

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

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Board Members Present	
Robert R. Windsor, DDS; President	Aslim Abdullah, DDS; Parliamentarian
Chiyo Alie, DDS; Vice President	Allan J. Kroopnick, PhD
Edwin Morris, DDS	Leslie E. Grant, DDS
Tamara Miles-Dulan, DDS	Cynthia Zeder, RDH
Deborah Cartee, RDH, MS	Sherri McGee, DDS
Adam Eisner, DDS	Oluwatoyin M. Fatogun, DDS
Jennifer Roark, RDH	Hari K. Razdan
Board Members Absent	
Joy Void-Holmes, RDH, BSDH, DHSC; Secretary-Treasurer	Stefan N. Miller
Guests Present	
Zakiyyah Holmes, MDH Office of Secretary	Greg Buckler, MSDA Executive Director
Kimberly Link, Board and Commissions Liaison	Eric Biagioli, MDH Office of Oral Health
Caitlin McDonough, MDHA	
Staff Present	
Stacey Scriven, Executive Director	Tony DeFranco, AAG
Matthew Karpus, Compliance Manager	Debbie Welch, Licensing Unit Supervisor
Dr. Helen Lee-Virgil, Chief Dental Officer	Shiela West, Investigator Supervisor
Savannah Pappas, Compliance Clerk	Jameelah Richardson-Abakah, Executive Assistant

Dr. Windsor, President of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (the “Board”), called the virtual Open Session Meeting to Order at 11:06 am. Dr Windsor requested Roll call of Board Members and Board Staff for the record. Dr. Windsor 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 21, 2024:
 Motion to Approve: Mr. Hari Razdan Second: Dr. Allan Kroopnick
 Responsible Party: 13-0-0

The Board voted to approve the Open Board Meeting Minutes for February 07, 2024:
 Motion to Approve: Mr. Razdan Second: Dr. Kroopnick
 Responsible Party: 13-0-0

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

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING:

- a) Helen Lee-Virgil, D.D.S., Chief Dental Officer- Dr. Lee-Virgil reported on attending Dentist Day in Annapolis on February 20, 2024. .
- b) Dr. Robert Windsor- Dr. Winsor introduced the new Executive Director Stacey Scriven.

IV. LEGAL REPORTS:

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

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Anesthesia: no report
- b) Applications: no report
- c) Infection Control/Biosafety: Dr. Leslie Grant reported on the following items:
 - a. Covid- There is a new SARS-CoV-2 Variant- BA.2.87.1 currently not identified outside South Africa. Dr. Grant reminded everyone that with how easy it can be spread by international travelers without knowing they are carriers.
 - b. Mpox- has declined since the summer 2022. Some clusters have continued. CDC recommends a 2 doses regimen vaccine.
 - c. CDC Checklist- The CDC Infection Prevention Checklist is out Board website. Dental Board Website: <https://health.maryland.gov/dental/Pages/home.aspx>
 - d. Project First Line- Would like the Project Frontline Link added to the Board website. Project FirstLine Website: <https://mdfirstline.org/>
- d) Continuing Education: no report
- e) Dental Hygiene: no report
- f) Legislative Action: Dr. Edwin Morris reported on the following items:
 - a. They are still working on the Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) regulations.
 - b. The following Bills the Board has taken a position.
 1. Senate Bill 1072 (cross-filed House Bill 1201) Occupational and Professional Licensing- Military Training and Military Spouses: Letter of Concern
 2. House Bill 1132 Drugs, Biological Products, and Devices- Off- Label Use- Promotion: No position
 3. House Bill 1368 Health Insurance Carriers and Pharmacy Benefits Managers- Clinician- Administered Drugs and Related Services: No position
 4. Senate Bill 926 State Government- Permits, Licenses, and Certificates- Reimbursement: No position

VI. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

- a) Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)- Dr. Grant reported on the following. The PDMP Advisory Board met on February 15, 2024. There is a recommendation that prescribers and those designated to log the information regarding the prescribers of controlled and dangerous substances look on both the Board website and the PDMP website for important updates. There was a review of the cannabis survey from the Maryland Medical Cannabis Patient Survey. The name has changed from the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission to The Maryland Cannabis Commission due to the new legislation on recreational cannabis. Data collected states that most of the medical dispensaries were converted to dual dispensaries as of July 2023. There are mandated practices to minimize diversions from the dual registered dispensaries. They continue to offer a departmental bill altering the definition of dispense to include veterinarians. The next meeting, which is virtual and open to the public, is April 11, 2024. PDMP website: <https://health.maryland.gov/PDMP/Pages/Home.aspx>

VII. UPCOMING REMINDERS: Next Open Session Meeting – March 6, 2024, 11:00am, 55 Wade Ave/Tulip Drive, Catonsville, MD 21228

A motion for adjournment was made by Dr. Adam Eisner and seconded by Dr. Morris. There was no opposition or abstentions for adjournment. The open session adjourned at 11:25am

Minutes prepared by Jameelah Richardson-Abakah, Executive Assistant

Minutes Adopted: March 6, 2024


Joy Void-Holmes, RDH, BSDH, DHSC, Secretary