



## Texas State Board of Dental Examiners Press Release

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### **Austin, TX – Texas State Board of Dental Examiners' Blue Ribbon Panel on Dental Sedation/Anesthesia Safety Testifies at Texas Sunset Advisory Commission Meeting**

The mission of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners is to protect the public health and safety and promote high quality and safe dental care by providing enforcement, licensing, peer assistance, and related information services to licensees and their patients.

The Blue Ribbon Panel on Dental Anesthesia/Sedation Safety (BRP) testified about their findings at the Sunset Advisory Commission meeting on January 11, 2017. The panel, chaired by Dr. Ernest Luce of San Antonio, was created to serve as an advisory committee to review, study, and report to the Sunset Commission its findings and recommendations on the use and misuse of sedation/anesthesia in dentistry.

Dr. Luce testified that the BRP closely examined de-identified data from 78 cases opened between 2011 and 2016 that had a sedation or anesthesia component. A webcast of the meeting can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2jluDMN>. The BRP is called to testify at the 3:25 mark.

“This report told me that the dental board is doing a reasonably good job of finding, tracking down, adjudicating these cases. The press doesn't give you any breaks at all,” Senator Van Taylor (District 8) remarked after hearing the testimony and asking questions about the report. Senator Taylor also asked TSBDE Executive Director Kelly Parker what she needed from the legislature and then added, “I think that my big takeaway from this is that you're on top of it and I don't think the press tells that story. So, I'm trying to make sure that you have the tools you need to make sure at least your side of the story is told.”

The members of the BRP are: Bryce Chandler, D.D.S., Reena Kuba, D.D.S., Ernest Luce, D.D.S., David Yu, D.D.S., Robert McNeill, D.D.S. and Ronald Redden D.D.S.

Bryce Chandler, D.D.S., of San Antonio, is a general dentist with a Level 2 anesthesia permit who has been licensed in Texas since 2000. Reena Kuba, D.D.S., of Dallas, is a pediatric dentist with a Level 2 anesthesia permit who has been licensed in Texas since 2004. Ernest Luce, D.D.S., of San Antonio, is a general dentist with Level 3 and portability anesthesia permits who has been licensed in Texas since 1985. David Yu, D.D.S., of Austin, is a periodontist with a Level 3 anesthesia permit who has been licensed in Texas since 2000. Robert McNeill, D.D.S., of Dallas, is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon with a Level 4 anesthesia permit who has been licensed in Texas since 2004. Ronald Redden, D.D.S., of Kingwood, is a dental anesthesiologist with a Level 4 anesthesia permit who has been licensed in Texas since 1980.

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