

**Barbara Love, Ph.D.**

Date: June 7, 2025

Brenda L. Terry-Leonard, Ph.D., Board Chair  
Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists  
4201 Patterson Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215-2299

RE: Surrender of License to Practice Psychology  
License Number: 02672  
Case Numbers: 2021-005, 2023-013, 2023-024, 2023-028

Dear Dr. Terry-Leonard and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to **SURRENDER** my license to practice as a psychologist in the State of Maryland, license Number: 02672, effective immediately. I understand that upon surrender of my license, I may not practice as a psychologist, with or without compensation, or otherwise engage in the practice of psychology in the State of Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Psychologists Act ("the Act") Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. §§ 18-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. and 2024 Supp.) 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 should I provide mental health service in the capacity of a coach, psychotherapist, counselor, or other designation, the Board of Examiners for Psychologists ("the Board") may investigate my practice to determine whether such practice constitutes the practice of psychology.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** and, on the Board's acceptance, becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

My decision to surrender my license to practice as a psychologist in the State of Maryland has been prompted by an investigation of my license by the Board. The results of the investigation led the Board to issue disciplinary charges against me on or about December 6, 2024, under Case Numbers: 2021-005; 2023-013; 2023-024; and 2023-028.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice as a psychologist in the State of Maryland to avoid further prosecution of the disciplinary charges now pending before the Board. I acknowledge that the Board initiated an investigation of this matter and issued disciplinary charges against me under the Act.

After its investigation, the Board charged me with violating the following provision of the Act:

**§ 18-313. Denials, reprimands, suspensions, and revocations – Grounds**

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 18-315 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license or registration to any applicant, reprimand any licensee or registrant, place any licensee or registrant on probation, or suspend or revoke a license or registration of any licensee or registrant if the applicant, licensee, or registrant:

...

- (7) Violates the code of ethics adopted by the Board under § 18-311 of this subtitle;

...

- (12) Violates any provision of this title or any regulation adopted by the Board;

...

- (17) Commits an act of unprofessional conduct in the practice of psychology; [or]

...

- (20) Does an act that is inconsistent with generally accepted professional standards in the practice of psychology[.]

Pursuant to Health Occ. § 18-313(7) and (12), the Board charged me with violating the following provisions of the Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”):

**COMAR 10.36.05 Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct**

**.03 Responsibilities and Requirements**

**A. In General.**

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(3) A psychologist or psychology associate shall:

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(b) Provide psychological services only in the context of clear professional and scientific relationships and roles accepted by the standard of practice of the discipline of psychology[.]

**.06 Psychological Assessment.**

A. A psychologist or psychology associate shall:

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(2) Administer psychological tests in keeping with accepted standards of practice and avoid use of obsolete measurement techniques;

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(4) Use appropriate scoring devices, norms, and standards in evaluating test protocols; [and]

...

(6) Report the results of assessment procedures by:

(a) Using adequate interpretative aids or explanations; [and]

(b) Including any deficiencies of the assessment norms for the individual assessed, and any relevant reservations or qualifications which affect the validity, reliability, or other interpretation of results[.]

**.07 Client Welfare**

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F. Termination of Services. A psychologist or psychology associate shall:

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(2) Unless precluded by the actions of the client, terminate the professional relationship in an appropriate manner, notify the client in writing of this termination, and assist the client in obtaining services from another professional, if:

(a) It is reasonably clear the client is not benefiting from the relationship; [or]

...

(c) Impaired competency or objectivity develops or is discovered after a professional relationship has been initiated[.]

**.08 Confidentiality and Client Records.**

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C. Record Keeping. A psychologist or psychology associate shall:

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(6) Provide evaluations or treatment reports within a reasonable time consistent with State and federal laws on proper and lawful requests by a client, insurance carrier, court, institution, or other authorized health provider.

I wish to make clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly, and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender to avoid prosecution of the aforementioned charges under the Act. I acknowledge that if the case were to proceed to an evidentiary hearing, the Board would be able to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that I violated the Act as charged. I



acknowledge that for all purposes relevant to psychologist licensure, those investigative findings will be treated as if proven.

I further acknowledge that the State can prove that: (i) in Case No. 2021-005, I failed to fulfill the terms and conditions of a Letter of Agreement I entered into with the Board to resolve allegations that I failed to meet the standards for a psychologist in Maryland regarding testing and assessment and I failed to provide a report in a timely fashion; (ii) in Case No. 2023-013, I failed to provide a report in a timely fashion and failed to appropriately terminate the professional relationship; (iii) in Case No. 2023-024, I failed to provide a report in a timely fashion; and (iv) in Case No. 2023-028, I failed to provide a report in a timely fashion and failed to attend an individualize education program meeting.

I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender, I am waiving any right to contest the charges 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.

I understand that the Board will advise, in any response to any inquiry, that I have surrendered my license in lieu of further disciplinary action under the Act. I also understand that in the event I would apply for license in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this Letter of Surrender and the underlying investigative documents may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final order that would result from disciplinary action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Govt., § 10-611 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. and 2024 Supp.), and that this Letter of Surrender is considered a disciplinary action by the Board.

I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender, my registration will remain surrendered for a minimum period of **THREE (3) YEARS**, effective the date of this letter, and until the Board grants reinstatement. I understand that if I apply for reinstatement of my Maryland license, the Board or its successor has absolute discretion to grant or deny my application for reinstatement. If the Board 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 file a petition for reinstatement, I approach the Board or its successor in the same position as an individual whose license has been revoked. I also understand that if I apply for reinstatement, I will bear the burden of demonstrating my professional competence and fitness to practice as a psychologist to the satisfaction of the Board.

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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 the attorney of my choice throughout proceedings before the Board, including the right to counsel with an attorney 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 voluntarily choose to surrender my Maryland license to practice as a psychologist pursuant to the terms and conditions set out herein. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Love, Ph.D.  
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**NOTARY**

~~MISSISSIPPI~~  
**STATE OF MARYLAND**

**CITY/COUNTY OF** Madison

I hereby certify that on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025, before me, a Notary Public of the State of ~~Maryland~~ <sup>Mississippi</sup> and County aforesaid, personally appeared, **Barbara Love, Ph.D.**, License Number: 02672, and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.



Shondra F. Davenport  
Notary Public

My commission expires: June 5, 2026

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**ACCEPTANCE**

On behalf of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, on this  
10th day of June 2025, I accept the PUBLIC  
SURRENDER of the license to practice psychology in the State of Maryland held by  
Barbara Love, Ph.D.

*Brenda Terry-Leonard, Ph.D.*

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Brenda L. Terry-Leonard, Ph.D., Chair  
Maryland Board of Examiners  
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