

David M. Toplin, LCSW-C, #16674  
Order Lifting Suspension and Reinstating License with Probationary Terms

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	*	<b>BEFORE THE MARYLAND</b>
<b>DAVID M. TOPLIN,</b>	*	<b>STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL</b>
<b>LCSW-C</b>	*	<b>WORK EXAMINERS</b>
<b>RESPONDENT</b>	*	
<b>LICENSE NUMBER: 16674</b>	*	<b>Case Number: 2018-2551</b>

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**ORDER FOR TERMINATION OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONSENT ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, on January 13, 2020, the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners (“the Board”) entered into a Pre-Charge Consent Order with David M. Toplin, LCSW-C, License No. 16674 (“the Respondent”), which Suspended the Respondent’s License to Practice Social Work in the State of Maryland for three (3) years and required Responded to complete certain terms and conditions during the course of said Suspension;

**WHEREAS**, the January 13, 2020 Pre-Charge Consent Order provides that after the conclusion of the minimum term of Suspension, Respondent may submit a written request for the Reinstatement of his License to Practice Social Work in the State of Maryland;

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 20, 2023, the Respondent formally petitioned the Board to reinstate his License to Practice Social Work in the State of Maryland and submitted documentation of his completion of the terms of the January 13, 2020 Pre-Charge Consent Order;

**WHEREAS**, the January 13, 2020 Pre-Charge Consent Order provides that following the suspension period, Respondent’s license shall be placed on **PROBATION** for **three (3)** years;

**WHEREAS**, on or about May 12, 2023, a quorum of the Board considered Respondent’s Request for Reinstatement of Social Work License;

**WHEREAS**, on or about May 12, 2023, the Board voted to lift the Suspension and place the Respondent's license on immediate probation with terms as set forth below;

**WHEREFORE**, it is this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, **2023**, by the Board of Social Work Examiners, hereby

**ORDERED**, that the Suspension of Respondent's License to Practice Social Work in the State of Maryland is hereby **LIFTED**; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that Respondent's License be placed on immediate **PROBATION** for a **minimum of three (3) years** under the following conditions:

1. That Respondent shall obtain a Board-Approved Supervisor within **fourteen (14) days** of the effective date of this Order and meet with a Board-Approved Supervisor throughout the entire period of Probation.
  - a. Respondent shall provide the Board-Approved Supervisor with a copy of the January 13, 2020 Pre-Charge Consent Order as well as this Order Lifting Suspension and Reinstating License With Probationary Terms. The Respondent shall submit written proof of the Board-Approved Supervisor's receipt of the January 13, 2020 Pre-Charge Consent Order and this Order Lifting Suspension and Reinstating License with Probationary Terms within **FIVE (5) DAYS** of obtaining a Board-Approved Supervisor;
  - b. Respondent shall meet with the Board-Approved Supervisor **at least once per month for two (2) clinical hours**;

- c. Respondent shall ensure that the Board-Approved Supervisor submits quarterly supervision reports to the Board during the Probationary Period.
2. Within **SIX (6) MONTHS** from the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall enroll in and successfully complete a Continuing Education Course on boundaries.
    - a. This course must be for **three (3) Continuing Education Credits**;
    - b. This Course must be either in-person or via live webinar;
    - c. Promptly after the completion of the course, Respondent shall provide written documentation of her completion of this requirement;
    - d. The Continuing Education Credits required by this Order may not be used to fulfill any Continuing Education Requirements for advanced licensure or renewal; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall not serve or continue to serve as: A Board-Authorized Sponsor, presenter and/or trainer of social work continuing education learning activities, a Board-Approved Supervisor, an Ethics Tutor, or conduct evaluations ordered by the Board for a period of **FIVE (5) YEARS** from the date of this Final Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that at the conclusion of the **TWO (2) YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD**, the Respondent may submit a written petition the Board for a termination of his probation. The Board may terminate the Respondent's probation depending on whether Respondent has fulfilled all of the terms and conditions of this Order Lifting

Suspension and Reinstating License with Probationary Terms and whether there are any pending complaints against him; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that if the Respondent violates any of the terms and conditions of this Final Order, the Board, in its discretion, after notice and an opportunity for an evidentiary hearing if there is a genuine dispute as to the underlying facts, or an opportunity for a show cause hearing before the Board otherwise, may impose any sanction that the Board may have imposed in this case, including additional probationary terms and conditions, a reprimand, suspension, revocation, and/or monetary penalty; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Respondent shall be responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Final Order; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that for the purposes of public disclosure, this Order Lifting Suspension and Reinstating License with Probationary Terms is considered a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md Code Ann., Gen. Prov., Art. §§ 4-101 et seq. (2019 Rep. Vol.) and Health Occupations Article § 1-607 (2019 Rep. Vol.).

6/9/2023  
Date



Sondra Petty, LCSW-C, Board Chair  
Maryland State Board of Social Work  
Examiners