

Newsletter

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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My name is Bryan Henderson II, DDS and I am honored to serve as the Presiding Officer of the State Board of Dental Examiners. I thank Governor Abbott for the appointment and will work hard for him and the citizens of Texas in this capacity. In addition, I want to welcome the two new board members, Dr. Lisa Masters and Ms. Janessa Bock and congratulate Dr. Linda Burke on her re-appointment. I look forward to working with the other board members to strive to accomplish the Mission Statement of the Board.

I was born and raised in Odessa, Texas and have lived in Texas all my life, where I currently reside in Dallas. I moved out of state for two years during my anesthesia residency in Philadelphia, PA. There are no dental anesthesia residencies in Texas. Hopefully the dental educators in Texas will consider creating one for future dentists of Texas.

Philadelphia is a wonderful historic city where the Declaration of Independence was signed, the Liberty Bell resides, and many other important historical events occurred. I lived within walking distance to Independence Hall where you could visit 24 hours a day and reflect on what our forefathers accomplished. The national monuments and the State Capital of Texas were all similar when I was in college. You could access the Texas Capital any time and park literally out front. Congress Ave. was a street that went next to it. I would take friends to look at its architectural wonder and history while in college at the University of Texas.

Of course, things changed when 9-11 and later COVID occurred and national security became paramount. Open access to the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the Texas State Capital all seemed to change overnight. While some of these changes were a shock, others heralded a new beginning. Texas closed Congress Ave. and replaced it with a beautiful pedestrian mall lined by government buildings, trees, and museums. One of these new buildings now houses the Texas State Dental Board. I hope you take the opportunity to come to Austin and see this change.

I want the licensees and citizens of Texas to be aware of the easy access to our meetings. They are broadcast and archived on our YouTube Channel. Please feel free to attend virtually, or better yet, in person so that you may see not only the changes to the Capital Mall, but also see how TSBDE works in real time to safeguard the health and safety of Texans.

Like the changes to the Capital Mall, the Dental Board also needs to change and adapt. The [tsbde.texas.gov website](https://www.tsbde.texas.gov) has all the latest information to help assist licensees with these changes. I would encourage you to look over the rules and laws that affect your career so that you too can be up to date with the dental profession in Texas. Our world is constantly evolving, and as your new PO, I hope to make this change as smooth as possible and I look forward to working with you as we make dentistry in Texas the best it can be.

Sincerely,

Bryan Henderson II, DDS



AGENCY NEWS

NEW TSBDE BOARD MEMBERS



Lisa B. Masters, D.D.S., M.S.

Lisa B. Masters, D.D.S., M.S. of San Antonio is a board-certified periodontist at the Masters Dental Group and part-time faculty at UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry in the Department of Periodontics. She teaches in the Graduate Periodontics Clinic. She is a member of the American Academy of Periodontology, Texas Dental Association, American Dental Association and the San Antonio District Dental Society. She has served on the boards of Southwest Society of Periodontics and Texas Society of Periodontics. Dr. Masters has chaired the Anesthesia Advisory Committee and served on the Texas Radiation Advisory Board. Dr. Masters earned her BS from Texas A&M University, her D.D.S. and M.S. degrees from The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.



Janessa Bock, R.D.H.

Janessa Bock, R.D.H. of Sugar Land, is a graduate of Amarillo College. She is a clinical hygienist with 18 years of experience and a managing partner of Oral Health Consultants. She is a past president of both the Texas Dental Hygienists' Association and the Greater Houston Dental Hygienists' Association. She has served on the American Dental Hygienists' Association Policy and Bylaws Committee, and is a provider member of the Texas HPV Coalition.



AGENCY NEWS

Advisory Committee on Dental Anesthesia

Congratulations to Dr. Ellis Shwartz of Dallas on his recent appointment to the Advisory Committee on Dental Anesthesia! The purpose of the advisory committee is to analyze and report on de-identified data and associated trends concerning anesthesia-related deaths or incidents. Prior committee reports are available on the [TSBDE website](#).

Join the Dental Review Panel

The Dental Review Panel was created in 2013 during the 83rd legislative session to review standard of care complaints and to determine whether the subject license holder has violated the applicable standard of care. Panel members typically review 1 – 4 cases per month and are compensated per case review. TSBDE is currently seeking prosthodontists. For more information or to apply please visit the [TSBDE website](#).

LICENSING

Delegation Reminder

During the November 2025 meeting, the Board emphasized the necessity for dentists and registered dental assistants to thoroughly review Chapter 114 to ensure that both parties understand what procedures may be delegated. A dentist is responsible for all delegated acts. If a dentist delegates a procedure to a registered dental assistant that they do not have the authority to perform- both parties may face disciplinary action.

Coronal Polishing

Friendly reminder that pursuant to TSBDE [rule 114.5](#), coronal polishing performed by a registered dental assistant may not be billed as a prophylaxis.

Fingerprint Renewal Requirement

All licensees lacking a State Identification (SID) number in the agency's licensing database will be mandated to undergo a fingerprint background check as a prerequisite for license renewal. An individual's State Identification Number (SID) serves as a unique identifier during background screenings, particularly for licensure and employment purposes.

