

**Louisiana Licensed Professional  
Counselors Board of Examiners**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**COMPLAINT NUMBER: 19/20-46**

**YARNELL RICHARDSON, PLPC**

**PROVISIONAL LICENSE NO: PLC6718**

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**VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, YARNELL RICHARDSON ("MS. RICHARDSON") is a lapsed Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor ("PLPC") and is subject to the jurisdiction and rules and regulations of the Louisiana Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act (La. R.S. 37:1101, et seq.), the Code of Conduct for Provisional Licensed Professional Counselors (LAC 46:LX §2101, et seq.) and the rules regarding disciplinary proceedings (LAC 46:LX §1301-1325, et seq.);

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners ("LPCBE") received information regarding MS. RICHARDSON, indicating that MS. RICHARDSON practiced mental health counseling for almost two (2) years without being actively supervised by her board-approved supervisor;

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated November 12, 2019, the LPCBE notified MS. RICHARDSON that the LPCBE filed a board initiated complaint against her, provided MS. RICHARDSON with a summary of the nature of the complaint, and requested that MS. RICHARDSON, within thirty (30) days, provide a statement giving her review of the circumstances, which are the subject of the complaint;

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated December 2, 2019, MS. RICHARDSON submitted a response to the complaint, wherein she provided her explanation of the relevant facts and the allegations that were raised in the complaint;

**WHEREAS**, the respondent, YARNELL RICHARDSON, has indicated her desire to voluntarily surrender her provisional license with the LPCBE, particularly Provisional License PLPC No. PLC6718;

**WHEREAS**, the respondent, YARNELL RICHARDSON, PLPC, acknowledges that in accordance with the written policies of the LPCBE, the following will result due to her voluntary surrender of her PLPC provisional license:

1. A report of this Voluntary Surrender of License and the conditions under which the provisional license was surrendered shall be submitted to the National Practitioners Data Bank (“NPDB”).
2. Public notification of this Voluntary Surrender of License by posting a copy of this Voluntary Surrender of License on the LPCBE website.
3. A two (2) year waiting period before MS. RICHARDSON will be eligible to apply for reinstatement with the LPCBE.
4. MS. RICHARDSON will be subject to prosecution of the pending disciplinary action at the time of reapplication or request for reinstatement as a PLPC or upon application for any other credential issued by the LPCBE, as determined by the LPCBE.

**WHEREAS**, MS. RICHARDSON acknowledges that she has had the opportunity to thoroughly review the content of this Voluntary Surrender of License and that she is informed of and understands her rights to due process in connection with administrative charges, and that prior to final disciplinary action against her provisional license, she would be entitled to have notice of a hearing on the allegations and charges asserted

against her through the filing of an Administrative Complaint, and to have an administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time MS. RICHARDSON would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on her own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to La. R.S. 49:950, *et seq.*;

**WHEREAS**, Notwithstanding her right to an administrative hearing and a decision thereon as provided by La. R.S. 49:955-965, in recognition of the stipulations set forth above and for the final disposition of this administrative action, MS. RICHARDSON, nonetheless, waives her right to formal adjudication and voluntarily surrenders to the Board her provisional license to practice as a PLPC in the state of Louisiana as evidenced by Provisional License No. PLC6718. MS. RICHARDSON also hereby authorizes the Board attorney to present this Voluntary Surrender of License for its consideration, and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation, and she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. R.S. 49:950, *et seq.*;

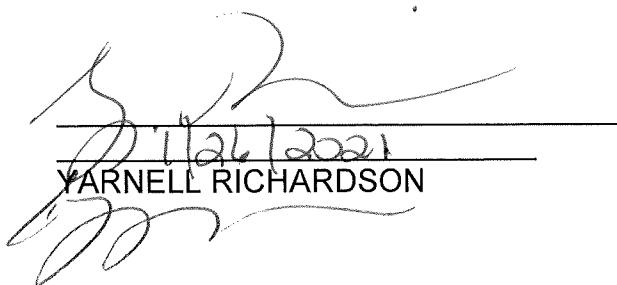
**WHEREAS**, MS. RICHARDSON acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that the voluntary surrender of her provisional license in lieu of an administrative action shall have, and shall be deemed by the Board to have the same effect as if the Board had entered an order of revocation upon the conclusion of formal administrative proceedings. MS. RICHARDSON further acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that as

a result of the voluntary surrender of her provisional license, she shall not have any right or entitlement to reinstate or renew her provisional license to practice as a PLPC in the state of Louisiana;

**WHEREAS**, by the voluntary surrender of her provisional license in lieu of disciplinary action, MS. RICHARDSON, moreover, acknowledges, stipulates, and agrees that she hereby waives any right to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act or which otherwise may be afforded to her by law, to contest her agreement to, or the force and effect of this document in any Court related to the matters referred to herein;

**WHEREAS**, MS. RICHARDSON acknowledges that she has had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Stipulation;

**WHEREAS**, based upon the above, YARNELL RICHARDSON, PLPC, surrenders her provisional license held with the LPCBE, particularly lapsed Provisional License PLPC No. PLC6718.



YARNELL RICHARDSON

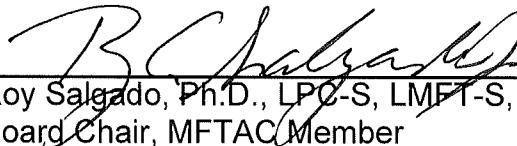
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**ORDER**

The Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of License, Case No. 19/20-46, accepts the Voluntary Surrender of License in this matter on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

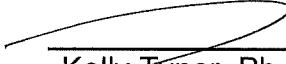
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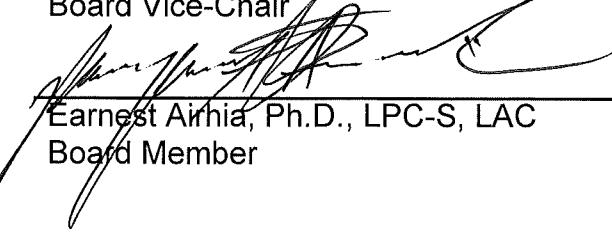
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I, YARNELL RICHARDSON, have read the Voluntary Surrender of License and Order, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

DATED: 1/26/2021

*YARNELL RICHARDSON*  
YARNELL RICHARDSON

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 26 day of January,

2021, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

*Margaret L. Allen*

Notary Public

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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