

**STATE OF ARKANSAS  
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REVIEW BOARD MEETING**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
700 West Main St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas**

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May 22, 2019  
1:30 p.m.

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**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:**

MR. ED APPLER, CHAIRMAN  
MS. SANDY DOHERTY, ACTING BOARD MEMBER  
MS. BEVERLY FOTI, BOARD MEMBER  
MR. DAVID WHATLEY, BOARD MEMBER  
MR. SANFORD TOLLETTE, BOARD MEMBER  
MR. ANDY ALTOM, BOARD MEMBER

MR. DAVID GRIFFIN, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
MS. SHIRLEY PRESTON, LICENSING SPECIALIST  
MR. CHARLES ARNOLD, LICENSING SPECIALIST  
MS. PATTY GLANTON, LICENSING SPECIALIST  
MS. RACHEL CARLTON, LICENSING SPECIALIST  
MS. SUSAN FANCHER, LICENSING SPECIALIST  
MS. CHARLOTTE GALUSHA, LICENSING SPECIALIST  
MS. DARLA THOMPSON, LICENSING SPECIALIST  
MS. LAKESHA WHITE, LICENSING SPECIALIST  
MS. SHANNON ROUSE, LICENSING SPECIALIST  
MS. FATIMA STEPPS, LICENSING SPECIALIST  
MS. LAKESHA WHITE, LICENSING SPECIALIST

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2 MR. CHAIRMAN: So thank you all for coming. We  
3 have like 42 agenda items here, and we'll do this as  
4 quickly as possible, so I'm going to call to order the  
5 May 22, 2019 meeting of the Child Welfare Agency  
6 Review Board. The first agenda item is the approval  
7 of the March 2019 minutes, meeting minutes and two  
8 conference calls, and I trust the Board has gotten to  
9 review those.

10 MR. ALTOM: I'll make a motion to approve. Do we  
11 need to approve them individually or you want me to  
12 approve all them?

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Approve them jointly, ma'am,  
14 Julie?

15 MS. CHAVIS: That's fine.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

17 MS. CHAVIS: As long as there's no objection -- I  
18 mean as long as there's no changes.

19 MR. ALTOM: I have no changes.

20 MR. TOLLETTE: I'll second.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
22 discussion?

23 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

25 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

2 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. Okay. All right,  
4 so Item no. 1.

5 MS. GLANTON: Good afternoon, Patty Glanton.  
6 Item no. 1, DCFS is requesting special consideration  
7 to allow six children placed in a home. This is in  
8 order to keep siblings together. It's Regulation  
9 P211.5, and I have Casey Tolbert here, the resource  
10 worker for the home. This is child specific and time  
11 limited for two years.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: And this is to keep a sibling  
13 group together.

14 MS. GLANTON: Correct.

15 MR. WHATLEY: I'll make a motion to approve the  
16 request.

17 MS. FOTI: I'll second.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
19 discussion?

20 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

22 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

23 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same. DCFS abstains.

24 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

1 MS. GLANTON: Thank you. Item no. 2, Patty  
2 Glanton. Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes a special  
3 consideration for Regulation P209.10 allowing two  
4 under the age or -- I'm sorry, share a bedroom. This  
5 is for a grandparent of a child and teen parent.  
6 There's two separate beds, and this is also time  
7 limited and child specific for two years, and I have  
8 Lynn, and you have the spelling of her name from  
9 Arkansas Baptist.

10 MR. WHATLEY: Also make a motion to approve the  
11 request.

12 MR. ALTOM: Second.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
14 discussion? I have a question. What does it mean  
15 that she has a background with TBRI? Does that mean  
16 there's special training or something?

17 MS. SZCZEPANIK: She has had special training in  
18 trauma based relational interventions.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Okay, so there's been a  
20 motion and a second. All in favor say, aye.

21 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

23 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries.

25 MS. GLANTON: Item no. 3, this is also Arkansas

1 Baptist Children's Homes. I also have Lynn from  
2 Arkansas Baptist here to answer any questions.  
3 They're asking special consideration for Regulation  
4 P211.6, that the -- shall not have more than two  
5 children under the age of two. This is in order to --  
6 because of twins that will be turning age two in  
7 November. This is child specific and time limited  
8 until November 9th of this year.

9 MR. ALTOM: I make a motion to approve the  
10 request.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion. Is there a second?

12 MS. DOHERTY: Second.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
14 discussion?

15 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

19 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries.

21 MS. CARLTON: Item no. 4. I'm Rachel Carlton.  
22 This is -- Youth Bridge is requesting a placement  
23 license for a therapeutic foster care to provide  
24 foster homes in Northwest Arkansas for children in  
25 DCFS custody. A request for a placement license was

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received on April 1, 2019. At that time, a licensing study began and was completed on May 1, 2019. Through information obtained through discussions with staff and review of policy, procedures, and forms, the agency has demonstrated the ability to comply with minimum licensing standards. Youth Bridge meets the requirements to support the request for a placement license. Placement and Residential Licensing Unit supports the request and recommends a provisional placement license for a one-year period to provide therapeutic foster care be granted. This is Dr. Michael Flowers and Darrell Rhoda.

MR. ALTOM: I make a motion to approve the request.

MS. FOTI: I'll second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: A motion has been made, a second. Any discussion?

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. Thank you. I know it was a long trip down here.

MR. RHODA: Thank you.



1 MS. CARLTON: This is Item no. 5, Rachel Carlton.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Can you hold on just a second.

3 MS. CARLTON: Sure.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm trying to scroll through all  
5 these pages.

6 MS. CARLTON: There are a lot.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Here we are. Okay.

8 MS. CARLTON: Okay. Item no. 5, Ozark Guidance  
9 Center has requested renewal for 311.6. The original  
10 request was in place to allow two children in this  
11 home to be in place with their sibling who have been  
12 in the home since August of 2015. The juvenile court  
13 judge ordered these children be placed together in  
14 this foster home. There are three foster children  
15 plus three bio children and one bio grandchild which  
16 total seven and exceeds capacity. The home has  
17 adequate space and sleeping arrangement for all the  
18 children. A temporary approval -- approval for this  
19 request was granted on March 18, 2019. This will be  
20 child specific and time limited to two years. The  
21 Licensing Unit supports this request to allow these  
22 siblings to be placed together. This is Kristin Slater  
23 is you have any questions.

24 MR. ALTOM: I make a motion to approve the  
25 request.

1 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
3 discussion?

4 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

8 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

9 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. Thank you, ma'am.

10 MS. CARLTON: Okay. This is Item no. 6. I'm  
11 Rachel Carlton and this is for DCFS. They request a  
12 special consideration to allow siblings of the  
13 opposite gender to share a room. The siblings are a  
14 two-year-old female and male who turned four on March  
15 11th. This request is child specific but time limited  
16 and is in the best interest of keeping a sibling group  
17 together. Temporary approval was granted by Shirley  
18 Preston on March 14, 2019 and PRLU supports this  
19 request. Terry Jacks is here if you have any  
20 questions.

21 MR. WHATLEY: I make a motion to approve the  
22 request.

23 MR. ALTOM: Second.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
25 discussion?

1 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries, and DCFS abstains.

7 Remind me when I forget to say that.

8 MS. DOHERTY: I will.

9 MS. FANCHER: Susan Fancher with the Placement  
10 and Residential Licensing Unit. I have items 7 and 8.  
11 Item no. 7 should be a request for Northwest Arkansas  
12 Children's Shelter. They're requesting a special  
13 consideration for Standard 201.11. This request is to  
14 allow a 17-year-old female child to remain in their  
15 emergency program beyond the maximum of 90 days. This  
16 request is time limited until June 30, 2019. This  
17 date would allow for this child to complete her GED  
18 program she is enrolled in. The agency and DCFS feels  
19 this placement is in the best interest of the child to  
20 remain at the shelter to complete the program, and  
21 only the child will remain in the emergency placement  
22 program. This child has -- the agency has agreed to  
23 meet all the requirements of their regular residential  
24 program. This special consideration is, again, time  
25 limited and will expire on June 30, 2019 and the

1 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit is in support  
2 of this request.

3 MR. ALTOM: I'll make a motion to accept the  
4 request, but I do have a question.

5 MR. TOLLETTE: I'll second.

6 MR. ALTOM: This is -- I understand when she gets  
7 her GED and she turns 18, she's still in DCFS custody;  
8 is that correct? Will she be able to stay there  
9 longer if she chooses to?

10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Is she in DCFS custody?

11 MS. FANCHER: She is.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: She is, okay.

13 MS. FANCHER: If she chooses to, she could.

14 MR. ALTOM: Okay. So is there the option that  
15 you're following -- you're saying that while she's  
16 there, though, you will follow the guidelines for  
17 residential versus emergency shelter programming?

18 MS. PERKINS: Yes.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Help me out here. Does that mean  
20 a transitional program?

21 MS. PERKINS: Essentially, that's what it is for  
22 her. Essentially, that's what it is for her.

23 MR. CHAIRMAN: So you have a transitional  
24 program?

25 MS. PERKINS: The -- we're kind of developing it

1 for her since she's the only one that we're doing this  
2 with.

3 MR. ALTOM: So it'd be in her treatment plan?

4 MS. PERKINS: Yes.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. I noticed she -- yes --

6 MS. PRESTON: I was just going to help the Board  
7 to understand it. They currently have an emergency  
8 license and a residential license. So typically, that  
9 child would move over into the residential program.  
10 However, due to some funding issues with contract,  
11 they're not able to put kids into the residential  
12 program, so they're extending their emergency program  
13 but applying the residential standards where there  
14 would be more involved case planning and different  
15 services.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: They'll see that she's got a job  
17 and she's working on her GED and that kind of thing.

18 MS. PERKINS: Yes.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: So the plan then is that she stay  
20 in the program, continue working at her job, saving  
21 money.

22 MS. PERKINS: Yes.

23 MR. CHAIRMAN: And perhaps go on to college or  
24 something.

25 MS. PERKINS: Yes.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: And that's all handled by your  
2 case management folks.

3 MS. PERKINS: Yes.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

5 MR. WHATLEY: Well, the request is for extension  
6 of the 90 days --

7 MS. FANCHER: Yes.

8 MR. WHATLEY: -- basically what they're asking  
9 for, but they're going under the guidelines of  
10 residential --

11 MS. PRESTON: That is correct.

12 MR. WHATLEY: -- more stringent guidelines.

13 MR. TOLLETTE: Took me a minute to get back in  
14 the saddle, but I'm here. Is this something that you  
15 envision with the cuts and the changes and our human  
16 services; this is something that you see that you may  
17 have to do with another client down the road? Is this  
18 kind of like a first, kind of -- but just totally  
19 unique and you're not going to do it this way again?

20 MS. PERKINS: I would imagine this may come up  
21 again.

22 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay.

23 MR. ALTOM: I would, too.

24 MS. PRESTON: And we are working to address the  
25 issue in coordination with DCFS and our agencies. We

1 just have not come up with a solution that will allow  
2 those kids to remain in those placements and still  
3 meet the requirements.

4 MR. TOLLETTE: Mr. Chairman, there was a motion  
5 on the floor and I seconded it.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN: There was a motion, yes.

7 MR. TOLLETTE: I second.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, a motion and a second. Any  
9 discussion?

10 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

12 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

14 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. Thank you, ma'am.

16 MS. FANCHER: Item no. 8 is also a request by  
17 Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter for a special  
18 consideration for Standard 201.11 for two male  
19 siblings, ages 11 and 16, to remain in their emergency  
20 program past the 90 days. The request is time limited  
21 to June 30, 2019. This request would allow for the  
22 children to complete their school year and also remain  
23 close in the area with their family. The agency and  
24 DCFS feels this placement is in the best interest of  
25 the children to remain with Northwest Arkansas

1 Children's Shelter to complete their current school  
2 year and remain close to visit with family, including  
3 the childrens' father, although these children will  
4 remain in the emergency placement program, the agency  
5 has agreed to meet all the requirements of the regular  
6 residential program. This special consideration  
7 request is time limited and will expire on June 30,  
8 2019. The Placement and Residential Licensing Unit is  
9 in support of this request. Again, this is Sadie  
10 Perkins, Case Manager with Northwest Arkansas  
11 Children's Shelter.

