

IN THE MATTER OF § BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
JOHN M. GARZA, DDS § OF THE TEXAS STATE BOARD OF  
TEXAS DENTAL LICENSE 15983 § DENTAL EXAMINERS

**ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, an Executive Committee of the State Board of Dental Examiners (Executive Committee) met in an emergency meeting to hear evidence and information in the above-styled case pursuant to section 263.004 of the Texas Occupations Code.

The Executive Committee heard evidence and information that the continued practice of dentistry by John M. Garza, D.D.S., License No. 15983, would constitute a clear, imminent or continuing threat to a person's physical health or well-being.

The Executive Committee finds, based on the evidence and information presented and the factual and legal bases stated in the Petition for Temporary Suspension, attached and incorporated herein, that the continued practice of dentistry by John M. Garza, D.D.S., would constitute a clear, imminent or continuing threat to a person's physical health and well-being.

IT IS, THEREFORE ORDERED that the license issued to John M. Garza, D.D.S., is hereby temporarily suspended pursuant to Section 263.004 of the Texas Occupations Code. This Order is final and effective as of the date of signing.

This matter shall be set for a hearing before the State Office of Administrative Hearings not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date the license is suspended by the Order. At that time, the State Board of Dental Examiners will present evidence to show that the license of John M. Garza, D.D.S. should remain suspended.

During the suspension period referred to above, Respondent SHALL NOT practice dentistry as defined under Section 251.003, Texas Occupations Code, and is prohibited from performing those acts, procedures, and treatments specified under Section 251.003(a)(1)-(10), Texas Occupations Code, in effect at the time of ratification of this Order and any amendments thereafter. Section 251.003(a)(1) and (4) are excepted from this requirement.

Respondent, during this emergency suspension period, may perform only administrative tasks limited exclusively to: opening mail, referring patients, and accepting payments on accounts. During the period of suspension, Respondent SHALL NOT delegate any clinical tasks to any employee or auxiliary and SHALL NOT allow any employee or auxiliary, if any, to practice outside the scope of their permitted duties as defined by the Dental Practice Act and rules and regulations of the Board.

STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

SIGNED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.



Steven J. Austin, D.D.S., Presiding Officer  
Texas State Board of Dental Examiners

**SBDE NO. 2017-00377**

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**PETITION FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

Now comes the Staff of the State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) and files this Petition for Temporary Suspension (Petition) against John M. Garza, DDS (Respondent), Texas Dental License No. 15983, based on alleged violations of the Dental Practice Act (the Act), Tex. Occ. Code §§ 251.001 *et seq.* and Board Rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 101.1 *et seq.*

In support of this Petition and based upon reasonable information and belief, Staff states the following:

**JURISDICTION**

1. The Board has authority and jurisdiction over Respondent's dental license pursuant to Tex. Occ. Code §§ 251.001 *et seq.* and 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 101.1 *et seq.*
2. Respondent's dental license was in full force and effect at all dates and times material and relevant to this Petition. Respondent's license is currently in active/probate status. Respondent currently holds no sedation/anesthesia permits.
3. Section 263.004 of the Act requires the Board or an executive committee of the Board to temporarily suspend a person's license or permit if it determines that the continued practice of dentistry by the person would constitute a clear, imminent, or continuing threat to the person or another person's physical health or well-being.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

Board Staff has received information and based on that information believes that Respondent has engaged in conduct in violation of the Act and Board Rules. Board Staff further believes that this conduct shows that this petition and the relief requested are necessary to protect the health and public interest of the citizens of the State of Texas. Based on such information and belief, Board Staff alleges:

On August 14, 2015 the Board entered an agreed settlement order (2015 Order) based on Respondent's failure to meet the standard of care. The 2015 Order placed Respondent on five years probated suspension and required completion of all remediation curriculum recommended by the American Association of Dental Boards' (AADB) Dentist Professional Review and Evaluation Program (D-PREP) within six months of August 14, 2015. Respondent underwent D-PREP evaluation from August 16, 2016, through August 19, 2016. Based on that evaluation, a report dated October 14, 2016, indicated serious deficiencies in Respondent's ability to practice dentistry safely and recommended a remediation curriculum for the Respondent. As of January

26, 2017, Respondent has not submitted proof that he has completed all remediation curriculum recommended by D-PREP. Furthermore, based on the serious deficiencies in Respondent's ability to practice dentistry safely, as identified in the evaluation report, Respondent's continued practice of dentistry without completing the remediation curriculum constitutes a clear, imminent, or continuing threat to his patient's physical health and well-being.

### LEGAL AUTHORITY

1. The conduct described above constitutes a violation of Tex. Occ. Code § 263.002(a)(3), (10); and 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 108.1(1), 108.9(6), (11).
2. Section 263.004 of the Act authorizes the Board to temporarily suspend a person's license or permit.

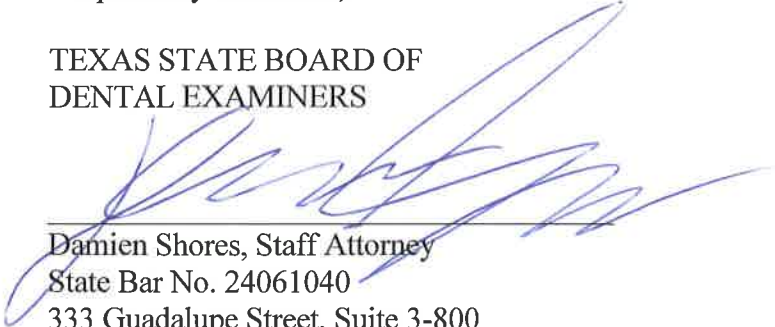
### PRAYER

Staff requests that the Executive Committee of the Board determine that Respondent has engaged in conduct that shows that the continued practice of dentistry by Respondent would constitute a clear, imminent, or continuing threat to a person's health or well-being. Staff further requests that the Executive Committee enter an *Order of Temporary Suspension* suspending Texas Dental License No. 15983, pursuant to Section 263.004 of the Texas Occupations Code.

Filed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF  
DENTAL EXAMINERS



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