Consequently, individuals licensed prior to 2016 may not have a SID number in the agency's licensure database. The absence of a SID number precludes the agency from receiving notifications regarding any criminal history events. Licensees lacking requisite fingerprint information will be notified by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners ninety (90) days prior to license expiration. You will receive an email and mail notification.

The Board is authorized to request this information in accordance with rules 101.1(c)(6), 103.1(c)(10), and 114.2(b)(3), and Section 411.12504 of the Government Code, which permits the acquisition of fingerprints for criminal history background checks. TSBDE staff respectfully ask licensees to refrain from contacting the Board to verify the presence of their information in the database. Please refer to the TSBDE website for the most up to date information.



Board Meeting November 7, 2025 Proposed Rules

Rule 101.2 Dental Licensure by Examination

Rule 101.6 Dental Licensing for Military Service Members, Military Veterans, and Military Spouses

Rule 101.14 Exemption from Licensure for Certain Military Service Members and Military Spouses

Rule 103.2 Dental Hygiene Licensure by Examination

Rule 103.10 Exemption from Licensure for Certain Military Service Members and Military Spouses

Rule 104.1 Continuing Education Requirements

Rule 104.2 Continuing Education Providers

Rule 114.2 Registration of Dental Assistants

Rule 114.3 Pit and Fissure Sealants

Rule 114.7 Exemption from Registration for Certain Military Service Members and Military Spouses

Rule 115.4 Placement of Site Specific Subgingival Medicaments

Adopted Rules

Rule 103.2 Dental Hygiene Licensure by Exam

Rule 108.16 Teledentistry

**TSBDE will be closed on:
December 22 to December 26, 2025
December 31, 2025
January 1, 2026**



The Professional Recovery Network (PRN) is the peer assistance program for the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE). PRN helps to identify, assist, support, monitor and advocate for Texas-licensed dental professionals who may be struggling with substance abuse and/or mental health issues. PRN adheres to a dual philosophy that provides an opportunity for confidential recovery while protecting the public from unsafe professional practice.

PRN accepts self-referrals, third-party referrals, and referrals from TSBDE. All concerned third-party sources are kept confidential.

Information about a participant's enrollment in the PRN program is kept strictly confidential.

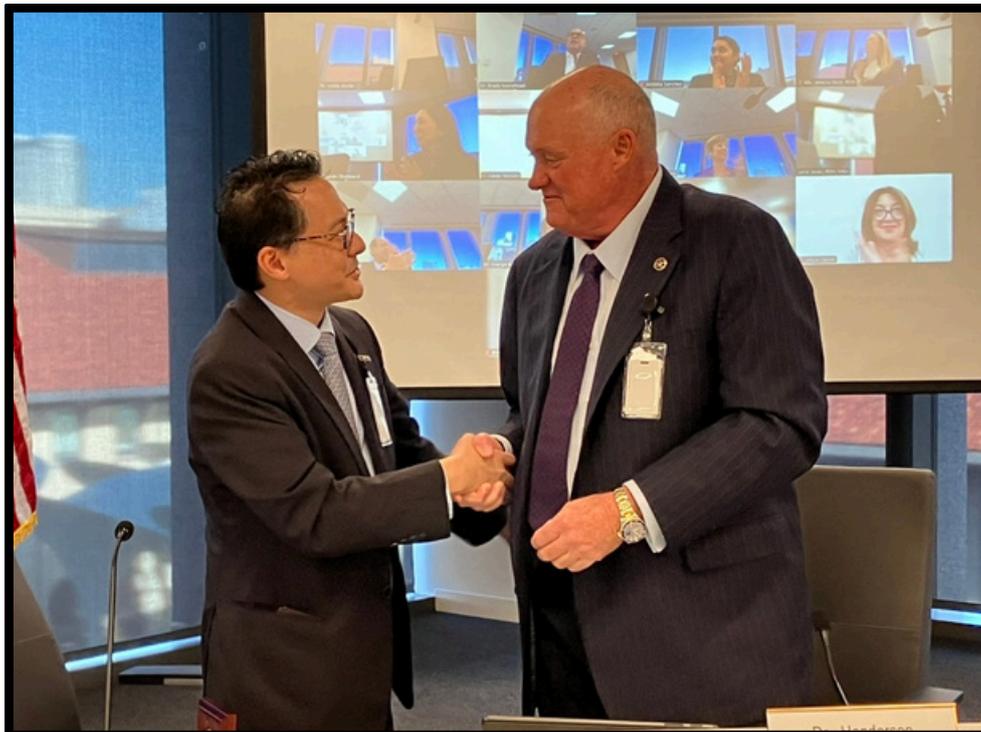
If you or a dental colleague are experiencing impairment due to substance use or mental illness, the Professional Recovery Network is here to provide support and an opportunity for confidential recovery.

