

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

IN RE:)
ELIZABETH HUESTIS) Docket No. 2026-1
License No. 014.0134309)

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

STIPULATION

NOW COME the State of Vermont, by and through Prosecuting Attorney Ultan Doyle, and Respondent, Elizabeth Huestis, and hereby Stipulate and Agree as follows:

Board 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").

Stipulated Facts

2. Elizabeth Huestis ("Respondent") of Middlebury, Vermont is licensed by the State as a Registered Traditional Dental Assistant under license number 014.0134309. This license was issued on September 24, 2019 and expires on September 30, 2027.
3. On September 30, 2021, Respondent's license expired.
4. Respondent's license remained expired until she renewed it on September 4, 2025.
5. In her renewal application, under the heading "Expired Renewal," Respondent answered "No" to the question: "Have you been practicing in Vermont since your license expired."
6. In her renewal application, Respondent was also asked the following: "Please provide a detailed written explanation of the extent and location of your practice since this license expired."
7. In response, Respondent stated: "Only assisting one day a week when needed."

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8. Respondent later told an OPR investigator that she has been working as a dental assistant one day a week at a dental practice in Middlebury, Vermont since the end of COVID.
9. At some point during her practice, Respondent became aware that her license had expired.
10. Upon learning that her license was expired, Respondent immediately renewed it.

Violation One: 3 V.S.A. § 127(b)(2)(A) The Attorney General or an attorney assigned by the Office of Professional Regulation may elect to bring an action seeking only a civil penalty of not more than \$2,500.00 for practicing or permitting the practice of a regulated profession without authority.

11. Paragraphs 2 through 10 above are incorporated herein.
12. 26 V.S.A. § 562(c) prohibits a person from practicing as a dental assistant unless currently licensed to do so by the State of Vermont.
13. Paragraphs 2 through 10 demonstrate that Respondent practiced as a dental assistant without a license.
14. The act(s), omission(s), and/or circumstance(s) described above constitute grounds for a civil penalty because Respondent practiced a regulated profession without authority in violation of 3 V.S.A. § 127(b)(2)(A).

Understandings

15. Respondent admits that the facts above are true and that the conditions below are necessary to protect the public.
16. The facts alleged in this Stipulation and Consent Order demonstrate that Respondent failed to comply with administrative duties not related to client or customer care. This Stipulation and Consent Order does not constitute a finding of unprofessional conduct.
17. Respondent understands that the Board must review and accept the terms of the Stipulation and Consent Order. If the Board rejects any portion, the entire Stipulation and Consent Order shall be null and void.
18. Respondent specifically waives any claims that any disclosures made to the Board during the review of this agreement have prejudiced her right to a fair and impartial hearing in future hearings if this agreement is not accepted by the Board.
19. Respondent has read and reviewed this entire document and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.

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20. Respondent is not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time she signs this Stipulation and Consent Order.
21. 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.
22. Respondent voluntarily waives the right to a contested hearing before the Board and waives any right to appeal from this Stipulation and Consent Order.
23. Respondent agrees that the Order set forth below may be entered by the Board, will be a binding Order upon Respondent, and will be made public.
24. Respondent understands that Respondent is responsible for all compliance costs associated with this Stipulation and Consent Order and any violation of this Order may result in additional disciplinary action.

ORDER

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

- A. A **CIVIL PENALTY OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$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. Violation of this Order. Any violation of this Order may be a basis for additional disciplinary action.
- C. 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).
- D. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of Respondent's licensing file and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.

AGREED TO:

STATE OF VERMONT
SECRETARY OF STATE

Dated: 7/8/26

By: Ultan Doyle
Ultan Doyle, Esq.
State Prosecuting Attorney

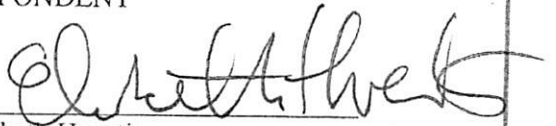
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RESPONDENT

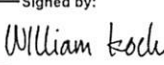
Dated: 7/7/26

By: 
Elizabeth Huestis

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL
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Dated: 7/8/2026

Signed by:
By: 
Chairperson

Date of Entry: 7/9/26

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