

State of Vermont

Board of Dental Examiners

In re: Sean Alexander

License No. 016.0133839

Docket No. 2025-135

Order to Remove Conditions

On July 8, 2026, the Vermont Board of Dental Examiners considered Sean Alexander's request for Removal of Conditions imposed pursuant to a Stipulation & Consent Order under Docket Number 2025-135. Mr. Alexander has met the conditions. After reviewing the compliance file, the State does not object to removal of all conditions.

Order:

The Board hereby removes all conditions from Sean Alexander's Dentist license.

Vermont Board of Dental Examiners

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Chairperson

Dated: 7/8/2026

Date of Entry: 7/8/2026

**STATE OF VERMONT
SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

IN RE:	)	
Sean Alexander	)	Docket No. 2025-135
License No. 016.0133839	)	
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STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

STIPULATION

NOW COMES the State of Vermont, by and through Prosecuting Attorney Ultan Doyle, and Respondent Sean Alexander, by and through his counsel Kaveh S. Shahi, Esq., who hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

Authority

1. The Vermont State Board of Dental Examiners (the "Board") has jurisdiction to hear matters involving allegations of unprofessional conduct committed by dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§127, 129, 129a; 26 V.S.A. Chapter 12; the Administrative Rules of the Board of Dental Examiners ("ARBDE"); and the Rules of the Vermont Office of Professional Regulation ("OPR").

Alleged Facts

2. Sean Alexander, DMD ("Respondent") of Bennington, Vermont is licensed by the State of Vermont as a dentist under license number 016.0133839. This license was originally issued on January 4, 2018, and expires on September 30, 2027.
3. At all times relevant, Respondent was employed as a dentist at a facility (the "Facility") in Bennington, Vermont.
4. On May 24, 2021, Patient T.W. began treating with Respondent.

July 27, 2022, Visit

5. On June 27, 2022, Respondent saw T.W. for a periodic exam.
6. 4 bitewing radiographs were taken, and prophylaxis was performed by dental hygienist, E.R.
7. T.W. was noted to have slight calculus buildup in sextant 5 and periodontal probing depths of 1-4mm.

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8. No periodontal charting was conducted during this visit.
9. The last entry in T.W.'s clinical notes states that his next visit would be in 6 months for a recall (exam and prophylaxis).

July 31, 2023 Visit

10. On July 31, 2023, the clinical notes state that T.W. "presented for periodontal scaling and root planing" in the upper left, lower left, upper right, and lower right quadrants.
11. The clinical note for July 31, 2023 states that no scaling and root planing was performed that day but also states that: "Cavitron used and hand scale/plane and smooth the root surface to remove plaque, calculus, and stains."
12. On December 15, 2023, Respondent told an OPR investigator that he saw Patient 1 on July 31, 2023 for "a simple prophylaxis." The Respondent's email stated in full:

I first saw Mr. [T.W.] on 07/31/2023 for a simple prophylaxis, he was seated by the assistant, a bib was placed around his neck and sterile instruments in a packet were placed on the dental tray to begin his cleaning. What I saw at this appointment was shocking, and I only see this level of build up about once every five years. This individual was not brushing his teeth, and his teeth were caked literally covered with plaque, his dentition was completely covered and not visible.

13. Respondent also told the OPR investigator that:

Not being able to see his teeth due to the level of plaque cover, I reviewed his 4 bitewing radiographs enclosed taken on the same day and saw significant amounts of subgingival calculus present. Pocket probing and a panorex Xray enclosed showed four-to-six-millimeter interproximal pockets. I advised his caretaker in writing that on this day 07/31/2023 his treatment would be a full mouth debridement to remove all the significant buildup above the gum line, and a Panorex Xray along with pocket probing to evaluate his periodontal condition. Copies of all the forms completed to notify his caretaker are enclosed or will be directly emailed to your office.

14. Four bitewing x-rays were taken and were billed to Medicaid, but were not documented in the clinical notes. The four bitewings are listed on the patient's Treatment sheet and documented by the x-ray device.

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15. The clinical notes stated that Patient T.W. had 6mm pockets.
16. No Panorex X-Ray was taken on July 31, 2023.
17. Respondent performed a full mouth debridement on the Patient and billed it to Medicaid under code D4355.
18. Code D4355 states that the purpose of "full mouth debridement [is] to enable a comprehensive periodontal evaluation and diagnosis on a subsequent visit."
19. Respondent also billed Medicaid for a Period Oral Evaluation under code D0120.
20. The clinical notes do not describe the condition of Patient T.W.'s periodontium and no periodontal charting was documented.
21. Respondent scheduled four quadrants of scaling and root planing for the Patient T.W.'s next visit.
22. A note given to the Patient's caregiver after the visit stated the following:

Note: Full Mouth Debridement, Periodic Exam, Flouride, 4
Bitewing X-Rays.
Follow-up: Scaling Root + Planing for the whole mouth. 6 mm
pocket depths.

September 11, 2023, Visit

23. On September 11, 2023, Patient 1 presented for a 9:00 am scaling and root planing procedure. At 9:37 a.m., Respondent performed a periodontal exam and charting.
24. A Panoramic radiograph was taken and billed to Medicaid; however, this radiograph or the reason it was taken was not documented in the clinical notes. Medicaid performed an audit of Respondent's billing that covered this period of time and did not find any deficiencies with the visits alleged to be at issue in this charge.
25. The clinical notes state that Respondent performed scaling and root planing in the upper and lower left quadrants.
26. Respondent used topical anesthetic for the procedure.
27. Respondent billed Medicaid for the two quadrants of scaling and root planing that he purportedly performed.