PRN Helpline: 800-727-5152

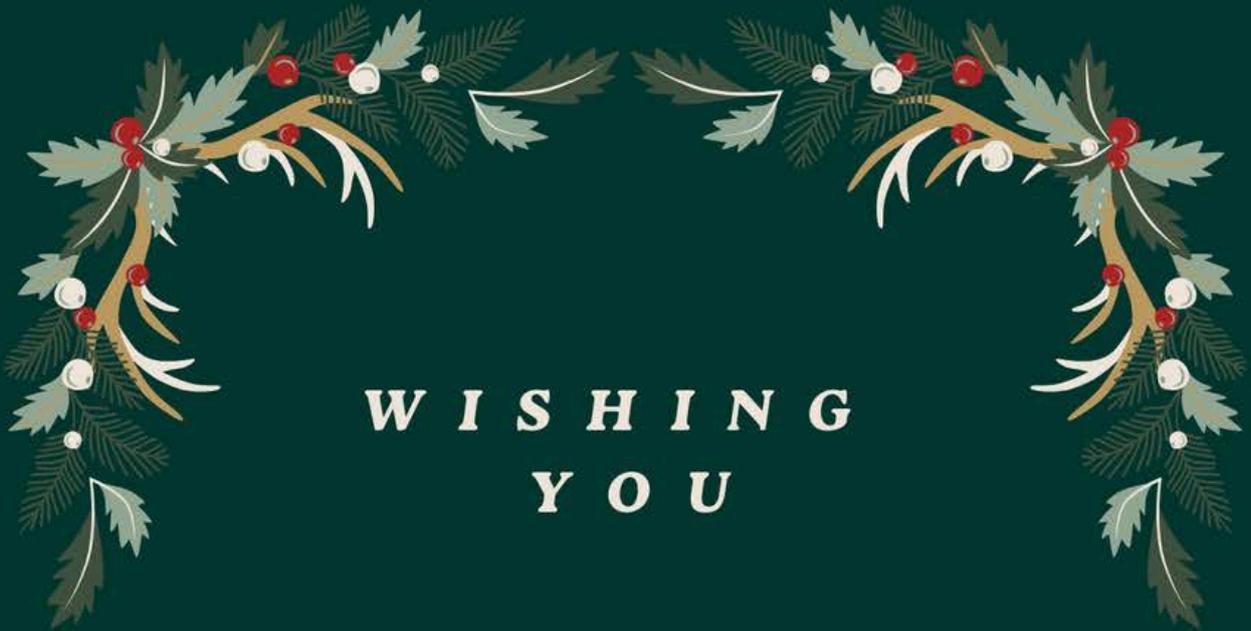
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TSBDE with members of the UT Pre-Dental Society, November 2025



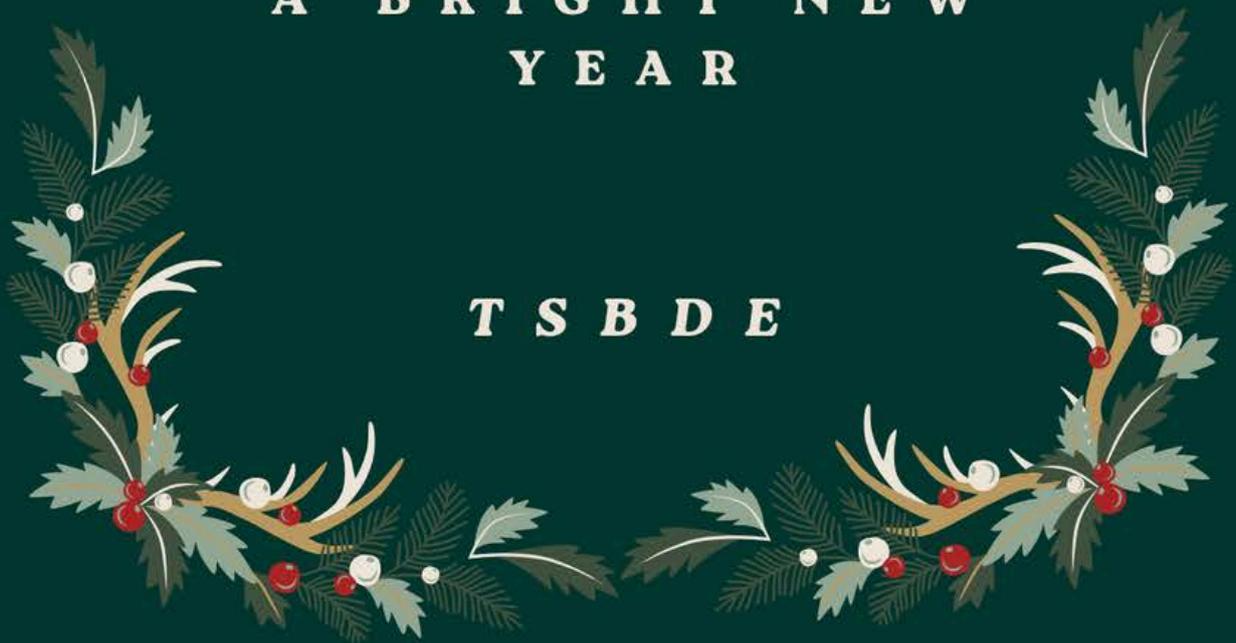
Dr. David Yu presents Dr. Bryan Henderson with the presiding officer pin.



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