12 MR. ALTOM: I'll make a motion to approve this  
13 one as well.

14 MR. WHATLEY: I'll second.

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
16 discussion?

17 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

21 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries.

23 MS. GALUSHA: Good afternoon, I'm Charlotte  
24 Galusha. --

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: (Inaudible) in DCFS custody, but



1 it wasn't DCFS making the request.

2 MS. DOHERTY: I know, but I kind of felt voting  
3 on it one way or -- I mean --

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, I get it. I get it. Okay.

5 MS. DOHERTY: I mean, if I can vote, I would vote  
6 yes.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Well, thank you for that.

8 MS. GALUSHA: I'm Charlotte Galusha with  
9 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit, and DCFS has  
10 requested special consideration for Regulation 209.2  
11 that "each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet  
12 of floor space per occupant," and they have placed two  
13 female foster children into the home of their aunt and  
14 uncle. The bedroom for the children measures 88.42  
15 square feet, which is less than the requirement of 50  
16 square feet per child. The children have reportedly  
17 lived with their aunt and uncle in the past. DCFS  
18 feels that this placement is in the best interest of  
19 the children in order to maintain them with family.  
20 Temporary approval was granted was granted on 4/9/19,  
21 and this request is specific to the children currently  
22 placed. I made a visit to the home myself on May  
23 13th, and the Licensing Unit does support this  
24 request. Amanda Baker from DCFS is here with me in  
25 case you have any questions.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: How old are the children?

2 MS. BAKER: 16 and 13.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Two teen-aged girls sharing a  
4 bedroom. That's cool?

5 MR. WHATLEY: That's a lot of drama.

6 MR. TOLLETTE: I'd like to, Mr. Chairman, make a  
7 motion that we accept the request.

8 MR. ALTOM: I second.

9 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
10 discussion?

11 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

15 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: DCFS abstains.

17 MS. GALUSHA: Thank you.

18 MS. CARLTON: I'm Rachel Carlton. This is Item  
19 10. DCFS is requesting special consideration to allow  
20 three people in a bedroom that measures 137 square  
21 feet. The occupants of this room would be the foster  
22 mother, her 10-year-old special needs daughter, and  
23 her 8-month-old nephew. This is the best sleeping  
24 arrangement for this family, and it is in the best  
25 interest of the child to be close to his foster

1 mother, who is his aunt, so he can have his needs  
2 attended to quickly. This is the largest bedroom in  
3 the home. The two other bedrooms are occupied by the  
4 foster mother's 16 and 19-year-old daughters, and  
5 neither of these rooms measure large enough for two  
6 occupants. Temporary approval was granted by Shirley  
7 Preston on 4/12/19. PRLU supports this request as it  
8 is child specific and in the best interest of the  
9 child. With me is Kale Eaton with DCFS to answer any  
10 questions.

11 MR. WHATLEY: I make a motion to approve the  
12 request.

13 MS. FOTI: I second.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
15 discussion?

16 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

20 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

22 MS. FANCHER: For Item 11, DCFS is requesting  
23 special consideration for 209.7 in the same home to  
24 allow opposite gender children to share a room. The  
25 occupants of the room would be the foster mother, her

1 10-year-old special needs daughter, and the 8-month-  
2 old nephew. This is the best sleeping arrangement for  
3 this family and is in the best interest of the child  
4 to be close to his who is his aunt. The home was  
5 visited on April 29th and was in good standing with  
6 licensing regulations.

7 MR. TOLLETTE: I make a motion, Mr. Chair, that  
8 we accept the request.

9 MR. ALTOM: Second.

10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
11 discussion?

12 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

14 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

16 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

18 MS. CARLTON: Okay, this is Item no. 12. DCFS is  
19 requesting special consideration for 211.5, "Foster  
20 homes shall not have more than five foster children in  
21 care. A foster home shall not have more than eight  
22 children in their home including their own children.  
23 This includes placement or respite care." Licensing  
24 visited this home on April 29, 2019, and found  
25 adequate sleeping arrangements and a clean and tidy

1 very spacious home. The foster parents have two  
2 children of their own, a five-year-old daughter and a  
3 six-year-old son, and are prepared for a sibling group  
4 of seven to join their home. With their own children,  
5 this totals nine children in the home. There are  
6 three bedrooms downstairs for the children and a loft  
7 space upstairs. This request is child specific and in  
8 the best interest of the children to keep the sibling  
9 group together. A temporary approval was granted by  
10 Shirley Preston on April 19, 2019. PRLU supports this  
11 request and this is Vickie Robinson if you have any  
12 questions.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: So this sibling group of seven are  
14 like 10, 9, 6, 5, 4, 3, and 20 months old?

15 MS. CARLTON: That's correct.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: That's what I'm reading here.

17 MS. CARLTON: That is correct.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: And their current children are  
19 eight years old and five years old.

20 MS. ROBINSON: No, five and six.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry?

22 MS. ROBINSON: Five and six.

23 MR. CHAIRMAN: That's a lot of kids.

24 MR. WHATLEY: So there's nine in the home,  
25 correct?

1 MS. CARLTON: That's correct.

2 MR. ALTOM: And transportation of these children,  
3 some of them, I know, are required to have car seats,  
4 right? So have we checked that?

5 MS. CARLTON: Yes, we have checked that, and they  
6 are very aware of the ones that will need to have car  
7 seats or booster seats, and they have already  
8 purchased those or they already had those already.  
9 They have two vehicles that are large enough. The  
10 family -- once the children are placed there, the  
11 family is looking into purchasing one of those great  
12 big vans that would transport all of the family  
13 together, and they have the finances to support that.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: And they have the time to do this?

15 MS. CARLTON: Yes, he is an executive of Wal-  
16 Mart. She is a stay at home mom and has plenty of  
17 time. They have a lot of family that lives in the  
18 neighborhood. The grandparents will be living  
19 directly next door and can provide a lot of support  
20 for her.

21 MR. TOLLETTE: Well, I saw the financial  
22 disclosure. It looks pretty comfortable and --

23 MS. CARLTON: Right.

24 MR. TOLLETTE: And they're not here, are they?

25 MS. CARLTON: No, they are not.

1 MR. TOLLETTE: I'd like to see these angels.

2 MS. CARLTON: I had a picture

3 MR. TOLLETTE: (Inaudible)

4 MS. CARLTON: They're very sweet. I have one on  
5 my phone if you'd --

6 MR. TOLLETTE: No, no, that's okay. But, you  
7 know, the other part to me -- and I'm going to make a  
8 motion to accept the request, Mr. Chair -- is keeping  
9 the family together.

10 MS. CARLTON: Right.

11 MR. TOLLETTE: And then we're looking at this as  
12 still temporary. Are you going to come back again in  
13 this request or is this long-term, Mr. Chair?

14 MS. CARLTON: This will be a long-term placement  
15 for these children.

16 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay, long-term. So it's going to  
17 be a home forever, so to speak.

18 MS. ROBINSON: That's correct.

19 MS. DOHERTY: Long summer.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: You said a long-term placement.  
21 That means you'll come back in two years with a --

22 MS. ROBINSON: Absolutely.

23 MS. CARLTON: Okay, so the children -- parental  
24 rights have already been terminated for these -- for  
25 this sibling group of seven. This is a foster-adopt

1 family that has asked --

2 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay. (Inaudible)

3 MS. CARLTON: So this will be a permanent home  
4 for these children.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Got you. So they plan on  
6 adoption?

7 MS. CARLTON: They absolutely plan on adopting  
8 these children.

9 MR. ALTOM: I second.

10 MR. CHAIRMAN: A motion has been made, a second.  
11 Any discussion?

12 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

14 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

16 MS. DOHERTY: I abstain.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

18 MS. CARLTON: Thank you.

19 MS. THOMPSON: Hi. I'm Darla Thompson with  
20 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit, and I'm here  
21 with Counseling and Education Center, Incorporation  
22 requesting a special consideration for a therapeutic  
23 foster home to P311.6. The Standard states that, "One  
24 therapeutic foster home shall not exceed two children  
25 except for a sibling group." And in that case, it's



1 the maximum limit is three. Counseling and Education  
2 Center is requesting the placement of a 13-year-old  
3 non-related therapeutic foster home male in the home  
4 with the foster parent who currently has a 13-year-old  
5 therapeutic foster child, male and a 14-year-old  
6 therapeutic foster child, female in the home. DCFS and  
7 Counseling Education Center feels that the TFC home  
8 will be the most appropriate to meet the mental health  
9 and behavioral health needs for the child. This will  
10 be child specific and time limited until May 31, of  
11 2021. Placement and Residential Licensing completed a  
12 home visit on 1/15/19 with no violations noted, and  
13 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit supports the  
14 request. And I have Mr. Solomon with Counseling and  
15 Education Center here in case you have any questions.

16 MR. TOLLETTE: So Mr. Solomon, this is a little  
17 special request. Is there something about the child  
18 unrelated that has prompted this or can you articulate  
19 anything to us?

20 MR. SOLOMON: Well, the foster parent has a prior  
21 history with the child and has shown -- the child has  
22 showed that he improved with behaviorally,  
23 educationally. He'd just doing better within this  
24 home, so --

25 MR. TOLLETTE: With this setting?

1 MR. SOLOMON: Yes.

2 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay, versus the other setting?

3 MR. SOLOMON: Right, right.

4 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay. Well, if there's no other  
5 comment, I'd like to make a motion, Mr. Chair, to  
6 accept the request.

7 MR. WHATLEY: I'll second.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
9 discussion?

10 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

12 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

14 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

16 MS. FANCHER: Susan Fancher with Placement and  
17 Residential Licensing Unit. You should have a request  
18 before you from H.A.V.E.N. They are requesting a  
19 change of status for an address change from their  
20 current location, 1701 Donaghey in Conway to 3240  
21 Sterner Road in Conway. The agency feels the newer  
22 and larger facility will more serve the needs of their  
23 girls that they serve. The agency is in compliance  
24 with the licensing standards and PRLU is in support of  
25 this request. Director Marty Jones is here with me

1 today to answer any questions that you might have.

2 MR. ALTOM: Is this a new facility?

3 MS. JONES: It is.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, it looks new.

5 MS. JONES: Yeah, it's brand new, yes.

6 MR. ALTOM: Congratulations.

7 MS. JONES: Thank you so much.

8 MR. ALTOM: And I make a motion to accept the  
9 request.

10 MR. WHATLEY: And I'll second.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
12 discussion?

13 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

17 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. Congratulations.

19 MS. JONES: Thank you so much, appreciate it.

20 MS. WHITE: Item no. 16. I'm Lakesha White,  
21 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I'm here  
22 today regarding a special consideration. DCFS is  
23 requesting a special consideration for Regulation  
24 209.2 which state, "Each bedroom shall have at least  
25 50 square feet of floor space per occupant." DCFS is

1 requesting this special consideration to allow three  
2 boys, ages 14, 11, and 4 to share a room that is 129  
3 square feet, which is 21 square feet less than the 150  
4 needed for three people. DCFS would like to place the  
5 three boys in this bedroom to allow Ms. B's son and  
6 daughter-in-law to move into the home to help her care  
7 for her great-grandchildren that came into care in  
8 November of 2018. Placing the children in this home  
9 will also help them continue to bond with their  
10 grandmother, aunt, and uncle. This special  
11 consideration is child specific to the children  
12 listed. PRLU granted a temporary approval on 3/12 of  
13 '19. PRLU completed a monitor visit on 3/20 of '19.  
14 PRLU supports this request. I have Jennifer Watkins  
15 with DCFS if you have any additional questions.

16 MR. ALTOM: I'll make a motion to approve the  
17 request.

18 MR. TOLLETTE: I second.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
20 discussion?

21 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

25 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

2 MS. WHITE: Item no. 17, Lakesha White --

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Which one?

