

SBDE NOs. 2026-00975 & 2026-00996

IN THE MATTER OF	§	BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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CHRISHELLE HEMPHILL, D.D.S.	§	OF THE TEXAS STATE BOARD OF
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TEXAS DENTAL LICENSE 33605	§	DENTAL EXAMINERS

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

On the 15th day of July, 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 Chrishelle Hemphill, D.D.S., License No. 33605, 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 Chrishelle Hemphill, 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 Chrishelle Hemphill, 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 30th 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 Chrishelle Hemphill, 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 15th day of July, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bryan Henderson, II, D.D.S." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

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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 CHRISHELLE HEMPHILL, D.D.S. (Respondent), Texas Dental License No. 33605, 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

On or about April 4, 2026, Respondent failed to meet the minimum standard of care in the treatment of a minor patient. Specifically, Respondent:

- a. failed to obtain informed written consent;
- b. over sedated the pediatric patient;
- c. administered an inappropriate combination of pediatric sedative medications and anesthetic agents, including: (1) chloral hydrate; (2) meperidine; (3) hydroxyzine; (4) nitrous oxide inhalation sedation; and (4) topical and injectable local anesthetics;
- d. failed to recognize the risks associated with administering a discontinued sedative that has no specific reversal agent;
- e. failed to appropriately consider and recognize the documented risks associated with chloral hydrate sedation, including reports in the medical and dental literature of pediatric deaths occurring before, during, or after dental treatment involving chloral hydrate sedation;
- f. failed to recognize and appropriately consider the synergistic central nervous system and respiratory depressant effects of the combined medications and sedative agents;
- g. failed to calculate and administer appropriate doses of the sedative medications;
- h. failed to maintain the knowledge, skills, and preparedness necessary to safely administer pediatric sedation and recognize foreseeable sedation-related emergencies;
- i. failed to perform preoperative sedation evaluation and follow required sedation procedures;
- j. failed to recognize and appropriately manage a sedation-related emergency in accordance with the applicable standard of care and established emergency protocols;
- k. failed to administer an appropriate reversal agent for the sedation utilized; and
- l. failed to take timely and appropriate measures necessary to prevent the patient's death.

Complaint II

On or about April 4, 2026, Respondent engaged in dishonorable conduct. Specifically, Respondent:

- a. grossly overprescribed, dispensed, or administered narcotic drugs, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances;
- b. violated or refused to comply with laws relating to the regulation of dentists, dental hygienists, or dental assistants; and
- c. engaged in conduct that has become established through professional experience as likely to disgrace, degrade, or bring discredit upon the licensee or the dental profession.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

1. The foregoing conduct constitutes grounds for disciplinary action under Texas Occupations Code § 263.002(a)(3), (4), and (10), and violations of 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 108.7(1), (2), (3), (5)(C), (5)(D), (7), (9), and (10); 108.9(4)(D), (6), and (11); 110.5(b)(1), (2), 110.5(c)(1), 110.5(c)(2)(A), 110.5(c)(2)(C)-(F), 110.5(c)(4), (5), and (7)(A)-(D); 110.14; 110.15; and 110.17.

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. 33605 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 15th day of July, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF
DENTAL EXAMINERS



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