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Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners  
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Re: Surrender of License to Practice Social Work  
David Toplin, LCSW-C, License Number: 16674  
Case Numbers: 2018-2551 & 2025-3771

The Honorable Board Chair Meenan and esteemed members of the Board:

Please be advised that, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations (“Health Occ.”) § 19-310 (2021 Repol. Vol. & 2025 Supp.), I have decided to **SURRENDER** my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland, License Number 16674, effective immediately under the “Simple” Surrender Provision. I do this with the understanding that I will be able to petition the Board for reinstatement in one one year, or at some point in the future. However, I do understand that upon surrender of my license, I may not engage in the practice of social work, in any form, in the State of Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Social Workers Practice Act (the “Act”), Health Occ. §§ 19-101 *et seq.* and other applicable laws. In other words, as of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual in the State of Maryland.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**, and upon the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners’ (the “Board”) acceptance, becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

I acknowledge that on or about May 28, 2019, the Board summarily suspended my license for violating professional boundaries by making a romantic gesture as well as a sexual comment to a client (Case Number 2018-2551). I entered into a Consent Order dated January 13, 2020, with the Board which suspended my license for three years followed by three years of probation. Upon being placed on probation on or about May 12, 2023, I was required to meet with a Board-approved supervisor (the “Supervisor”) once per month for two clinical hours and the Supervisor submitted quarterly reports detailing my supervision and progress to the Board.

I further acknowledge that on or about December 26, 2025, the Board again summarily suspended my license and later issued disciplinary charges against me based, in part, on reports from my Supervisor stating that since the onset of my supervision in 2023, I attended only 18 of the 24 sessions and was late to 14 sessions. Based on additional concerns raised by the Supervisor’s reports, the Board ordered that I undergo a mental health evaluation. I acknowledge the evaluation concluded that due to a health condition, I was not fit to practice social work at that time. The Board’s decision to take action against me was also based on its investigation into allegations that I revealed confidential client information in a writing sample submitted to a prospective employer

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(Case Number 2025-3771). I acknowledge that in addition to violating a condition of my probation, the further Board alleged that I violated the following provisions of the Act under Health Occ. §19-311:

**Grounds for denials, reprimands, suspensions, and revocations**

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:

...

- (3) Is mentally or physically incompetent to practice social work;
- (4) Commits any act of gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the practice of social work;
- (5) Engaged in a course of conduct that is inconsistent with generally accepted professional standards in the practice of social work; and

...

- (19) Fails to comply with the requirements of any order entered by the Board as a result of any disciplinary matter with the Board, including payment of costs as required by § 19-312 of this subtitle.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland. I wish to make clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender. I understand that in submitting this letter, the Board will forgo prosecution of these allegations. I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender I am waiving my right to contest the summary suspension of my license and the charges issue against me in a formal evidentiary hearing at which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf and all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal to circuit court. I recognize that for all purposes relevant to social work licensure, the Board will treat the allegations as proven.

I understand that the Board will advise the National Practitioner Data Bank of this Letter of Surrender. I also understand that in the event I should apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction that this Letter of Surrender may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final order that would result from

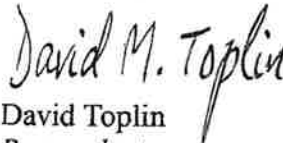
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disciplinary action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.*, and that this Letter of Surrender concludes a disciplinary action by the Board.

I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender, my license will remain surrendered unless and until the Board grants reinstatement. In the event that I apply for reinstatement of my Maryland License, I understand that the Board or its successor is not required to grant reinstatement; and, if it does grant reinstatement, it may impose any terms and conditions the Board considers appropriate for public safety and the protection of the integrity and reputation of the profession. I further understand that if I ever file a petition for reinstatement, I will approach the Board or its successor in the same position as an individual whose license has been revoked.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have been advised of my right to be represented by an attorney of my choice throughout proceedings before the Board and have had the opportunity to consult with counsel prior to signing this Letter of Surrender. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I have made this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Very truly yours,

  
David Toplin  
*Respondent*

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**NOTARY**

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026 before me, a Notary Public of the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared David Toplin and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that the signing of this Letter of Surrender was voluntary.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.

Rita R Russell  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 12/23/2028



**ACCEPTANCE**

On behalf of the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners, on this 10 day of APRIL, 2026, I, Kevin Meenan, LCSW-C, accept the **PUBLIC SURRENDER** of David Toplin's license to practice social work in the State of Maryland.

Kevin Meenan LCSW-C

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Board President  
Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners