



## **Texas State Board of Dental Examiners Press Release**

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### **Austin, TX – Texas State Board of Dental Examiners Disciplines 41 and Directs Anesthesia Committee to Research Potential Rule Changes Related to Anesthesia at August Board Meeting**

The mission of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners [TSBDE] 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.

At its August 12, 2016 meeting, the TSBDE entered disciplinary actions related to 11 dental professionals, remedial actions related to 10 dental professionals and disciplinary actions related to initial licensure/registration of 13 dental professionals. Three agreed cease and desist orders were issued. The TSBDE also entered disciplinary orders against 4 dental professionals that may become final on September 6, 2016.

The TSBDE directed the Anesthesia Committee to research several topics related to anesthesia to determine if new rules need to be proposed or if current rules need to be changed. The Anesthesia Committee was asked to explore a possible pediatric designation or separate pediatric permit, to develop the requirements of written emergency plans for permit holders, to evaluate and then determine the appropriate data to track regarding anesthesia complaints, and to evaluate the current levels of anesthesia permitting, to include but not limited to, educational requirements, training courses, and transitional training courses. The Anesthesia Committee and staff will hold additional committee meetings, including a possible stakeholder meeting, and report back to the Board at the November 18, 2016 meeting.

The TSBDE also voted to propose a rule requiring all dentists to maintain and annually update written policies and procedures for responding to emergency situations.

The TSBDE encourages consumers to utilize the “Search Disciplinary Actions” tool on its website to research any Texas dental services provider. If you have concerns about a Texas dental services provider, TSBDE encourages you to contact its office at 512-463-6400 or email at [complaints@tsbde.texas.gov](mailto:complaints@tsbde.texas.gov).

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