# Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: 01/05/2022

#### **Subject Considered:**

Tami Machelle Senchal

New Waverly, Texas 77358-4039

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-22-0667 TDI Enforcement File No. 27835

#### **General remarks and official action taken:**

This is a default order taken against Tami Machelle Senchal (Respondent) because she failed to comply with the terms of Consent Order No. 2020-6451 issued on August 27, 2020. Respondent did not respond to a Notice of Hearing filed by the Texas Department of Insurance. This order revokes Respondent's license.

The following findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted:

#### **Findings of Fact**

#### Failure to Respond to Notice of Hearing

- 1. On November 4, 2021, the department filed a Notice of Hearing, attached as Exhibit A, and an Original Petition, attached as Exhibit B, with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 2. The department's factual allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order as findings of fact.
- 3. The department sent the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition to Respondent's last known address provided in writing to the department,

Commissioner's Order Tami Machelle Senchal SOAH Docket No. 454-22-0667 Page 2 of 4

New Waverly, Texas 77358-4039. The Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were also sent by electronic mail.

4. Respondent failed to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing within 20 days of the date the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were mailed.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

- 1. The commissioner has jurisdiction under Texas law, including Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-82.055, 84.021-84.044, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102, and 4051.051, and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.
- 2. The commissioner has authority to dispose of this case informally under Tex. Gov'T CODE § 2001.056; Tex. Ins. Code § 82.055; and 28 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 1.47, 1.88, and 1.89.
- 3. The department provided proper notice of the hearing under Tex. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051, 2001.052, and 2001.054, and 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.28, 1.88, 1.89, and 19.906.
- 4. Based on Respondent's failure to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing, the department is entitled to disposition by default under 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 and 1.89.
- 5. The department's factual and legal allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order and deemed admitted as true under 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.89.

Commissioner's Order Tami Machelle Senchal SOAH Docket No. 454-22-0667 Page 3 of 4

#### **Order**

It is ordered that any licenses held by Tami Machelle Senchal are revoked. A copy of this order will be provided to law enforcement and/or other appropriate administrative agencies for further investigation as may be warranted.

ocuSigned by:

FC5D7EDDFFBB4F8

Cassie Brown

Commissioner of Insurance

Prepared and reviewed by:

Cassie Tigue, Staff Attorney

**Enforcement Division** 

Commissioner's Order Tami Machelle Senchal SOAH Docket No. 454-22-0667 Page 4 of 4

#### **Affidavit**

STATE OF TEXAS

§

**COUNTY OF TRAVIS** 

§

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared David Moreno, who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is David Moreno, and I am employed by the Texas Department of Insurance. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and have personal knowledge of these facts which are true and correct.

I have reviewed TDI's records concerning Tami Machelle Senchal. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Tami Machelle Senchal is New Waverly, Texas 77358-4039.
- b. The file maintained by the Enforcement Division contains a Notice of Hearing and Original Petition dated November 4, 2021, which were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. On November 4, 2021, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Tami Machelle Senchal were mailed certified, return receipt requested, to her last known address.

A copy of the certified mail log maintained by the Enforcement Division is attached as Exhibit C."

Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on December 16, 2021.

Notary Public-State of Texas
Notary ID #13079242-7
Commission Exp. AUG. 23, 2024

Notary without Bond

Signature of Notary Public

Printed Name of Notary Public

FILED 454-22-0667 11/4/2021 10:56 AM STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS Jessie Harbin, CLERK

#### SOAH DOCKET NO. 454-22-0667 TDI ENFORCEMENT FILE NO. 27835

ACCEPTED 454-22-0667 11/4/2021 10:58 AM STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS Jessie Harbin, CLERK

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

**BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE** 

**Petitioner** 

v.

OF

TAMI MACHELLE SENCHAL,

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS** 

Respondent

#### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to take disciplinary action against you. This Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition, which is attached and incorporated for all purposes, states the allegations against you and the relief sought by the department.

A public hearing will be held before an Administrative Law Judge on **Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** The hearing will take place via videoconference using a videoconference platform controlled by the State Office of Administrative Hearings, unless otherwise ordered to proceed in another manner by the Administrative Law Judge.

The hearing shall be conducted pursuant to Tex. Gov'T Code, ch. 2001 and 1 Tex. Admin. Code, ch. 155. Unless otherwise directed by the Administrative Law Judge, the hearing shall continue from day to day in the offices of the State Office of Administrative Hearings until concluded. You have the right to appear at this hearing and to be represented by an attorney.

Parties that are not represented by an attorney may obtain information regarding contested case hearings on the public website of the State Office of Administrative Hearings at www.soah.texas.gov, or in printed format upon request to SOAH.

YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF HEARING WITH THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS WITHIN 20 DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF HEARING WAS MAILED. FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BY THIS DEADLINE SHALL ENTITLE TDI TO SEEK DISPOSITION BY DEFAULT PURSUANT TO 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.501 AND 28 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 1.88 AND 1.89.