4 MS. WHITE: Excuse me?

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Did you say 17?

6 MS. WHITE: 17.

7 MS. PRESTON: Item 15 was postponed.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Right, okay.

9 MS. WHITE: Lakesha White, Placement and

10 Residential Licensing Unit. I'm here today regarding  
11 a special consideration from DCFS. DCFS is requesting  
12 a special consideration for regulation 209.10 which  
13 states, "Foster Children except infants under the age  
14 of two years shall not share a sleeping room with  
15 adults. This age would increase to age 4 for  
16 grandparents of a child and a teen parent in foster  
17 care with her child." DCFS is requesting this special  
18 consideration to allow 14-year-old Cheyenne to share a  
19 room with her maternal grandmother. The bedroom that  
20 the two will share measures 153 square feet. Cheyenne  
21 will sleep in the twin bed, and her grandmother will  
22 sleep in her own bed. The family have cleared the  
23 necessary background checks and participated in in-  
24 home consultation to open as a provisional foster  
25 home. The benefits of placing these children in this

1 home is that they will be placed with family. They  
2 will also be able to maintain in their same school  
3 district and participate in school activities. A  
4 temporary approval was granted on 4/8 of '19. A  
5 monitored visit was completed on 4/25/19. This  
6 request is child specific and will expire on 5/30 of  
7 2021. PRLU supports this request, and I have Jennifer  
8 Watkins with DCFS if you have any additional  
9 questions.

10 MR. WHATLEY: I'll make a motion to approve the  
11 request.

12 MR. ALTOM: I second.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
14 discussion?

15 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

19 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

21 MS. WHITE: Item no. 18. Lakesha White,  
22 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I'm here  
23 today regarding a special consideration for DCFS.  
24 DCFS is requesting a special consideration for  
25 Regulation 209.2 which states, "Each bedroom shall

1 have at least 50 square feet of floor space per  
2 occupant." DCFS is requesting this special  
3 consideration to allow a sibling group of three boys,  
4 ages 2, 6, and 10 to share a room that is 105 square  
5 feet, which is 45 square feet less than the 150 needed  
6 for three people. DCFS would like to place the  
7 children in this home to allow them to maintain their  
8 sibling bond. This special consideration is child  
9 specific to the children listed. PRLU granted a  
10 temporary approval on 4/9 of '19. PRLU completed a  
11 home visit on 4/16 of '19, and the bedroom consists of  
12 a set of bunk beds and a crib. PRLU supports this  
13 request. Jennifer Watkins with DCFS if you have any  
14 additional questions.

15 MR. TOLLETTE: I think I want to accept the  
16 request.

17 MS. FOTI: I'll second.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second.

19 MR. TOLLETTE: You look happy about this home and  
20 everything.

21 MS. WATKINS: They're nice people.

22 MR. TOLLETTE: Pretty good place?

23 MS. WATKINS: Uh-huh, yes.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion?

25 MR. TOLLETTE: No, sir, Mr. Chair.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor signify by saying,  
2 aye.

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

7 MS. WHITE: Okay, Item no. 19. Lakesha White,  
8 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. DCFS is  
9 requesting a special consideration for Regulation  
10 209.1 which states, "Each household occupant shall  
11 have a bedroom that provides privacy." DCFS is  
12 requesting this special consideration to allow G.B.'s  
13 four grandchildren to be placed in her home. G.B.  
14 currently resides in a three-bedroom home. G.B. is  
15 willing to allow her grandchildren to occupy the  
16 bedroom and she will sleep on the couch. G.B. stated  
17 she prefers to sleep on the couch since her husband  
18 passed away. G.B. has been cleared of all background  
19 checks and participated in in-home consultation to be  
20 open as a provisional foster home. The benefits of  
21 placing the children in this home is that they will be  
22 placed with a relative. The children will also be  
23 placed together to continue their sibling bond. PRLU  
24 granted a temporary request on 4/9 of '19. A monitor  
25 visit was completed on 4/25 of '19. The request is



1 child specific and will expire on 5/30 of '21. PRLU  
2 supports this request. Jennifer Watkins with DCFS if  
3 you have additional questions.

4 MS. WATKINS: Ms. Goldie hasn't slept in her  
5 bedroom since her husband died last year. She's been  
6 sleeping --

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: I'd like to meet her someday,  
8 willing to sleep on the couch.

9 MR. TOLLETTE: Have you seen the couch?

10 MS. WATKINS: I have.

11 MR. TOLLETTE: Is it a nice couch?

12 MS. WATKINS: I guess. I don't know if I'd want  
13 to sleep on it.

14 MR. TOLLETTE: (Inaudible) slept on the couch on  
15 occasion.

16 MS. WATKINS: She said she's slept there since  
17 her husband passed away and she doesn't feel  
18 comfortable going back in her bedroom without --

19 MR. TOLLETTE: But seriously, I was thinking of a  
20 sleeper sofa. I mean, that was what I was trying to  
21 get to in terms of her rest.

22 MS. WATKINS: It's just a regular couch.

23 MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, sir, well, I think I need to  
24 make a motion to accept the request, Mr. Chair, if I  
25 may.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes. And there's a second to  
2 that, right.

3 MR. WHATLEY: I'll second.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any further  
5 discussion?

6 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

10 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries and DCFS abstains.

12 MS. WATKINS: Thank you.

13 MS. ROUSE: Good afternoon. Shannon Rouse,  
14 Placement and Residential Licensing. I have Item no.  
15 20. DCFS is requesting a special consideration for  
16 Regulation 209.7. Regulation 209.7 states, "Children  
17 of the opposite sex shall not share the same bedroom  
18 if either child is four years old or older except for  
19 a parent in foster care with her child." DCFS is  
20 requesting a opposite sex sibling group of three to  
21 share the same bedroom to keep them together. The  
22 sibling group consists of two males, ages 5 and 1, and  
23 one female, age 3. A home visit was conducted on  
24 5/1/2019. This request is child specific based on  
25 supporting documentation. PRLU supports this request,

1 and I have Ms. Angela Hill with DCFS if you have any  
2 further questions.

3 MR. TOLLETTE: And they're brothers and sisters?

4 MS. HILL: Yes, sir.

5 MS. FOTI: Is there any history of any sexual  
6 acting out?

7 MS. HILL: No, ma'am.

8 MR. ALTOM: Or sexual abuse?

9 MS. HILL: No.

10 MR. ALTOM: They haven't, okay. I'll make a  
11 motion to approve the request.

12 MS. FOTI: I'll second.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
14 discussion?

15 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

19 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

21 MS. ROUSE: Thank you.

22 MS. PRESTON: Items 21 and 22 have been removed  
23 from the agenda.

24 MS. WHITE: Item no. 23. Lakesha White,  
25 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit here today

1 regarding -- DCFS is requesting a special  
2 consideration for Regulation 209.2 which states, "Each  
3 bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor  
4 space per occupant." DCFS is requesting this special  
5 consideration to allow a sibling group of three girls.  
6 Ages 5, 8, and 9 to share a room that is 129 square  
7 feet, which is 21 square feet less than the 150 needed  
8 for three people. DCFS would like to place the  
9 children in this home to allow a sibling group to be  
10 reunited. Placing the children in this home is also  
11 in the best interest of the children. This special  
12 consideration is child specific to the children  
13 listed. PRLU granted a temporary approval on 3/27 of  
14 '19. PRLU completed a monitor visit on -- that's a  
15 typo -- 3/12 of '19. PRLU supports this request.  
16 Patricia Herring with DCFS is here if you have any  
17 additional questions.

18 MR. WHATLEY: I'll make a motion to approve the  
19 request.

20 MR. TOLLETTE: I'll second.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Three girls. That's going to be  
22 interesting. So a motion has been made and seconded.  
23 Any discussion?

24 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

3 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

5 MS. WHITE: And this is putting a sibling group  
6 of five back together, three girls and two baby boys.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Good.

8 MR. TOLLETTE: I noticed the discussion is over,  
9 one bathroom for three girls?

10 MS. WHITE: Yes, God bless them.

11 MR. TOLLETTE: I've got daughters.

12 MS. WHITE: Item no. 24. Lakesha White,  
13 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I'm here  
14 regarding DCFS is requesting a special consideration  
15 for Regulation 209.2 which states "Each bedroom shall  
16 have at least 50 square feet of floor space per  
17 occupant." DCFS is requesting this special  
18 consideration to allow three girls, ages 9, 14, and 16  
19 to share a room that is 116 square feet, which is 34  
20 square feet less than the 150 square feet needed for  
21 three people. DCFS would like to place the children  
22 in this home to allow them to be placed together with  
23 family and maintain their sibling bond. The girls  
24 would also be able to stay in their same school  
25 district and participate in school activities. PRLU

1 granted a temporary approval on 4/11/19. A monitor  
2 visit was completed on 4/26 of '19. PRLU supports  
3 this request. Jennifer Watkins with DCFS is here if  
4 you have any additional questions.

5 MR. TOLLETTE: Well, Jennifer, you've been  
6 standing there --

7 MS. WATKINS: I know. I'm busy.

8 MR. TOLLETTE: I'm going to give you a hard ball  
9 question.

10 MS. WATKINS: Okay.

11 MR. TOLLETTE: Since the Chairman is putting all  
12 these young ladies together in these rooms, I know  
13 there's going to be challenges. I want you to report  
14 any difficulties to him.

15 MS. WATKINS: To him, okay.

16 MR. TOLLETTE: Yeah. But really, how are the  
17 kids grades? How are they doing academically?

18 MS. WATKINS: Unfortunately, I do not know that  
19 answer. I can find out, though.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there bunk beds?

21 MS. WATKINS: Uh-huh, a set of bunk beds.

22 MR. ALTOM: How many kids, total, in the home?

23 MS. WATKINS: There's four. She has a --

24 MS. WHITE: There's four children. There's three  
25 girls and a boy.

1 MR. ALTOM: Okay, so there's a boy's bedroom and  
2 then the girls' bedroom obviously.

3 MS. WATKINS: Yes.

4 MR. TOLLETTE: But, you know, maybe -- but how  
5 are they doing academically? You wanted to keep them  
6 in the sibling group and keep them in the school area.  
7 It'd be kind of nice if the Board kind of saw how they  
8 were doing academically within that, too.

9 MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm sure you'll be putting that  
10 into the case management plan, right?

11 MS. WATKINS: I will. I'm actually covering for  
12 my coworker right now, so unfortunately -- but we will  
13 take care of that and make sure we follow up on that.

14 MS. PRESTON: And also, just to make the Board  
15 aware, the representatives from DCFS that appear for  
16 our requests, they do not have the case management  
17 responsibility for the children.

18 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay.

19 MS. PRESTON: Only the home management.

20 MS. DOHERTY: But she'll certainly go back and  
21 communicate that to the --

22 MR. TOLLETTE: Yeah, it may be out of the ball  
23 park, but I -- for me, it would be -- if we're doing  
24 this for them to maintain a continuity, then in some  
25 way, if they're doing good academically, they're

1 getting along, then it's wholesome in some ways, if  
2 that makes sense. So I was just kind of curious about  
3 that.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: So back to Andy's question, this  
5 says "boys' bedroom". Are boys also living in the  
6 home?

7 MS. WATKINS: Well, she has two sons, the  
8 applicant does.

9 MR. CHAIRMAN: How old are they; do you know?

10 MS. WATKINS: They are 18 and 13.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: And the Licensing Unit feels this  
12 would be in the best interest of the children?

13 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.

14 MR. TOLLETTE: And you visited the home?

15 MS. WHITE: I did.

16 MR. TOLLETTE: And you stand on it?

17 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.

18 MR. TOLLETTE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a  
19 motion to accept the request.

20 MR. ALTOM: I second.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any further  
22 discussion?

23 MR. TOLLETTE: We cautiously did this, didn't we,  
24 Mr. Chairman? We cautiously did this?

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, we did cautiously.



1 MR. TOLLETTE: This was cautiously done. I agree  
2 with what the (Inaudible) was.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, so any further discussion?

