

Lauren Emma Anderson , LCSW-C

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State Board of Social Work Examiners
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Subj: Letter of Surrender, License No. 22968
Case Nos. 2022-3099, 2022-3100

To whom it may concern:

I have decided to SURRENDER my license to practice social work as a licensed clinical social worker effective immediately. Upon my surrender, as of the effective date of this letter, I am an unlicensed individual and unable to practice as a licensed social worker in any capacity in the State of Maryland.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a PUBLIC document and becomes a FINAL ORDER upon acceptance by the Board of Social Work Examiners.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice social work to avoid further prosecution of the disciplinary charges summarized below. The Board has investigated and charged me with violating the following provisions of the Health Occupations Article, § 19-311:

§ 19-311. Denials, reprimands, suspensions, and revocations – Grounds.

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 19-312 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license to any applicant, fine a licensee, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:

- (4) Commits any act of gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the practice of social work;
- (5) Engages in a course of conduct that is inconsistent with generally accepted professional standards in the practice of social work. . . .
- (7) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside[.]

This letter of surrender is my voluntary, knowing, and freely chosen act in lieu of the Board's prosecution under the above-mentioned charges. The State has in its possession, by a preponderance of evidence, that I violated the Act as charged, and I acknowledge the below findings of fact will be treated as if proven.

Prior to the effective date of this letter, I was licensed to practice clinical social work in the State of Maryland as a licensed certified social worker-clinical ("LCSW-C") in Maryland since October 3, 2019, under license number 22968. My license expired on October 31, 2023. The Board would be able to prove that I practiced social work in Baltimore County, Maryland.

I was arrested and charged with possession of child pornography in Baltimore County under Case No. D-08-CR-22-005266. Based on the forwarding of the criminal charges to the Board by the Baltimore County police and a parallel report made to the Board by my employer, the Board investigated the matter. Their investigation included reviewing the Statement of Charges and Statement of Probable Cause, and conducted interviews with my employers and myself. I acknowledge that the police department obtained information that linked the prohibited images to my email account and the use of a cloud storage service and the chat service which I was required to use. The police department seized my electronic devices through a duly executed search warrant and found that the prohibited images on my phone, computer, and hard drives. Included among the messages were chat messages that indicated that the images were of, or provided by, minors. These acts, in and of themselves, constitute sufficient grounds by a preponderance of the evidence of a violation of the above-referenced § 19-311 of the Health Occupations Article.

I understand that I waive any right to contest the charges or provide evidence in support of numerous mitigating factors. I agree to provide, on or before the acceptance by the Board of this letter, any and all copies of my license to practice social work in Maryland. I waive any right to a full evidentiary hearing and any right to appeal this Letter of Surrender. I have been advised by counsel throughout these proceedings and prior to the signing of this Letter of Surrender. I acknowledge that upon the Board's acceptance of this Letter of Surrender, it will become an Order of the Board and is therefore a public document for purposes of public disclosure. I sincerely appreciate the support and effort of the Board, Administrative Prosecutor, TurnAround, Inc. and the Human Trafficking Prevention Project to bring the surrender of my license to a final conclusion.

6/25/25
Date

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NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

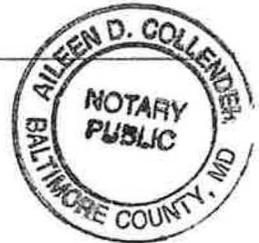
CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that on this 25th day of June, 2025, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Lauren Anderson, MSW, License Number: 22968, and gave oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS, my hand and Notary Seal.

Aileen D. Colledge
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 6/2/2026



On this day of July 11, 2025, I, Kevin Meenan, LCSW-C, Board Chair on behalf of the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners accept the SURRENDER of the license of Lauren Anderson, LCSW-C, License Number: 22968 to practice social work in the State of Maryland.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Meenan LCSW-C". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kevin Meenan, LCSW-C
Board Chair
MD State Board of Social Work Examiners