Notice of Hearing Tami Machelle Senchal SOAH Docket No. 454-22-0667 Page 2 of 5

IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE, THE SCHEDULED HEARING CAN BE CANCELED AND WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, ISSUANCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, AND/OR PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BUT THEN FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DAY AND TIME SET FOR HEARING, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU, THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, ISSUANCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, AND/OR PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

In accord with 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.90(e) and 1 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 155.101 and 155.103, you should send copies of your written response to:

- (1) (by mail, fax, or electronically)
  Docketing Division
  State Office of Administrative Hearings
  300 West 15th Street, Room 504
  P.O. Box 13025
  Austin, Texas 78711-3025
  (512) 322-2061 (Fax);
  www.soah.texas.gov/e-filing-soah
- (2) (by mail, fax, or email)
  Chief Clerk
  Texas Department of Insurance
  P.O. Box 12030, MC GC-CCO
  Austin, Texas 78711-2030
  (512) 490-1064 (Fax)
  chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and
- (3) (by mail, fax, or email)
  Cassie Tigue, Staff Attorney

Notice of Hearing Tami Machelle Senchal SOAH Docket No. 454-22-0667 Page 3 of 5

> Texas Department of Insurance Enforcement Division, MC ENF P.O. Box 12030 Austin, Texas 78711-2030 (512) 490-1020 (Fax) Cassie.Tigue@tdi.texas.gov

#### **Receiving Documents Electronically and Filing Documents with SOAH**

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) offers you the ability to electronically receive orders and other documents issued by SOAH by email instead of by mail. If you want to receive SOAH-issued documents by email, follow the instructions on SOAH's website: www.soah.texas.gov.

A request to receive SOAH-issued documents by email does <u>not</u> change the procedures you must follow to file documents with SOAH. You may file documents with SOAH by mail, fax, or electronically. To file electronically, you must use eFileTexas. Instructions on using eFileTexas are on SOAH's website. SOAH's website also includes guidance for representing yourself.

### Important Security Notice (for In-Person Hearings ONLY)

ALL VISITORS TO THE WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS BUILDING WITHOUT AN AGENCY OR DPS ISSUED ID CARD MUST PROVIDE THE BUILDING SECURITY OFFICER WITH THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DOCKET NUMBER AND RECEIVE A VISITOR'S PASS IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE HEARING ROOM. INDIVIDUALS SHOULD ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME TO GO THROUGH THE SECURITY PROCESS.

Notice of Hearing Tami Machelle Senchal SOAH Docket No. 454-22-0667 Page 4 of 5

If you have any questions, please contact me at the address or telephone number shown below.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Tique

State Bar No. 24099994

Texas Department of Insurance

Enforcement Division, MC ENF

P.O. Box 12030

Austin, Texas 78711-2030

(512) 676-6356 (Direct)

(512) 490-1020 (Fax)

Cassie.Tigue@tdi.texas.gov

ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

**Enclosure: Original Petition** 

CC: Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Division, MC ENF Ginger Loeffler, Litigation Director, Enforcement Division, MC ENF Administrative Review, MC CO-AAL

Notice of Hearing Tami Machelle Senchal SOAH Docket No. 454-22-0667 Page 5 of 5

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Cassie Tigue, certify that a true and correct copy of the *Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition* were sent by certified mail, return receipt requested and via eFile, on this 4th day of November to:

Tami Machelle Senchal
New Waverly, Texas 77358-4039
Email:
Respondent Pro Se

Via CM/RRR No.: 9214 8901 9403 8358 3194 12

Cassie Tigue

FILED 454-22-0667 11/3/2021 4:17 PM STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS Carol Hale, CLERK

## SOAH DOCKET NO. 454-22-0667 TDI ENFORCEMENT FILE NO. 27835

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

**BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE** 

**Petitioner** 

ACCEPTED 454-22-0667

v.

454-22-0667 11/3/2021 4:42:02 pm STATE OFFICE OF

OF

STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS Carol Hale, CLERK

TAMI MACHELLE SENCHAL,

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS** 

Respondent

#### ORIGINAL PETITION

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to take disciplinary action against Tami Machelle Senchal (Senchal). In support of this petition, the department makes the following allegations upon information and belief:

#### **Jurisdiction**

The Commissioner of Insurance has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-82.055, 84.021-84.044, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102, and 4051.051, and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

#### **Factual Allegations**

#### Licensure

1. Tami Machelle Senchal holds a general lines agent license with a property and casualty qualification, originally issued by Texas Department of Insurance on March 6, 2002.

#### **Previously Disciplinary Action**

2. On February 5, 2015, the department issued a warning letter to Senchal following a complaint that alleged Senchal misappropriated an insured's premium payment. Prior to the issuance of the warning letter, Senchal refunded the premium amount to the insured.

Original Petition Tami Machelle Senchal Page 2 of 3

- 3. On August 27, 2020, the commissioner entered Official Order No. 2020-6451 against Senchal following a complaint that alleged Senchal collected payment from an insured and failed to forward the payment to the insurer. The order imposed a \$1,000 administrative penalty and a one-year probated license suspension.
- 4. Senchal did not pay the administrative penalty and did not comply with any of the reporting requirements contained within the order.

#### **Legal Allegations**

- 1. Senchal has committed acts for which a license holder may be disciplined under Tex. Ins. Code § 4005.101, as contemplated by Tex. Ins. Code § 4005.102.
- 2. Senchal has willfully violated an insurance law of this state pursuant to Tex. INS. Code § 4005.101(b)(1).
- 3. Senchal failed to comply with the terms of an order in violation of Tex. Ins. CODE § 82.052.

#### **Relief Sought**

If one or more of the above allegations is found to be true, the department asks the Administrative Law Judge to enter a Proposal for Decision recommending that the Commissioner of Insurance issue an order:

- 1. revoking Senchal's license;
- 2. assessing an administrative penalty; and
- 3. imposing any other just and appropriate relief to which the department may be entitled to by law, including any combination of the above actions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Tique

State Bar No. 24099994

Original Petition Tami Machelle Senchal Page 3 of 3

> Texas Department of Insurance Enforcement Division, MC ENF P.O. Box 12030 Austin, Texas 78711-2030 (512) 676-6356 (Direct) (512) 490-1020 (Fax) Cassie.Tigue@tdi.texas.gov

ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE



#### **Shipment Confirmation Acceptance Notice**

Note to Mailer: The labels and volume associated to this form online, must match the labeled packages being presented to the USPS® employee with this form.

Shipment Date: 11/04/2021

Shipped From:

Name: MC 110-1A M RUIZ

333 GUADALIPE ST Address:

City: AUSTIN

ZIP+4® 78701 State: TX

Type of Mail		Volume
Priority Mail Express®*		
Priority Mail®	0	
First-Class Package Service®		
Returns		1
International*		
Other	1	
Total	1	

<sup>\*</sup>Start time for products with service guarantees will begin when mail arrives at the local Post Office™ and items receive individual processing and acceptance scans.

#### B. USPS Action

Note to RSS Clerk:

1. Home screen > Mailing/Shipping > More
2. Select Shipment Confirm
3. Scan or enter the barcode/label number from PS Form 5630
4. Confirm the volume count message by selecting Yes or No
5. Select Pay and End Visit to complete transaction

USPS EMPLOYEE: Please scan upon pickup or receipt of mail. Leave form with customer or in customer's mail receptacle.

**USPS SCAN AT ACCEPTANCE** 



9275 0901 1935 6200 0032 8274 21

TIGUE/27835

ED STATES	L SERVICE®
TIMI	POSTA

	202	2-1	Ļ	SH		-								E	Suil	pu	Бŀ	16	) }	eds											
				SCRD					/	(lə/	la	D	pə	13].	138	Ве	uc	ijs	w.	ıju	00	) Ә.	ını	euf	ĝ!S						
				Sc				7					u	Olli	ew.	ıitr	10:	) ә	ın:	ust	biá	3		$\top$							
				Fee	1,85										tqi	eo:	ВE	uJ	nja	9 <b>Л</b>											
				Pee Fee										A.	ŀλ	19(	<b>]</b> F	)əj:	oin:	sə	H										
				ASRD Fee							A Je	ΙΛE	ləc	p	əjo	in	sə	된 9	un:	jeu	6is	S 1	np	A							
				ASR			79						pə.	iiu	bə;	A e	un	jeu	ıßi	S J	np	λ									
				Due Sender if COD																											
				Insured								_		$\top$															$\dashv$		
eipt.		Actual Value Ins																													
	Affix Stamp Here (for additional copies of this receipt). Postmark with Date of Receipt.		:	Handling Act			ən	εΛ 1	uı	00	0,0	- -	. GL	\O	שמ	1 9	o a	1919	SI6	e l	1000	- 6		EU.	n 6		pue				
	Affix Stamp Here (for additional copies Postmark with Date			(Extra Har Service) Ch Fee	3.75		-					<u>-</u>									3:						Journal		$\dashv$		
Affix S (for add Postma		Postage (E	1.56 3		-		_																						2		
		- G	5	A.	-	$\top$	$\top$	$\vdash$	$\neg$		$\vdash$			+		Т	-	$\top$	Т				_	+		$\overline{}$	+		_		$\frac{1}{2}$
	☐ Priority Mail Express  / ☐ Registered Mail  ☐ Return Receipt for  Merchandise	☐ Signature Confirmation☐ Signature Confirmation	Restricted Delivery	, State, & ZIP Code <sup>™</sup> )	NEW WAVERLY, TEXAS																						8			cerving employee)	
Check type of mail or service	□ Adult Signature Required     □ Adult Signature Restricted Delivery     ☒ Certified Mail     □ Certified Mail Restricted Delivery	☐ Collect on Delivery (COD) ☐ Insured Mail	□ Priority Mail	Addressee (Name, Street, City, Stal	ELLE SENCHAL	77358-4039																							Doctor of the Manual States of States	rosinasiei, rei (vanie of rei	
Name and Address of Sender	INSURANCE			USPS Tracking/Article Number	9214 8901 9403 8358 3194 12	TICHE/27835							В						8	D								1	Total Number of Dienes   Total Number of Dienes	Listed by Sender Received at Post Office	1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1