4 MR. TOLLETTE: No, sir.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

8 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

9 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

10 MS. WATKINS: Thank you.

11 MS. PRESTON: Mr. Chair, if we could move Item 25  
12 to the bottom of the agenda. The representative is  
13 stuck in traffic.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Back to the end, okay.

15 MS. DOHERTY: She's 15 miles away.

16 MS. PRESTON: Oh, someone's here for her, okay.

17 Then never mind. Someone -- another --

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Are we on 25 now?

19 MS. PRESTON: Yes, we are on 25.

20 MS. WHITE: On number 25, also, Jennifer -- the  
21 other -- there was another resource worker that was  
22 supposed to be here for that. Jennifer actually  
23 stepped in for that resource worker due to a wreck on  
24 the interstate.

25 MS. DOHERTY: Actually, now she's behind another

1 second wreck, and she's 15 miles from here now. She's  
2 having a hard time getting here.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Tell her to turn around and go  
4 home.

5 MS. WHITE: Okay, Item number 25. Lakesha White,  
6 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. DCFS is  
7 requesting a special consideration for Regulation  
8 209.2 which states, "Each bedroom shall have at least  
9 50 square feet of floor space per occupant." DCFS is  
10 requesting this special consideration to allow two  
11 males, ages 16 months and 10 months to share a room  
12 that is 84 square feet, which is 16 square feet less  
13 than the 100 square feet needed for two people. DCFS  
14 would like to place the children in this home to allow  
15 them to be placed together and with family. PRLU  
16 granted a temporary approval on 4/12 of '19. A  
17 monitor visit was completed on 4/29 of '19. This  
18 request is child specific. PRLU supports this  
19 request. Patricia Herring with DCFS if you have any  
20 additional questions.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Are these two children cousins?  
22 It doesn't say they're -- I don't think it says  
23 they're siblings. Ten months and 16 months?

24 MS. HERRING: I'm not sure if they're cousins.  
25 I'm going to assume they're -- I think they're

1 brothers, aren't they? I'm not totally sure about  
2 that. The county that these children are in is  
3 Mississippi County, so it's a poor county. So I --  
4 Tarsha, who's in traffic, actually got this case. I  
5 used to be the case manager for Mississippi County, so  
6 I can just talk in general. Well, I have a lot of  
7 grandparents that are stepping up and taking my babies  
8 out of Mississippi County and a lot of them just  
9 aren't financially as, you know, they don't have the  
10 money. And so they're still willing to take these  
11 kids, and that's kind of what we have here, a grandma  
12 who was willing to take the children but just don't  
13 have the space, so.

14 MR. TOLLETTE: And she's the grandma of the  
15 siblings or --

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, it doesn't say siblings  
17 here.

18 MR. TOLLETTE: Well they're nephews, related?

19 MS. HERRING: They are related. They're either  
20 going to be related -- there's going to be a grandma,  
21 an aunt or uncle. Mostly that's what we get:  
22 grandmas, aunts and uncles stepping forward. But it's  
23 just a poorer county so little things like this, we  
24 like to just like thank you very much, God bless you.

25 MR. TOLLETTE: I came from Lowell, Arkansas. I

1 understand. I ran barefoot down the dirt roads, so.  
2 Let me ask you this -- oh, go ahead. Go ahead.

3 MR. ALTOM: I was going to ask, what's the total  
4 number of children in the home?

5 MR. TOLLETTE: That was going to be my question,  
6 Andy, how many children in there.

7 MS. HERRING: I'm not sure the total number. I  
8 could text her after in traffic.

9 MS. DOHERTY: No, just let her drive right now.  
10 Don't text her. She's already been behind two wrecks.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, according to this, there's  
12 three children.

13 MR. TOLLETTE: Right, three.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, and so these two little ones  
15 will be -- make it five.

16 MR. ALTOM: I just saw the first two names, and I  
17 thought those were children's names, but they're --  
18 that's different.

19 MR. TOLLETTE: And you've been in the home?

20 MS. HERRING: I have.

21 MR. TOLLETTE: A lot of love?

22 MS. HERRING: Yes.

23 MR. TOLLETTE: Well, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
24 make a motion that we accept the request.

25 MR. ALTOM: I'll second.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any further  
2 discussion?

3 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

9 MS. HERRING: Thank you.

10 MS. FANCHER: Susan Fancher with the Placement  
11 and Residential Licensing Unit. I have Items 26  
12 through 29. Item no. 26 is a request from Soaring  
13 Wings Ranch. Soaring Wings Ranch is requesting a  
14 special consideration for Standard 501.10 to allow a  
15 two-year-old child to remain in their residential  
16 family style program. This request is time limited  
17 for no longer than six months until November 30, 2019.  
18 An initial request was approved on May 22, 2018, for  
19 ten months to allow this child to be placed in this  
20 program since he had reached his 90th day in their  
21 emergency program. However, an extension is needed at  
22 this time due to unforeseen circumstances for an  
23 additional six months. And here with me today is  
24 Andrew Watson with Soaring Wings Ranch to answer any  
25 questions that you might have.

1           MR. CHAIRMAN: You tell us about the unforeseen  
2 circumstances.

3           MR. WATSON: Unforeseen circumstances, Mom had  
4 been incarcerated. She is out now. She's doing  
5 really well, and that's what we were hoping, that she  
6 would be doing well, but she's not quite ready to take  
7 care of a two-year-old. And so what we're asking for  
8 today is an extension on his time because she's  
9 actually wanting us to continue to take care of him  
10 while she gets the help that she needs. She's also  
11 employed at a full-time job and, you know, saving up  
12 money trying to find out, you know, what she's going  
13 to do for an education to have gainful employment in  
14 the future, get a home, all those kind of things. So  
15 we're doing our very best to help that mom to be ready  
16 for when he -- whenever she's ready to take him back.

17           MR. WHATLEY: But the two-year-old is doing well?

18           MR. WATSON: Doing very well, no problems at all.  
19 He adjusted to the ranch very well, and he's just a  
20 playful two-year-old. And the other thing is, is that  
21 while Mom was incarcerated, we were taking him twice a  
22 month to West Memphis for those visits. She's  
23 currently in a place called Cornerstone. It's in  
24 Newport, and we went to Cornerstone, looked around,  
25 asked a lot of questions to make sure that this was a

1 good next step for Mom. We were confident that that  
2 was a good next step for Mom, so their social worker  
3 person is working with our social worker. We're  
4 working together to try to unite this family, and this  
5 child gets visits with Mom while at Cornerstone.  
6 She's in the first phase right now, so there's no  
7 overnight visits, but what will happen when this child  
8 enters -- or excuse me, when Mom enters the second  
9 phase is, is that he will be able to go periodically  
10 and stay the weekend with Mom.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Cornerstone is a transitional  
12 program?

13 MR. WATSON: It is, yes.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

15 MR. TOLLETTE: Dad's not in the picture?

16 MR. WATSON: No dad in the picture.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you have an idea of when she  
18 will complete the Cornerstone program?

19 MR. WATSON: You know, I wish I had the answer to  
20 that but it may be -- I mean, she may be there for a  
21 year. I don't know. But we at least wanted to ask  
22 for six months because we know -- we know it's going  
23 to take her at least six months. But I may have to  
24 come back to you guys and ask for a longer time, but  
25 if I do, it is because this is a successful thing that

1 is continuing. And it was out desire that once  
2 they're reunited that that's it, that they're together  
3 from now on and he's not needing to come back to us in  
4 the future.

5 MR. WHATLEY: Reunification is obviously is the  
6 goal --

7 MR. WATSON: That is absolutely --

8 MR. WHATLEY: and moving forward with that, but  
9 just don't have the times specific --

10 MR. WATSON: Yes, yes.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: So would it be easier to make a  
12 request for a 12-month extension as opposed to a six  
13 month?

14 MR. WATSON: I'd love to do 12 months if y'all  
15 are okay with giving us another 12-month --

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: How do we do that?

17 MS. CHAVIS: Amend it.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: They didn't request 12, but I'm  
19 thinking --

20 MS. CHAVIS: They can amend their request.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: So are you amending your request?

22 MR. WATSON: I am amending the request.

23 MR. CHAIRMAN: To 12 months?

24 MR. WATSON: Yes, sir.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, we have an amended request



1 to 12 months.

2 MR. TOLLETTE: I'll put a vote on the amendment,  
3 Mr. Chair.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Huh?

5 MR. TOLLETTE: Don't we have to approve that  
6 amendment?

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Are you making a motion to  
8 approve --

9 MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, sir.

10 MR. CHAIRMAN: There's a motion. Is there a  
11 second?

12 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. All in favor  
14 is there any discussion?

15 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: None. All in favor signify by  
17 saying, aye.

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

20 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries for 12 months.

22 MR. WATSON: Thank you, appreciate it. The main  
23 thing is, we just didn't want y'all to think that we  
24 were trying to keep the --

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: No, we're good.

1 MR. WATSON: -- the little kiddo indefinitely, so  
2 anyway.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: We're good.

4 MR. WATSON: Thank y'all so much.

5 MS. FANCHER: Item no. 27 has a request from  
6 United Methodist Children's Home for their Winfred  
7 Polk Home, as a request for a status change, for a  
8 license type change from a residential child care  
9 facility to a residential family style care, and a  
10 placement and residential licensing unit is in support  
11 of this request. And here with me today is Craig  
12 Gammon with the United Methodist Children's Home to  
13 answer any questions that you might have.

14 MR. WHATLEY: Assuming you've been operating that  
15 way already for quite a while, does that change --

16 MR. GAMMON: We're working with that, and with  
17 the Family's First changes. That is not going to be a  
18 QRTP homes. We want to make sure that we have the  
19 contingency available for a family style for the next  
20 year.

21 MR. WHATLEY: Got you.

22 MR. TOLLETTE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a  
23 motion to accept the request.

24 MS. FOTI: I'll second.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second has been made.

1 Any further discussion?

2 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor signify by  
4 saying, aye.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries.

9 MR. ALTOM: I abstain.

10 MR. CHAIRMAN: And Andy abstains.

11 MS. FANCHER: Item no. 28 is a request from the  
12 United Methodist Children's Home for their  
13 Fayetteville home, and they are requesting a status  
14 change and license type from residential child care  
15 facility to a residential family style care. And the  
16 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit is in support  
17 of this request as well.

18 MR. WHATLEY: I'll make a motion to approve the  
19 request.

20 MR. TOLLETTE: And I second.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
22 discussion?

23 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

25 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same..

2 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: And Mr. Altom abstains.

4 MS. FANCHER: Item no. 29 is a request from the  
5 United Methodist Children's Home for their Dacus RTC  
6 facility for a change in status for non-adverse  
7 reduction in capacity from 28 to 25 due to the  
8 transfer of three beds to their Little Rock facility,  
9 and the PRLU is in support of this request.

10 MR. TOLLETTE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a  
11 motion that we accept the request.

12 MS. DOHERTY: I'll second.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
14 discussion?

15 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor signify by  
17 saying, aye.

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

20 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Andy you abstain. Motion Carries.

22 MR. ARNOLD: Mr. Chairman, I'm Charles Arnold  
23 with the Licensing Unit. I'm here with Ms. Beth  
24 Stevens from Counseling Associates, and they are  
25 requesting a special consideration to Standard number

1 311.6, that the number of children in a therapeutic  
2 foster home shall not exceed two except in the case of  
3 a sibling group. In that case, a maximum of three.  
4 And then that there'll be no more than five total in  
5 the home. Counseling Associates is requesting to have  
6 a total of six children in this particular therapeutic  
7 foster home of Mark and Lacey. They have four  
8 children of their own and two therapeutic children  
9 placed in the home already. And they are requesting  
10 -- excuse me, they have one therapeutic child placed  
11 already, and they're asking for her sister to be added  
12 to this home to make a total number of six in the  
13 home. This is time limited to 3/31 of 2021 -- excuse  
14 me, 5/31 of 2021. A temporary approval was given in  
15 February of 2019, and the Placement and Residential  
16 Licensing Unit supports this request.

