

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

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, January 07, 2026

Board Members Present	
Chiyo Alie, DDS, President	Leslie E. Grant, DDS
Adam Eisner, DDS, Parliamentarian	Dana Truesdale, DDS
Aslim Abdullah, DDS, Vice President	Shari Kohn, DDS
Deborah Cartee, RDH, MS Secretary/Treasurer	Nagarajan Pattabiraman
Oluwatoyin M. Fatogun, DDS	Tamara Miles-Dulan, DDS
Katherine Wise, RDH	Jennifer Gaglione, RDH
Jennifer Mai, DDS	Hari Razdan
Guests Present	
Zakiyyah Holmes, MDH	Dan Ta, American Association of Orthodontists
Mary Ellen Murphy, Dental Assisting National Board	Jonathan Soward
Staff Present	
Stacey Scriven, Executive Director	Tony DeFranco, AAG
Jameelah Richardson-Abakah, Executive Assistant	Rhonda Edwards, AAG
Dr. Helen Lee-Virgil, Chief Dental Officer	Murray Sherman, Legal Assistant
Sandra Sage, Computer Specialist	Debbie Wurster, Licensing Coordinator
Shiela West, Investigator Supervisor	Leslie Thompson, Fiscal Administrator
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 January 07, 2026:

Motion to Approve: Dr. Leslie Grant	Second: Dr. Adam Eisner
Responsible Party: Dr. Chiyo Alie	11-0-0

The Board voted to approve the Open Board Meeting Minutes for October 01, 2025:

Motion to Approve: Dr. Adam Eisner	Second: Dr. Shari Kohn
Responsible Party: Dr. Chiyo Alie	11-0-0

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

Motion to Approve: Dr. Adam Eisner	Second: Dr. Shari Kohn
Responsible Party: Dr. Chiyo Alie	11-0-0

The Board voted to approve the Open Board Meeting Minutes for December 03, 2025:

Motion to Approve: Dr. Adam Eisner	Second: Dr. Shari Kohn
Responsible Party: Dr. Chiyo Alie	11-0-0

II. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS: Dr. Chiyo Alie reported on the following: Dr. Alie has appointed Dr. Leslie Grant, Mrs. Jennifer Gaglione, and Mr. Hari Razdan to the nominating committee.

The Board **approved** the committee vote to maintain the status quo of the current regulations in COMAR 10.44.12 and to refer this matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Motion to Approve: Committee
Responsible Party: Dr. Chiyo Alie

Second: Committee
Vote: 13-0-0

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Deborah Cartee, RDH, MS, Secretary-Treasurer: Ms. Cartee reported on the following: Fiscal Year 2026 Fund Balance ending December 31, 2025: Fiscal Year 26 Cash Revenue 424,693.25, Accrued Revenue 0.00, Fiscal Year 26 Cash Expenditures **-\$896,249.64**, Accrued Expenses 77,055.75, Encumbrance **-\$11,990.00**, Fiscal Year 25 Carry Over 496,414.24, Fiscal Year 26 Fund Balance 89,923.60.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING:

- a) Stacey Scriven, Executive Director - Mrs. Scriven reported on the following: Dental Radiation Technologist renewal cycle began on January 2, 2026. The Board has 2 consumer member positions open for appointment. Individuals interested in becoming a consumer member are encouraged to visit the Board's website at <https://health.maryland.gov/dental/Pages/home.aspx> and refer to the "2025 Board Appointment" section for information on how to apply. Mrs. Scriven also asked that individuals regularly monitor the Board's website for updates.
- b) Helen Lee-Virgil, D.D.S., Chief Dental Officer- Dr. Lee-Virgil reported on the following: Dr. Lee-Virgil gave some suggested Dental Office New Year Resolutions: review office policies and the CDC Checklist, verify all professional licensures and certificates are current, make sure the "We Take Precautions" poster is displayed in office, and test waterlines.

V. LEGAL REPORTS:

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

VI. 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 is also in the process of updating all applications.
- b) Applications: Dr. Tamara Miles-Dulan reported that 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: As of January 2, 2026, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) reported high influenza activity, with 11.26% of emergency department visits attributed to influenza-like illness. This flu season has resulted in approximately 1,942 hospitalizations and 7 adult deaths in Maryland. Concurrently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported an elevation of seasonal activity across the country as of January 5, 2025. The predominant strain is Influenza A H3N2, which has prompted some health departments and hospitals to implement mask mandates. Furthermore, as of December 31, 2025, the CDC has documented 2,065 Measles cases and 49 outbreaks within the United States. As of December 22, 2025, the CDC has reported no cases of Marburg Virus domestically; however, an increase has been noted in other countries. The Infection Control Committee will continue to monitor this situation. The MDH recommends adherence to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) guidelines regarding the vaccine schedule. The committee is currently reviewing the inspector applications.
- d) Continuing Education: Dr. Oluwatoyin Fatogun requested approval for the following CEU credits.

Title(s): Understanding Risk Management in Dentistry – What Every Practitioner Needs to Know About How the Law Affects Their Everyday Practice Course Instructors: Dr. Ahmed Sultan MSDE CE Course Number: 2026-0002 Course Method: Lecture Course Provider: Maryland State Dental Association Total CEU Requested: 3 CEU's Classification Code: 565	Title(s): Renewed: Empowerment, Wellbeing & Fulfillment for Dental Hygienists' Course Instructors: Lori Serna-Pate, RDH MSDE CE Course Number: 2026-0003 Course Method: Lecture Course Provider: Maryland Dental Hygienists' Study Club Total CEU Requested: 2 CEU's Classification Code: 770	Title(s): Violence in the Medical Environment: Strategies for Prevention, Management and Mitigation of Behavioral Violence Escalation in (Oral) Medicine Settings Course Instructors: Mr. Coos Hamberger MSDE CE Course Number: 2026-0004 Course Method: Lecture Course Provider: Baltimore County Dental Society Total CEU Requested: 1.5 CEU's Classification Code: 550
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Motion to Approve: Committee
Responsible Party: Dr. Oluwatoyin Fatogun

Second: Committee
Vote: 13-0-0

- e) Dental Hygiene: no report
- f) Legislative Action: Ms. Deborah Cartee reported on the following. The committee is in the process of reviewing the 2026 legislation.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)- Due to the upcoming legislative session the Maryland PDMP Advisory committee will hold an additional meeting which will be held on January 7, 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>.

VIII. UPCOMING REMINDERS: Next Open Session Meeting – January 21, 2026, 11:00am, Virtually

IX. 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. Hari Razdan and seconded by Dr. Tamara Miles-Dulan. There were no opposition or abstentions for adjournment. The open session adjourned at 12:00pm.

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