September 18, 2023, Visit

28. On September 18, 2023, T.W. again presented for a 9:00 am scaling and root planing

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procedure.

29. Respondent noted T.W. had a high level of subgingival calculus.
30. The clinical notes state that Respondent performed scaling and root planing in the upper and lower right quadrants.
31. Respondent billed Medicaid for the two quadrants of scaling and root planing that he purportedly performed.
32. Respondent again performed the procedure using topical anesthetic.
33. On December 15, 2023, Respondent told an OPR investigator that after the "subgingival cleaning, a large chunk of calculus totaling five or six pieces of tartar burst out of his dental pocket between teeth number 27 and 28." Respondent's email stated in full:

I can assure you Mr. [T.W.] was in complete comfort and control during all of his periodontal treatment appointments and if he did have any pain, all he had to do was raise his hand. Seeing he was not having any pain during any of his cleanings, I was able to proceed with his full mouth debridement, as well as two scaling and root planning sessions going deeper and deeper during each appointment to remove the calculus visible on his X-rays at each appointment. During the final appointment, and after all that subgingival cleaning, a large chunk of calculus totaling five to six pieces of tartar burst out of his dental pocket between teeth numbers 27 and 28. As a dentist with over 20 years of experience I have never seen anything like it, almost like a grenade explosion of calculus burst into his buccal vestibule and was quickly collected by the high-speed suction of the dental assistant. As a dentist this gave me great satisfaction, and I thanked him for the opportunity to be able to conduct his scaling and root planning for him. By his third appointment with me, Mr. [T.W.] had started to brush his teeth and his supragingival plaque looked much more controlled.

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34. However, this detail was not documented in the clinical notes.

Violation One: 3 V.S.A §129a(b)(2) Failure to practice competently by reason of any cause on a single occasion or on multiple occasions may constitute unprofessional conduct, whether actual injury to a client, patient, or customer has occurred. Failure to practice competently includes: (2) failure to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice.

- 35. Paragraphs 2 through 34 above are incorporated herein.
- 36. As a dentist, Respondent is required to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice for dentists.
- 37. The essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice require that a dentist timely and accurately document any treatment provided.
- 38. Paragraphs 5 through 34 above demonstrate that Respondent failed to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice when he failed to timely and accurately document any treatment provided.

Understandings

- 39. This Stipulation is neither an admission of facts by Respondent nor a concession by the State of Vermont that its charges are not well-founded. To avoid delay, uncertainty, inconvenience, and the expense of protracted litigation, the parties enter this full and final Stipulation pursuant to these Understandings and the Order below. Respondent does not contest that the State has evidence which, if believed by the fact finder, may establish by a preponderance of the evidence that he engaged in the alleged misconduct.
- 40. Respondent understands that the Board must review and accept the terms of the Consent Order. If the Board rejects any portion, the entire Stipulation and Consent Order shall be null and void.
- 41. Respondent specifically waives any claims that any disclosures made to the full Board during its review of this agreement have prejudiced his rights to a fair and impartial hearing in future hearings if this agreement is not accepted by the Board.
- 42. Respondent has read and reviewed this entire document and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.
- 43. Respondent is not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time he signs this Stipulation and Consent Order.
- 44. Respondent voluntarily enters into this agreement after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and is not being coerced by anyone into signing this Stipulation and Consent Order.

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45. Respondent voluntarily waives the right to a contested hearing before the Board and waives any right to appeal from this Stipulation and Consent Order.
46. Respondent agrees that the Order set forth below may be entered by the Board.

ORDER

Based on the Stipulation above, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

A. An **ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY OF THREE THOUSAND FIVE-HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,500.00)** is assessed against Respondent. Respondent shall remit payment within six (6) months of the date of entry of this Order. Payment of the penalty may be made on a payment plan if needed.

B. The Board hereby **CONDITIONS** Respondent's license commencing with the date of entry of this Stipulation and Consent Order:

1. **Re-issuance of License.** Upon the commencement of these conditions, Respondent shall be issued a license labeled "conditioned."
2. **License Renewal.** This Order does not automatically extend the license and Respondent must comply with the requirements for license renewal.
3. **Required Coursework.** Respondent shall, at his own expense and within ninety (90) days of the date of entry of this Stipulation and Consent Order, satisfactorily complete the following pre-approved courses:
 - i. Compliance Risk Management, Record Keeping and Ethics in Dental Practice (1 credit hour - offered by Dental Learning);
 - ii. Dental Records Management (2 credit hours – offered by Biologix Solutions).

***Respondent must provide satisfactorily completed workbooks and certificates of completion to the Case Manager.**

****Coursework may not be counted toward any continuing education requirement of licensure.**

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- B. Upon compliance with and completion of all required conditions, Respondent must petition to remove any or all conditions from the license and demonstrate full compliance with the Order.
- C. Respondent shall not seek to renew his license as a Dentist in the State of Vermont. If Respondent seeks to renew his license as a Dentist, this Order shall constitute

conclusive grounds to deny his application, notwithstanding any other provision of law.

- D. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a matter of public record and may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. § 129(a).
- E. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of Respondent's licensing file and may be considered relative to any future disciplinary matter.

AGREED TO:

Dated: 3/18/2026

STATE OF VERMONT
SECRETARY OF STATE

Signed by:
Ultan Doyle
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Ultan Doyle, Esq.
State Prosecuting Attorney

Dated: 3/14/2026

SEAN ALEXANDER
RESPONDENT

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Sean Alexander

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Dated: 3/18/2026

KAVEH S. SHAHI, ESQ.
ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

Signed by:
Kaveh Shahi
By: 031F30B444E04E8...
Kaveh S. Shahi, Esq.

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

Dated: 5/13/2026

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