17 MR. ALTOM: I make a motion to approve the  
18 request in the light of the fact that this keeps the  
19 two siblings together.

20 MR. TOLLETTE: I second.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
22 discussion, and I have a question. The two TFC  
23 children, how old are they?

24 MS. STEVENS: 10 and 11.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: 10 and 11, okay.

1 MS. STEVENS: They are girls.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Male, female?

3 MS. STEVENS: Both girls. Both girls, and they  
4 share a room.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We've got a motion and a  
6 second. Any further discussion?

7 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor signify by  
9 saying, aye.

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

12 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. Thank you.

14 MR. ARNOLD: Mr. Chairman, Charles Arnold again.  
15 This is Item no. 31 on the agenda. I'm here with Ms.  
16 Theresa Hamilton from Community Services, and they are  
17 requesting a special consideration to Standard 309.10,  
18 "Foster children except infants under the age of two  
19 years old shall not share a sleeping room with adults.  
20 This age would increase to age 4 for grandparents or a  
21 teen parent with her child." Community Services is  
22 requesting this special consideration to allow the  
23 child who is now two years old to stay in the master  
24 bedroom. He was born on 3/2 of '17 and just turned  
25 two. He is a non-therapeutic child placed in this

1 home with his brother that is there for therapeutic  
2 placement. This request is due to the possibility of  
3 aggression towards his little brother, and this will  
4 allow the siblings to stay together but, also, protect  
5 the smaller of the children. A temporary approval was  
6 given on 3/15 of '19. This is a child specific  
7 request and is time limited to May 31st of 2021. The  
8 Placement Unit supports this request.

9 MR. ALTOM: I make a motion to approve the  
10 request.

11 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
13 discussion? I have discussion.

14 MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, how old is R.S.?

15 MS. HAMILTON: He just turned 4 in April.

16 MR. TOLLETTE: And how old is O.S.?"

17 MS. HAMILTON: He turned 2 in March.

18 MR. TOLLETTE: So is R.S. in any kind of  
19 counseling or anything?

20 MS. HAMILTON: Yes. Yes, he's in our therapeutic  
21 foster care program. He's in therapy once a week.  
22 He's in family therapy. Case management comes to the  
23 home and to the school, his day care, sorry.

24 MR. TOLLETTE: So how many hours, would you say,  
25 he gets of, you know, counseling for aggression?

1 MS. HAMILTON: He's probably -- he is seen at  
2 least three times a week right now.

3 MR. TOLLETTE: Three times a week.

4 MS. HAMILTON: He's having a difficult time. His  
5 mother voluntarily signed her rights away. And so his  
6 aggression has kind of come up and he's taking it out  
7 on the younger brother, so.

8 MR. TOLLETTE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for that  
9 opportunity.

10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. A motion has been made and  
11 seconded. Any more discussion?

12 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor signify by saying,  
14 aye.

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

17 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries.

19 MS. HAMILTON: Thank you.

20 MS. ROUSE: Good afternoon. Shannon Rouse,  
21 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit with Item no.  
22 32. Arbor House has been inactive since 2011.  
23 They've requested in writing for the TFC placement  
24 license to remain open. PRLU recommends the agency's  
25 TFC license be granted to remain open until June 30,



1 2020.

2 MR. ALTOM: Do y'all currently have therapeutic  
3 foster kids right now?

4 MR. JACKSON: No.

5 MR. ALTOM: Do you see that happening in the  
6 horizons?

7 MR. JACKSON: Possibly, yeah. I just want to  
8 keep it open for opportunities.

9 MR. ALTOM: I'll make a motion to approve the  
10 request.

11 MR. TOLLETTE: I second.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: A motion has been made and a  
13 second. Any discussion? I have discussion. So  
14 you've been entering kids since 2011.

15 MR. TOLLETTE: Do you have any sort of plans? I  
16 mean, that's what, seven years ago, eight years ago.

17 MR. JACKSON: Yeah, periodically, I get referrals  
18 from DCFS and I just wanted to keep it open as an  
19 option.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Keeping it open as an  
21 option, that means that the Licensing Specialist will  
22 make annual visits and things like that, right?

23 MR. JACKSON: Correct. And they do already.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you have a plan of action at  
25 all? I mean, to have kids become placed there again

1 or --

2 MR. JACKSON: Yeah, I have a residential -- it's  
3 a residential facility at this time.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Right, I know, but it's been  
5 inactive since 2011. Has something changed or is  
6 there a course of action you're pursuing that's going  
7 to bring kids in there?

8 MR. JACKSON: Yeah, well, we've -- I've started  
9 to talk to therapeutic families who are actually  
10 interested in placement. But I wanted -- I  
11 periodically get referrals and just wanted to kind of  
12 keep it open in case there, you know, a kid that would  
13 fit.

14 MS. PRESTON: Mr. Chair, just so the Board is  
15 aware, the license has never been active.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh, it's never been active?

17 MS. PRESTON: No, it's never been active.

18 MR. ALTOM: How can it not be active?

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, I'm not --

20 MR. TOLLETTE: I just got confused.

21 MS. PRESTON: They applied for a license and it  
22 was approved, but they never actively started a  
23 program.

24 MR. TOLLETTE: So my second was to go to approve  
25 the license?

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, to keep it open.

2 MR. TOLLETTE: But it's not been --

3 MR. WHATLEY: They were granted a license, but  
4 they've never had any children.

5 MR. ALTOM: Don't you have to have homes to be  
6 granted a license?

7 MS. PRESTON: Not in order to receive a license.

8 MR. ALTOM: Oh, I did not know that.

9 MR. CHAIRMAN: This is an educational meeting.

10 MR. TOLLETTE: A question, Mr. Chair, while  
11 you're thinking. Do you have staff?

12 MR. JACKSON: Yes, yes.

13 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay. And so their on -- right  
14 now, if I said, I'm sending a kid to you or whatever,  
15 how does that work?

16 MR. JACKSON: For residential I do.

17 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay, for residential.

18 MR. JACKSON: For therapeutic kids, we -- we  
19 have people available to us. We just have to have  
20 referrals that would fit.

21 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay. And people on the payroll  
22 now?

23 MR. JACKSON: for residential.

24 MR. TOLLETTE: They're on the payroll?

25 MR. JACKSON: Yes, yes, sir.

1 MS. PRESTON: The agency could not accept a  
2 therapeutic placement at this time.

3 MR. ALTOM: Because they have no homes.

4 MS. PRESTON: Because they have no homes and we  
5 have not established that they're in compliance with  
6 minimum licensing standards.

7 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay.

8 MS. PRESTON: Due to no activity.

9 MR. ALTOM: I'm struggling with this. We've  
10 issued a license, but we haven't ever looked at a home  
11 or looked at the training records of the staff that  
12 would be in the home, but we're issuing license? It's  
13 like a place holder? So if I wanted to say I want a  
14 license for this, I've just got to apply. I don't  
15 have to show you anything?

16 MS. PRESTON: Well, in the beginning, they would  
17 have to show us the staff.

18 MR. JACKSON: We did in the beginning.

19 MR. ALTOM: Okay, yes. But then they're like we  
20 are. We don't have a currently have a TFC program,  
21 but we perceive maybe further down the road that we  
22 would want to. That would be why we would request to  
23 keep it open. But my question is, though, they had to  
24 have something that we looked at, that Licensing  
25 looked at, right?

1 MS. PRESTON: They had policies and procedures,  
2 and they had staff in place at the time.

3 MR. WHATLEY: They would have had financial --

4 MS. DOHERTY: That's residential or staff for  
5 TFC?

6 MS. PRESTON: Staff for TFC.

7 MS. DOHERTY: Okay. Like parents.

8 MR. ALTOM: Well, TFC would be a foster --

9 MS. DOHERTY: Therapeutic foster home.

10 MS. PRESTON: No, just the agency staff, not  
11 foster homes.

12 MS. DOHERTY: Not a house with parents.

13 MS. PRESTON: They recruit the homes after they  
14 become licensed.

15 MR. WHATLEY: They would also have provided  
16 financial statements.

17 MS. PRESTON: Yes.

18 MR. WHATLEY: Okay.

19 MS. PRESTON: And we did discuss this very  
20 briefly at our last meeting, that, you know, we were  
21 going to ask for guidance because we're stuck, too.  
22 You know we have several of these agencies that have  
23 never been active, but yet they maintain a license.

24 MR. TOLLETTE: And I'm going to let you know,  
25 this is not personal.

1 MR. JACKSON: Sure. Sure, absolutely.

2 MR. TOLLETTE: This is us trying to --

3 MR. JACKSON: I totally understand.

4 MR. TOLLETTE: -- as a Board that we're doing the  
5 right thing.

6 MR. JACKSON: I totally understand.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm also thinking in terms of the  
8 resources that our staff members have to spend to come  
9 out and check your records and drive there, the  
10 mileage and stuff. And I'm just thinking if you're --  
11 if you don't have a business plan that clearly shows  
12 you're going to start a TFC program at this date and  
13 this time, why should we continue to give a license  
14 not just to you but to these other agencies. I don't  
15 get it.

16 MS. PRESTON: Well, I think it's because our reg  
17 just simply says that they request in writing that  
18 they -- their agency remain inactive. And there's no  
19 other guidelines to say that they have to maintain  
20 staff or, you know, maintain an office or anything.  
21 It's just --

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: Comments, ma'am?

23 MS. CHAVIS: It's just an inactive license. I  
24 mean, it's --

25 MR. ALTOM: There's no review of it other than

1 they have to submit in writing every year --

2 MS. CHAVIS: Correct.

3 MR. ALTOM: -- to keep it open.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: And we don't -- but the staff  
5 don't go out there --

6 MR. ALTOM: No.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- to make a visit to the  
8 facility?

9 MS. CHAVIS: There wouldn't be a reason to unless  
10 they change their status.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh, okay.

12 MR. ALTOM: Yeah.

13 MS. DOHERTY: But you go out there because they  
14 have residential care.

15 MS. PRESTON: Yes, because they have another  
16 program. If it was a stand alone therapeutic program  
17 would not because there's nothing for us to monitor.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

19 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay. I think I'm getting  
20 clearer. Who made the motion?

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Make a motion.

22 MR. TOLLETTE: No, I think Andy did.

23 MR. ALTOM: I made the motion.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh.

25 MR. TOLLETTE: Are you good with your motion,

1 Andy?

2 MR. ALTOM: Yeah, yeah.

3 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay, I still second then.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Motion and a second. Any  
5 further discussion? Please, no.

6 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor signify by saying,  
8 aye.

9 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

11 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. Thank you, sir.

13 I'm sorry to --

14 MR. JACKSON: Thank you, appreciate it.

15 MR. TOLLETTE: Congratulations.

16 MR. JACKSON: Thank you, sir.

17 MS. ROUSE: Good afternoon. Shannon Rouse,  
18 Placement and Residential Licensing with Item no. 33.  
19 Dillon International is requesting an address change.  
20 Dillon has relocated its Arkansas office into the home  
21 of Arkansas Adoption Caseworker, Michelle Hudson. The  
22 new address is 22130 Roland Cutoff Road, Roland,  
23 Arkansas 72135. PRLU supports this change of address  
24 request.

25 MR. WHATLEY: I'll tackle this difficult one and



1 make a motion to approve the request .

2 MS. DOHERTY: I'll second it.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: A motion has been made, a second.  
4 Any discussion? I have some. So Marion is still the  
5 social services director?

6 MS. HUDSON: Yes.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. And Dillon is still -- have  
8 they moved their address in Tulsa at all?

9 MS. HUDSON: No, their main office is still in  
10 Tulsa, Oklahoma.

11 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor say, aye.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: So there's been a motion and  
14 Seconded.

15 MR. TOLLETTE: What is Dillon International? I'm  
16 just --

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Adoption.

18 MR. TOLLETTE: Adoption?

19 MS. HUDSON: We do international adoptions.

20 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: I've done many home studies for  
22 them.

23 MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, sir.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: So is there a motion?

25 MS. DOHERTY: We already did.

1 MR. WHATLEY: Yeah, I made the motion.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: You made a motion. Is there a  
3 second?

