

**SBDE NO. 2025-01606**

**IN THE MATTER OF** § **BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**SARAH SAUER, D.D.S.** § **OF THE TEXAS STATE BOARD OF**  
**TEXAS DENTAL LICENSE 37553** § **DENTAL EXAMINERS**

**ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, 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 Sarah Sauer, D.D.S., License No. 37553, 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 Sarah Sauer, D.D.S. will constitute a clear, imminent, or continuing threat to a person’s physical health and well-being.

IT IS, THEREFORE ORDERED that the license and any and all related permits issued to Sarah Sauer, D.D.S. are 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 that the license and any and all related permits are suspended by the Order. At that time, the State Board of Dental Examiners will present evidence to show that the license of Sarah Sauer, D.D.S. should remain suspended.

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

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SIGNED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan Henderson, II, D.D.S." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and 'H'.

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Bryan Henderson, II, D.D.S., Presiding Officer  
Texas State Board of Dental Examiners

**TSBDE NO. 2025-01606**

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<b>TEXAS DENTAL LICENSE 37553</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>DENTAL EXAMINERS</b>

**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 SARAH SAUER, D.D.S. (Respondent), Texas Dental License No. 37553, based on alleged violations of the Dental Practice Act, Tex. Occ. Code §§ 251.001 *et seq.* (the Act), 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 and sedation permits 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 status. Respondent currently holds a Nitrous Oxide, Level 1, Level 2 and Sedation of Pediatric Patients 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 permits 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. In supporting those allegations Board staff would show the following:

### **Complaint I**

During the period of time between May 24, 2024 and May 29, 2024 Respondent failed to meet the minimum standard of care in the treatment of Minor Patient 1 (AMH). Specifically, Respondent:

- a. over sedated the pediatric patient;
- b. exceeded the maximum allowable dosage of valium;
- c. failed to monitor the amount of local anesthetic given;
- d. failed to monitor the amount of Demerol administered to the patient;
- e. failed to perform preoperative sedation evaluation and procedures; and
- f. failed to insure the patient was of the appropriate NPO status prior to proceeding with sedation.

### **Complaint II**

During the period of time between May 24, 2024 and May 29, 2024 Respondent failed to meet the minimum standard of care by failing to make, maintain, and keep adequate records in the treatment of Minor Patient 1 (AMH). Specifically, Respondent failed to include:

- a. the amount of local anesthetic given;
- b. the amount of Demerol administered to the patient;
- c. a complete preoperative sedation checklist;
- d. complete clinical data regarding the administration of sedation; and
- a. the patient's NPO status; or alternatively
- e. an explanation for why these items were not included in the record.

### **Complaint III**

On or about February 23, 2024 Respondent failed to meet the minimum standard of care in the treatment of Minor Patient 2 (AB). Specifically, Respondent:

- a. over sedated the pediatric patient;
- b. exceeded the maximum allowable dosage of valium;
- c. the amount of local anesthetic given;
- d. failed to monitor the amount of Demerol administered to the patient;
- e. failed to perform preoperative sedation evaluation and procedures;
- f. improperly utilized protective stabilization of the patient; and
- g. failed to insure the patient was of the appropriate NPO status prior to proceeding with sedation.

### **Complaint IV**

On or about February 23, 2024 Respondent failed to meet the minimum standard of care by failing to make, maintain, and keep adequate records in the treatment of Minor Patient 2 (AB). Specifically, Respondent failed to include:

- a. preoperative sedation checklist;
- b. completed sedation record;
- c. vital signs;
- d. complete clinical data regarding the administration of sedation; and
- b. the patient's NPO status; or alternatively
- e. an explanation for why these items were not included in the record.

### **Complaint V**

During the period of time between January 31, 2024 and February 8, 2024 Respondent failed to meet the minimum standard of care in the treatment of Minor Patient 3 (RM). Specifically, Respondent:

- a. over sedated the pediatric patient;
- b. exceeded the maximum dosage of valium;
- c. failed to perform preoperative sedation evaluation and procedures;
- d. failed to monitor the amount of Demerol given to the patient; and
- e. failed to insure the patient was of the appropriate NPO status prior to proceeding with sedation.

