a review of demographic data related to benzodiazepine prescribing. The next PDMP Advisory Board meeting will be held on April 14, 2026 from 4:00pm-6:00pm. 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>.

VII. UPCOMING REMINDERS: Next Open Session Meeting March 4, 2026, 11:00am, TBD

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 Mr. Nagarajan Pattabiraman and seconded by Dr. Oluwatoyin M. Fatogun. There was no opposition or abstentions for adjournment. The open session adjourned at 11:45am.

Minutes prepared by Jameelah Richardson-Abakah, Executive Assistant

Minutes Adopted: 25/03/2026

Deborah L. Cartee, RDH, MS
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Deborah Cartee, RDH, MS, Secretary