4 MS. DOHERTY: I seconded.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: And a second. Any further  
6 discussion?

7 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

9 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same, and I will  
11 abstain since I used to work for them.

12 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. Thank you.

14 MS. HUDSON: Thank you.

15 MR. ARNOLD: Mr. Chairman, this is Item no. 34 on  
16 the agenda. My name is Charles Arnold with the  
17 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I am here  
18 with Caitlyn Brown from Searcy Children's Homes.  
19 Searcy Children's Homes is requesting special  
20 consideration for Standard 212.3, that "Each foster  
21 parent shall maintain a current certificate of  
22 successful completion of hands-on skilled based CPR  
23 First Aid Training." Searcy Children's Home is  
24 requesting this special consideration due to Brian,  
25 the foster parent, foster dad, not being able to

1 complete this CPR and First Aid Training due to his  
2 physical condition. The children are not being left  
3 alone with him according to the safety plan that is in  
4 place, and this is requested child specific to the  
5 children currently placed in this home. A temporary  
6 approval was granted on 4/22 of '19, and the Placement  
7 and Residential Licensing Unit supports this request.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: What is the physical condition?

9 MS. BROWN: He, back in October, had some health  
10 issues come up that has required treatment such as  
11 surgery and chemo and stuff. And so he can't pick up  
12 stuff at the time being because he's going through  
13 physical training or therapy. And so we have made a  
14 safety plan that says he's not to be left alone  
15 without someone else who's CPR trained, which is his  
16 wife at the time, and tomorrow night we have set up  
17 for their oldest son, who's 17 to become CPR trained  
18 as well.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: So his wife does have CPR?

20 MS. BROWN: Uh-huh.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. And then now in a week or  
22 so his son will, also.

23 MS. BROWN: Uh-huh. That's tomorrow night.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

25 MR. WHATLEY: I'll make a motion to approve the

1 request. I believe it meets the intent of regulations  
2 if somebody's there with proper training.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Uh-huh, yeah.

4 MR. ALTOM: I'll second.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
6 discussion?

7 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

9 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

11 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. Thank you.

13 MR. ARNOLD: Mr. Chairman, this is Item no. 35,  
14 again with Searcy Children's Homes. This is a status  
15 change. They are changing their name. Searcy  
16 Children's Homes, Inc. is now requesting their name to  
17 be changed to Sparrow's Promise. This is for the  
18 Placement License No. 206, and the Placement and  
19 Residential Licensing supports this request. Again, I  
20 have Caitlyn Brown here who is Sparrow's Promise now  
21 if this is approved.

22 MR. ALTOM: I'll make a motion to approve the  
23 request.

24 MS. FOTI: I'll second.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any

1 discussion?

2 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

4 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

6 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries.

8 MR. ALTOM: Now, I know all of us that have been  
9 around awhile stood on call for Searcy Children's  
10 Homes.

11 MS. GALUSHA: I'm Charlotte Galusha, Placement  
12 and Residential Licensing. DCFS is requesting a  
13 special consideration for Regulation 211.6, that  
14 "Foster homes shall not have more than two children  
15 under the age of two including the foster parents' own  
16 children." And DCFS had previously placed a set of  
17 twins. They're male and female twins, and they are 1-  
18 year-old, into the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Since  
19 then, they have also now placed the infant sister to  
20 the twins into this same home. The home has adequate  
21 space. DCFS feels that the H. home is the best  
22 placement for the children. A temporary request was  
23 granted on 4/18/19. The request is specific to the  
24 children currently placed and will expire on 4/18/2020  
25 when the twins turn two years old. And the Licensing

1 unit supports this request. Marla Isaac from DCFS is  
2 her with me in case you have any questions.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: So this might be a weird question,  
4 but I'm reading the request and it says their 13-year-  
5 old daughter is healthy and has no major medical or  
6 behavioral issues at this time. The "at this time"  
7 sort of -- why?

8 MS. ISAAC: Well, I don't want to tell you that  
9 she's in great condition forever because none of us  
10 are, so --

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

12 MS. ISAAC: -- it's just more of a -- I didn't  
13 want to give a definite that this child is always  
14 going to be --

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: But there's no history --

16 MS. ISAAC: Huh-uh.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- of anything?

18 MS. ISAAC: No, sir. No, sir.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

20 MR. ALTOM: I'll make a motion to approve the  
21 request.

22 MR. TOLLETTE: And I'll second it.

23 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
24 discussion?

25 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

1           MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor signify by  
2 saying, aye.

3           BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4           MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

5           BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

6           MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

7           MS. STEPPS: Good afternoon. Fatima Stepps with  
8 the Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I have  
9 Items 37 and 38 on your agenda. Item no. 37 is from  
10 United Methodist Children's Home. The agency has had  
11 some program changes requiring a change of status to  
12 their current license. The Arkansas Health Services  
13 Commission recently UMCH approval to transfer three  
14 psychiatric beds to their Little Rock location and  
15 this will increase the capacity of the psychiatric  
16 program to 40 children. The agency is requesting to  
17 increase the capacity of the psychiatric license to 40  
18 children, ages 5 to 18. As a part of this request,  
19 they are also requesting to increase the residential  
20 license by 24, and this will make the new license  
21 capacity a total of 78 children. There was a  
22 temporary approval granted on April 3, 2019, to exceed  
23 the capacity of the psychiatric license, and PRLU does  
24 support the agency's request. I have Craig Gammon  
25 here in case you have any questions.

1           MR. TOLLETTE: In layman's terms, breakdown the  
2 increase numbers.

3           MR. GAMMON: Okay. Well, the three transfers,  
4 obviously from our Dacus facility in Northeast  
5 Arkansas to our new facility on the Little Rock  
6 campus, which would make it at its capacity of 40. So  
7 that was the first part. The second part is, we have  
8 two buildings that are now unused after we moved into  
9 that facility that we would like to be available to  
10 use as QRTP's. We're still negotiating the  
11 possibility of maintaining our shelter and expanding  
12 that, so we want to move that building, and we have  
13 the two other ones that are not used right now that we  
14 could use as a QRTP facility. So that is the increase  
15 of 12 in each of those as a possibility, and that  
16 would give us the flexibility to use those buildings  
17 for additional programming.

18           MR. TOLLETTE: And that would get you, with what  
19 you said, up to 78.

20           MR. GAMMON: Yeah.

21           MR. TOLLETTE: And then what is your capacity  
22 going forward? Do you expect to continue to grow and  
23 provide more spaces for kids or is this going to be --

24           MR. GAMMON: There is a possibility of that, but  
25 it is not in the works at the moment, not probably



1 over the next year.

2 MR. GAMMON: But would you have the capacity to  
3 grow if you so choose?

4 MR. GAMMON: We do have an additional building,  
5 at least one more if we wanted to do that.

6 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay. No other questions, Mr.  
7 Chair.

8 MS. FOTI: I have a question.

9 MR. GAMMON: Yes, ma'am.

10 MS. FOTI: So are your PRTF beds and your  
11 residential beds that you're requesting on the same  
12 license?

13 MS. PRESTON: They are, Beverly, and that is our  
14 other business. That's what we'll be discussing,  
15 separating those license types out.

16 MR. TOLLETTE: Well, Mr. Chair, I'd like to make  
17 a motion that we accept the request.

18 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any further  
20 discussion?

21 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

25 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries.

2 MR. ALTOM: I abstain.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: And Andy Altom abstains.

4 MR. ALTOM: We'll lease you a facility, though,  
5 if you want.

6 MR. TOLLETTE: You haven't seen my budget. I'm  
7 going to come work for you, Andy.

8 MR. ALTOM: I don't know. You may not want to.

9 MS. STEPPS: Okay, this is Item no. 38 on your  
10 agenda. It comes from Youth Home, Inc. Youth Home is  
11 requesting to add a regular residential license to  
12 designate their Crestview home as a regular  
13 residential home. This change will reduce the  
14 psychiatric license capacity by ten, and the new  
15 license capacity will now be 60. I do have Susan Reed  
16 here in case you have any questions, and PRLU does  
17 support the agency's request.

18 MR. ALTOM: So I make a motion to approve the  
19 request. I do have a question. You're reducing your  
20 PRTF beds and flipping them to residential?

21 MS. REED: Yes.

22 MR. ALTOM: How does that affect the POA? Do you  
23 give those back to the Health Service Agency?

24 MS. REED: Interestingly, they said they only  
25 consider themselves a gateway, so --

1 MR. ALTOM: So do those beds still go into the  
2 count?

3 MS. REED: Right.

4 MR. ALTOM: So they're still your beds?

5 MS. REED: I don't know.

6 MS. PRESTON: That's what licensing was informed,  
7 that once the agency becomes licensed, those beds are  
8 then license beds and they're -- they remain to that  
9 agency until they're closed or sold.

10 MR. ALTOM: So even though they're not using that  
11 license -- so, okay -- so she has a closet full of  
12 licensed beds that she can pull out and use in place  
13 of the residential beds, and that's okay, right?  
14 Right now you're saying let's take all -- let's take  
15 -- what is it, 13?

16 MS. REED: But we would have to come back before  
17 the Board, I would assume because --

18 MS. STEPPS: Yeah, she would to change the --

19 MR. ALTOM: Right, to get the license, but it  
20 doesn't affect bed needs for the Health Service  
21 Agency. That's what I'm asking.

22 MS. REED: Yeah, according to them, no.

23 MR. ALTOM: Okay. Yeah, I make a motion to  
24 approve the request.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: I assume there's a second.

1 MR. TOLLETTE: I second.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any further  
3 discussion?

4 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

8 MS. FOTI: I abstain.

9 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries, and Beverly is  
10 abstaining.

11 MS. DOHERTY: So there's a cap. What if  
12 everybody rat-holed their beds to do this.

13 MR. ALTOM: DC has been doing it for years until  
14 they got out of business.

15 MS. FANCHER: Susan Fancher with the Placement  
16 and Residential Licensing Unit. Item no. 39 is a  
17 request from Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranches.  
18 Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranches is requesting an  
19 alternative compliance for Standard 509.4 to utilize  
20 their large event center and Chapel for other  
21 activities since these buildings are not currently  
22 being utilized for the residential program. PRLU is  
23 not in support of this agency's request. PRLU  
24 management in consultation with the legal counsel  
25 reached the decision after determining that the

1 request is not in the best interest of children served  
2 by the agency. The request is not related to the  
3 practice or action that pertains to the program  
4 mission or care of residents. Here with me today is  
5 Chief Operating Officer Philip Ives to answer any  
6 questions that you might have.

7 MR. IVES: And I also have Heather Zachary, our  
8 attorney in this matter, and Nancy Fulton is the CEO  
9 of the ranch. I'm going to have them step forward to  
10 answer questions.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, I have a question for Ms.  
12 Chavis.

13 MS. CHAVIS: I just wanted the record to be  
14 clear. I'm not legal counsel who advised not to  
15 support the request. I represent the Board, and I  
16 support the request. I don't have any problem with  
17 it. I've read the safety plan that was submitted with  
18 the request. I am satisfied that the children will be  
19 protected and segregated from the people who are  
20 attending events. My recommendation is for it to  
21 pass.