### **Compliant VI**

During the period of time between January 31, 2024 and February 8, 2024 Respondent failed to meet the minimum standard of care by failing to make, maintain, and keep adequate records in the treatment of Minor Patient 3 (RM). Specifically, Respondent failed to include:

- c. clinical note for the February 8, 2024 visit;
- d. a complete and accurate sedation record for the sedation administered the patient; or alternatively
- e. an explanation for why these items were not included in the record.

### **Compliant VII**

During the period of time between January 12, 2024 and January 24, 2024 Respondent failed to meet the minimum standard of care in the treatment of Minor Patient 4 (MT). Specifically, Respondent:

- a. over sedated the pediatric patient;
- b. exceeded the maximum dosage of valium;
- c. failed to perform preoperative sedation evaluation and procedures;
- d. exceeded the maximum dosage of local anesthetic; and
- e. failed to monitor the amount of Demerol given to the patient.

### **Complaint VIII**

During the period of time between January 12, 2024 and January 24, 2024 Respondent failed to meet the minimum standard of care by failing to make, maintain, and keep adequate records in the treatment of Minor Patient 4 (MT). Specifically, Respondent failed to keep an accurate account of the treatment given to the patient at the time that it was rendered.

### **Complaint IX**

During the period of time between June 21, 2024 and June 25, 2025 Respondent failed to meet the minimum standard of care in the treatment of Minor Patient 5 (PB). Specifically, Respondent:

- a. over sedated the pediatric patient;
- b. exceeded the maximum dosage of valium;
- c. failed to perform preoperative sedation evaluation and procedures;
- d. failed to account for the patient's weight in determining ASA classification;
- e. exceeded the maximum dosage of local anesthetic; and
- f. failed to monitor the amount of Demerol given to the patient.

### **Complaint X**

During the period of time between June 21, 2024 and June 25, 2025 Respondent failed to meet the minimum standard of care by failing to make, maintain, and keep adequate records in the treatment of Minor Patient 5 (PB). Specifically, Respondent failed to include:

- a. a completed anesthesia record;
- b. a preoperative sedation checklist;
- c. patient vitals; and
- d. patient height and weight; or alternatively
- e. an explanation for why these items were not included in the record.

### **Complaint XI**

On or about February 1, 2024 Respondent failed to meet the minimum standard of care in the treatment of Minor Patient 6 (KM). Specifically, Respondent:

- a. over sedated the pediatric patient;
- b. exceeded the maximum dosage of valium;
- c. failed to monitor the amount of Demerol administered;
- d. failed to perform preoperative sedation evaluation and procedures;
- e. failed to obtain adequate written informed consent for the use of protective stabilization;

- f. failed to insure the patient was NPO prior to administering sedations.
- g. exceeded the maximum dosage of local anesthetic; and
- h. improperly used protective stabilization where counter indicated.

### **Complaint XII**

On or about February 1, 2024 Respondent failed to meet the minimum standard of care by failing to make, maintain, and keep adequate records in the treatment of Minor Patient 6 (KM). Specifically, Respondent failed to include:

- a. a preoperative sedation checklist;
- b. adequate written informed consent for the use of protective stabilization; or
- c. accurate timeline of the treatment performed; or in the alternative
- d. an explanation for why these items were not included in the record.

### **LEGAL AUTHORITY**

1. This conduct constitutes a violation of This constitutes a violation of Tex. Occ. Code §§263.002(a)(4), (10); 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§108.7 (1), (2), (7), (9), (10) 108.8(b)(4), (5), (c)(5), (6), (8), (9), (12), 108.14(c), (d)(2), (5), (10), (11), 110.5(b), (c)(2), (4), (5).
2. Section 263.004 of the Act authorizes the Board to temporarily suspend a person's license and/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. 37553 and anesthesia permits pursuant to Section 263.004 of the Texas Occupations Code or in the alternative, solely suspended Respondent's anesthesia permits.

Filed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF  
DENTAL EXAMINERS

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