22 MR. ALTOM: Well, I had a point of order here.  
23 Is this even something that we -- do we grant these?

24 MS. CHAVIS: You can waive.

25 MR. ALTOM: Well, no, I'm saying our -- the way I

1 read that regulation shouldn't apply to what they're  
2 asking for.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: I mean, a facility --

4 MS. CHAVIS: Because of the definition of a  
5 facility?

6 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, what --

7 MR. ALTOM: Yeah. The definition of facility for  
8 me is that home that has those kids in it. But if we  
9 go down this route with granting even alternative  
10 compliance, then what's going to happen next? What's  
11 going to happen when we have another program that  
12 maybe is next to a program that we feel like, well we  
13 don't really like that, so we're not going to --

14 MS. CHAVIS: Then you say no.

15 MR. ALTOM: Well, I don't --

16 MS. CHAVIS: This isn't a cookie -- well, it's my  
17 opinion that these types of requests are not cookie  
18 cutter, and I understand the concern that if we open  
19 this door then everyone who has an empty building is  
20 going to come and ask for a waiver to use their  
21 buildings in a different way. But that's the beauty  
22 of a waiver. You --

23 MR. ALTOM: But I'm saying the regulation  
24 shouldn't even apply to these guys the way they're --  
25 why are they even here? I mean, that --

1 MS. CHAVIS: So you don't think they should be  
2 here at all?

3 MR. ALTOM: No, I don't think they should be  
4 here. I don't think they've been in violation of  
5 anything that has to do with the minimum licensing  
6 standards.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Let me just read this. 509.4  
8 says, "The unused to vacant portions of a facility  
9 should not be rented, leased, loaned, or otherwise  
10 occupied by any commercial or other business entity or  
11 private individuals not associated with the facility  
12 or its management." So unused or vacant portions of a  
13 facility -- I mean, when I think facility, I'm  
14 thinking a building, you know, a building where  
15 therapeutic activities are occurring and children are  
16 living, okay? And there may be an empty room over  
17 there and we want to, you know, do something over  
18 there to generate some money. I'm not -- I mean, when  
19 I read their safety plan and the distances -- I mean,  
20 three football fields, two football fields. You know,  
21 I'm just thinking this is not -- I'm not -- I  
22 understand the beauty of it's not a cookie cutter  
23 thing, okay? But I also understand Andy's concern  
24 that if we make a ruling on this, then --

25 MR. ALTOM: Then we've expanded the definition --

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Of a facility.

2 MR. ALTOM: -- of what a facility is. To it --  
3 now, basically, it's a campus.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: So now a facility is acreage.

5 MR. ALTOM: Now it could be a neighborhood. Now  
6 it could be --

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah.

8 MS. DOHERTY: If it's owned by and managed by the  
9 same person.

10 MS. PRESTON: Yes. As of today, the way  
11 licensing views a facility is that campus or any  
12 buildings they have used for the care of children, and  
13 one of those buildings has been used recently for  
14 residents.

15 MR. ALTOM: So that means --

16 MS. PRESTON: Who have large facilities that have  
17 multiple buildings that may today be used for a  
18 residential cottage and tomorrow it may be used for  
19 staff housing or some other purpose.

20 MR. ALTOM: They would have to get it licensed.

21 MS. PRESTON: Well, they have an overall capacity  
22 license on their current (Inaudible) for that campus.  
23 So it could be multiple buildings. It could be one  
24 building.

25 MR. ALTOM: So you're saying that I could take a



1 bed and go put it in a gymnasium and it wouldn't  
2 matter to you.

3 MS. PRESTON: It would matter to us.

4 MR. ALTOM: Okay. So then I could lease my  
5 gymnasium because there's no way that's going to be a  
6 facility because there's no way we would even meet the  
7 licensing requirement for a group home.

8 MS. PRESTON: Well, you could. They, at one  
9 time, had children in that Chapel they're going to be  
10 using.

11 MS. DOHERTY: It wasn't a Chapel.

12 MR. IVES: Right. The Chapel is upstairs.  
13 Downstairs was the independent living four or five  
14 years ago for one child that we needed -- the need  
15 for. That has been totally blown out and it's an open  
16 bridal suite now, so it wouldn't even be considered a  
17 room.

18 MS. FULTON: And actually, Philip, it was more  
19 than six years ago --

20 MR. IVES: Right, it's been a little while.  
21 Yeah, and so our campus is 600 acres, spread out land.

22 MR. ALTOM: Right.

23 MR. IVES: And so we were under the influence of  
24 -- I mean, the building -- the gym has never even been  
25 looked at by licensing. It doesn't -- they don't even

1 go in.

2 MR. ALTOM: So I'm not trying to be -- I'm just  
3 worried that if we say okay, we're going to do an  
4 alternative compliance on this, then I think we're  
5 going to -- that means that we're going to have to  
6 start regulating everything that goes on a campus.  
7 You know for years we leased our vacant facilities to  
8 UAMS. We've let local civic groups use our gymnasium,  
9 and they pay a fee to do that. But now, that's not  
10 going to be allowed unless we have an alternative  
11 compliance because we don't know those individuals  
12 even though they're under the control of an adult  
13 supervision. I just think this is too broad. I think  
14 we've applied --

15 MS. CHAVIS: What's the difference between  
16 someone using your gym and them using their multi-  
17 purpose --

18 MR. ALTOM: There's no difference, but they  
19 shouldn't be here asking for an alternative  
20 compliance. They should be able to do that.

21 MS. CHAVIS: So you think they should just be able  
22 to do that --

23 MR. ALTOM: Yes.

24 MS. CHAVIS: -- because --

25 MR. ALTOM: I'm saying we applied the standard

1 too strictly to this organization.

2 MR. WHATLEY: I'm hearing what Andy is saying and  
3 I agree with what he's saying, but I want to hear a  
4 little bit more from Licensing because the language in  
5 there looking like, you know, I -- we're not -- we  
6 don't think it's in the best interest of children for  
7 people to lease that facility. So I wanted to hear a  
8 little bit more on --

9 MR. GRIFFIN: David, if I could because I was in  
10 the discussion of staff. I think it focuses on what  
11 the definition is on facility, whether it's the whole  
12 campus, whether it's the buildings on the campus that  
13 we're licensing, and if we need to adjust that we  
14 certainly can. I think our conversation was with our  
15 attorney earlier was that if you look at it as a  
16 campus and you have people coming and going that we  
17 have no regulation within that campus, then that could  
18 pose a risk to children arguably, and I can see it on  
19 the other side. I mean, we just hadn't thought about  
20 it in that regard because we took a broader look at  
21 the definition. I think it gets down to the  
22 definition of a facility and how far broad or narrow  
23 to go.

24 MR. IVES: These are the children's houses, and  
25 up here is the event center. It's several miles even

1 straight. It's even longer to go through the --

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, I'm reading this. The event  
3 center is 2800 feet from the closest building used to  
4 house children, and the Chapel is 652 feet from the  
5 closest building. That's two football fields.

6 MR. IVES: Right.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: And the 2800 feet is almost a  
8 mile, half a mile. I find -- I'm really leaning with  
9 Andy. I don't even think we should make a ruling on  
10 this. I think continue doing business as you are, but  
11 then we need to get some legal definition of campus,  
12 facility, that kind of thing because we don't have it  
13 right now. So nice seeing you guys. Keep doing what  
14 you're doing. We're not making a ruling on this.

15 MS. DOHERTY: But they can continue -- they can  
16 use their building. They use their Chapel for  
17 whatever --

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, do what you do.

19 MS. DOHERTY: -- until that, yeah.

20 MS. CHAVIS: I mean, and my point of view is  
21 whether we go this route or we grant a waiver, they  
22 should be able to use their building --

23 MR. CHAIRMAN: Right.

24 MR. ALTOM: I agree. I just don't -- I'm not  
25 ready to say -- I don't want to be up here asking for

1 a waiver, either. I'll be honest with you. And when  
2 I read this, I thought oh, my gosh. To me, this looks  
3 -- I'd interpret this to be pretty far reaching. And  
4 these are minimum licensing standards, and in light of  
5 the fact that congregate for providers like us and  
6 them, where there's pressure not to do congregate care  
7 and this is a means for you to be able to supplement  
8 operations to be able to keep doing your mission, I  
9 just think today's society this is going to be more  
10 the norm for providers like this that do have  
11 campuses.

12 MS. DOHERTY: Well, discuss one that what this  
13 really would have fit was the building was almost to  
14 another side and some rehab center or something was  
15 going to do -- and I would have an issue with that.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah.

17 MR. ALTOM: I'll give you a good example. Like  
18 in some of our group homes where we have separate  
19 apartments, when I read that standard, that means that  
20 if I put an independent program in the big group home,  
21 it doesn't mean I can lease out the small cottage now  
22 to a college student unless they have some type of  
23 affiliation with us as an employment relationship to  
24 monitor those children in transition. There couldn't  
25 be a separate individual just to help augment running

1                   that home by somebody else, correct?

2                   MS. DOHERTY: Yes.

3                   MR. CHAIRMAN: Uh-huh.

4                   MR. ALTOM: That's the way I look at that. And  
5 when I read this, I was like man, that seems like a  
6 big stretch. So that's my argument. I think we've  
7 interpreted facility too largely.

8                   MR. CHAIRMAN: So as the chairman, I'm going to  
9 say it's nice meeting y'all. See you later.

10                  MR. TOLLETTE: Oh, I've been raising my hand, Mr.  
11 Chair.

12                  MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't.

13                  MR. TOLLETTE: Y'all came loaded for bear.

14                  MS. FULTON: This is important to us.

15                  MR. TOLLETTE: Yeah, y'all came loaded for bear,  
16 so I like to mess with bears. Okay, I've got them out  
17 at my house.

18                  MR. IVES: We feel that we go beyond measures --

19                  MR. TOLLETTE: I believe that.

20                  MR. IVES: (Inaudible) children, and --

21                  MR. TOLLETTE: So, you know, listening to my  
22 committee, and I have astutely read everything, what  
23 made you feel like you had to come to us, because  
24 Licensing said they did see this as appropriate?

25                  MS. PRESTON: Yes.

1 MR. IVES: Correct. We were told by Licensing  
2 that we could not rent out vacant buildings.

3 MR. TOLLETTE: Yeah.

4 MR. IVES: And so we weren't going to do anything  
5 against Licensing, obviously. So we just contacted  
6 them to do alternative compliance.

7 MR. TOLLETTE: And so y'all came ready to fight.

8 MR. IVES: Yeah, because we -

9 MR. TOLLETTE: Y'all came ready to fight.

10 MR. IVES: Absolutely, because we feel like what  
11 we do is good and protect our children at every right  
12 and --

13 MR. TOLLETTE: Yeah.

14 MR. IVES: We just wanted to make sure we were  
15 clear.

16 MR. TOLLETTE: And we're a pretty good Board to  
17 fight back, so --

18 MR. IVES: Well, that's okay.

19 MR. TOLLETTE: Y'all got off the hook.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, there is no fight, by the  
21 way.

22 MR. TOLLETTE: So I defer back to the Chairman.  
23 Thank you very much.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Nice meeting you guys. See you  
25 later. We've got other items on the agenda.

1 MR. IVES: Okay. Thank you all.

2 MR. ALTOM: And you can have your weddings.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, that was interesting.

4 MS. PRESTON: Mr. Chair, I do believe that this  
5 requires an interpretation of that regulation, though.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN: And I believe that's -- you know,  
7 we've discussed on that and agreed on that.

8 MR. TOLLETTE: I need to take a break, Mr. Chair.

9 MS. FOTI: I'll be back, feed the meters.

10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh, meters, okay. So we're just  
11 going to take a pause here so that people can feed the  
12 parking meters.

13 (A short break was taken)

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. I'll call the meeting back  
15 to order.

16 MS. WATKINS: Hello. I'm Jennifer Watkins from  
17 DCFS. DCFS is requesting a special consideration for  
18 Ms. Patricia due to her criminal record. She is  
19 wanting her grandchildren to remain in her home. A  
20 temporary approval was granted on 4/3/19. Since  
21 they've lived with her, their grades have gone up and  
22 they're thriving. Prior to coming to care, they lived  
23 with her for around eight years. If you have any  
24 questions, Ms. Patricia is here to answer them.

25 MR. TOLLETTE: The first name again, how do you



1 pronounce it?

2 MS. PATRICIA: Patricia.

3 MR. TOLLETTE: Patricia?

4 MS. PATRICIA: Yes.

5 MR. TOLLETTE: Life's an interesting journey,  
6 isn't it?

7 MS. PATRICIA: Yes, it is.

8 MR. TOLLETTE: And now you're at this point.

9 MS. PATRICIA: Yes, I am.

10 MR. CHAIRMAN: You still have dogs?

11 MS. PATRICIA: Dogs?

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: Dogs.

13 MS. PATRICIA: I have one. Two of them -- one of  
14 them died from old age. My sister had passed away in  
15 January, and I had gotten her dog. She was already 14  
16 years old, but we had to put her to sleep.

17 MR. TOLLETTE: Have you been to the house?

18 MS. WATKINS: I have not. My coworker completed  
19 this waiver before she left the department, so I'm  
20 just covering.

21 MR. TOLLETTE: So you're kind of standing in.

22 MS. WATKINS: I am.

23 MS. PATRICIA: There was a young lady that just  
24 come last week to see the home. I'm not sure --  
25 they've got me switched to so many of them, I can't

1 keep up with them all.

2 MR. TOLLETTE: Did you put a map of the home in  
3 here?

4 MS. PATRICIA: There should be.

5 MS. WATKINS: If not --

6 MR. TOLLETTE: We're getting this at the last  
7 minute, so.

8 MS. PATRICIA: I've been trying to get the babies  
9 for like two and a half months, but it's just taken  
10 this long to get it approved because of my past.

11 MR. TOLLETTE: And nothing has happened in the  
12 last 20 years?

13 MS. PATRICIA: Nothing, nothing. And at 20  
14 years, you know, I met this man, a wonderful man. He  
15 made mistakes, and I was trying to get him off of  
16 drugs at the time. And I was busted whenever they  
17 come in on my husband for them to drug test me. And  
18 they were supposed to whenever we got to the jail, and  
19 they never did. But unfortunately, I was drug into  
20 the mess, too. But --

21 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay.

22 MS. PATRICIA: -- I mean, he was a good man, and  
23 didn't do it ever since, and it's been 20 years ago,  
24 so it was --

25 MR. TOLLETTE: You still with him?

1 MS. PATRICIA: We're just really good friends. I  
2 mean, I forgave him, but I just -- it just put a lot  
3 of torment on my life as far as with what had  
4 happened, so I couldn't get over that part.

5 MR. TOLLETTE: Is he clean now?

6 MS. PATRICIA: Yes, he is. Yes, he goes to  
7 church, got a good job. He's very, very important in  
8 the kids' life, and that's with our six kids. We have  
9 six children, 23 grandchildren.

10 MR. TOLLETTE: Twenty-two grandchildren?

11 MS. CHAVIS: Twenty-three.

12 MR. TOLLETTE: Twenty-three?

13 MS. CHAVIS: Twenty-three natural grandchildren.

14 MS. DOHERTY: You can see we did a random --

15 MS. WATKINS: Yes, and she was negative.

16 MS. DOHERTY: -- surprise drug test on the 25th of  
17 January.

18 MR. TOLLETTE: I saw that, yeah. So does  
19 everybody come to your house to eat?

20 MS. PATRICIA: Yes, they do, actually. I've got  
21 pots that would probably feed this whole room right  
22 here. It's -- but I love doing it. It's just a part  
23 of me always growing up. There was nine of us, so  
24 it's just always been a big family.

25 MR. TOLLETTE: Well, you can add one more to the

1 number. You know, Mr. Chairman, I'm waiting on the  
2 other Board members to read --

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. So I just want to make a  
4 couple of clarifications here --

5 MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, sir.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- as I'm looking at this. In  
7 '98 there was Class C misdemeanor that was filed, and  
8 it was final. There was one count of a Class C  
9 misdemeanor, disorderly conduct. So in 2003, there  
10 was one final charge of a Class C felony. So that was  
11 in 2003. So there's been nothing since then.

12 MS. PATRICIA: No. The charges -- it happened in  
13 2000, but they did not --

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Right.

15 MS. PATRICIA: My lawyer, attorney, had had a  
16 brain aneurysm, so it took it that long for them  
17 (Inaudible).

18 MR. ALTOM: I make a motion the request.

19 MR. TOLLETTE: Second.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
21 discussion?

22 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

23 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

24 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

1 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: DCFS abstains. Thank you, ma'am.

3 MS. PATRICIA: Thank you.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Go ahead and just share with us  
5 while we're looking at this.

6 MS. CARTER: Okay. Hi. My name is Kayla Carter,  
7 and I work for the Resource Unit in Franklin County,  
8 and I'm here today to represent Mr. Stevie. We are  
9 asking for special consideration to keep have his  
10 grandchildren remain in the home. We have provided  
11 documents for you to review, and if you have any  
12 questions, we are here to answer them.

13 MR. TOLLETTE: I have read that this -- how many  
14 grandchildren?

15 MS. CARTER: Two. Two girls.

16 MR. TOLLETTE: Two girls.

17 MS. CARTER: Yes.

18 MR. TOLLETTE: Age?

19 MS. CARTER: Their ages are 3 and 4.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm having trouble reading the FBI  
21 report because it's really light, but does the FBI  
22 report have a felony on it because I can't read it.

23 MS. CARTER: Yes.

24 MS. CHAVIS: There's a theft of property charge;  
25 theft by deception, sentenced three years concurrent;

1 battery, third.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Because I'm looking at Arkansas',  
3 and if I read it correctly, it's a Class A  
4 misdemeanor.

5 MS. CHAVIS: Are all of these charges  
6 misdemeanors? Were all of your charges -- did you  
7 have a felony?

8 MR. STEVIE: I did.

9 MS. CHAVIS: Okay.

10 MR. STEVIE: It was expunged --

11 MS. CHAVIS: Okay.

12 MR. STEVIE: -- several years ago.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Tell us about that. What was it?

14 MR. STEVIE: Which one, sir?

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: The felony.

16 MR. STEVIE: I wrote some checks. I wrote two  
17 checks.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

19 MR. STEVIE: One to Wal-Mart and one to Price  
20 Cutter Foods.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. And that was when?

22 MS. DOHERTY: August 3, 1988.

23 MR. STEVIE: '88.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, so 20, 30 years ago.

25 MR. WHATLEY: But that's been expunged, correct?

1 MS. DOHERTY: It's been sealed. It has not been  
2 expunged. It's been sealed. I think the -- I mean,  
3 that's one because it is a felony, but even though  
4 it's a misdemeanor and it was older, it was a battery  
5 charge that still has to come before the Board. It  
6 was battery on a neighbor's child.

7 MR. TOLLETTE: Was that related to the KFC  
8 chicken?

9 MR. STEVIE: It is. That's what started all of  
10 it.

11 MR. TOLLETTE: They stole your chicken from your  
12 kids.

13 MR. STEVIE: Baby kids.

14 MR. TOLLETTE: They stole the chicken from the  
15 baby kids.

16 MR. STEVIE: My girls were babies then.

17 MR. TOLLETTE: And they stole the chicken from  
18 your kids.

19 MR. STEVIE: They did, yes.

20 MR. TOLLETTE: That you just bought.

21 MR. STEVIE: Yes.

22 MR. TOLLETTE: And it ticked you off.

23 MR. STEVIE: Well, actually, it kind of surprised  
24 me that they would do that.

25 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay.

1           MR. STEVIE: They were neighborhood kids, and  
2 that particular one was the youngest of the group. He  
3 was 10.

4           MR. TOLLETTE: Knocking on the door, coming back  
5 and knocking --

6           MR. STEVIE: Knocking on the windows --

7           MR. TOLLETTE: And messing around your house,  
8 still after you -- they stole your chicken --

9           MR. STEVIE: After dark.

10          MR. TOLLETTE: -- then they come around your  
11 house.

12          MR. STEVIE: Well, and all of this started after  
13 they took the chicken, you know --

14          MR. TOLLETTE: I know, but, you know, I was  
15 reading this and, you know --

16          MR. STEVIE: And that particular little boy would  
17 knock on my door at night. I've got a daughter that's  
18 developmentally delayed and she was really hard to get  
19 down. Their mother wasn't in the picture, just my  
20 four girls and me, and I was trying to get her to  
21 sleep. He knocked on the door. I thought it was my  
22 neighbor, sounded just like his knock.

23          MR. TOLLETTE: So here's where I'm going. You  
24 know, it's been 20 years since you've been in trouble.

25          MR. STEVIE: Yes, sir.



1 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay. And sometimes you can try  
2 to write stuff down, but it comes out of the heart and  
3 out of the mouth to help me make a decision.

4 MR. STEVIE: Right, right.

5 MR. TOLLETTE: And so I understand things, but  
6 Mr. Chairman, I defer back to the Board for any  
7 discussion that the Board members have on the past  
8 history, though it was 20 years ago.

9 MR. CHAIRMAN: The motion that needs to be made  
10 is approval to work with children, correct?

11 MS. CHAVIS: Yes.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. So I'm going to make a  
13 motion that we grant approval to work with children.

14 MR. ALTOM: I'll second.

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any  
16 discussion?

17 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor say, aye.

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

21 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: DCFS abstains. Thank you for  
23 coming.

24 MR. STEVIE: Thank you, sir. Y'all have a good  
25 evening.

1 MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, sir.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Go ahead and share with us while  
3 we're reading this stuff, please.

4 MS. NORRIS: Hi. I'm Janet Norris, Supervisor  
5 here in Pulaski County for Children and Family  
6 Services. I have Tawanna Nelson. She's the case  
7 worker. I have Jolanda Terry. She's the person that  
8 we're presenting. Ms. Jolanda approached the agency  
9 about December 2018 with an interest to be considered  
10 for her great nephews. So there's a provisional  
11 referral made. These two little fellows are in foster  
12 care. Ms. Terry has basically just been right in DHS  
13 office doing everything we have asked her to do. In  
14 early '90's, she was committed to Arkansas Department  
15 of Correction for about five years. She got out in  
16 '97. There was a charge of theft of property. When  
17 we started addressing this, Ms. Terry herself made  
18 numerous trips to Pulaski County Little Rock Police to  
19 get this taken care of, and you will see in there she  
20 has paid her fines. Everything is clear. Since that  
21 time, Ms. Terry, on her own, she's -- before we go to  
22 court, we would have to get a clearance anyway -- the  
23 judge has to give an okay for the placement, but in  
24 anticipation that she'll get the boys, she has  
25 purchased beds for the two little boys. Her apartment

1 is beautiful. Y'all see pictures in the back there.  
2 She paid her own drug test because she is in dialysis,  
3 she was up front and she paid for that herself. She  
4 did not ask DHS to reimburse her or anything. So for  
5 that reason and all this, we ask that the Board  
6 consider Ms. Terry and --

7 MR. TOLLETTE: For her grandchildren.

8 MS. NORRIS: Yes -- for her great nephews. Their  
9 ages?

10 MS. NORRIS: Ten and nine.

11 MS. TERRY: D.J. and Braden. They're in the  
12 fourth and fifth grade.

13 MR. TOLLETTE: Do you live in Little Rock?

14 MS. TERRY: Yeah, I stay in College Station.

15 MR. TOLLETTE: College Station?

16 MS. TERRY: Uh-huh.

17 MS. NORRIS: As I said, it took us months to get  
18 to this point, but we're just glad we're here.

19 MR. TOLLETTE: So I haven't read all this. The  
20 last time you were in trouble?

21 MS. NORRIS: '97.

22 MS. TERRY: It was in '97.

23 MR. TOLLETTE: '97.

24 MS. TERRY: Uh-huh.

25 MR. ALTOM: Well, I'm impressed with the pictures

1 in the back, and I don't read these criminal -- some  
2 of these criminal reports as well as others do, but I  
3 can tell you that if '97 was the last time you were in  
4 trouble, and all the stuff that they say you've done  
5 so far to take care of your family, I'd be proud to  
6 make a motion to accept your request.

7 MR. WHATLEY: And I will to second.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. So technically, the motion  
9 is going to be that we grant permission to work with  
10 children. There's been a motion and a second. All in  
11 favor say, aye.

12 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: All opposed the same.

14 BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: DCFS abstains. Motion Carries.

16 Thank you, ma'am.

17 MR. TOLLETTE: Amen.

18 MS. TERRY: Thank you very much.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: So we're almost done with the  
20 agenda. So the next item is report of temporary  
21 approvals. Are there any?

22 MS. PRESTON: There is a report we just handed  
23 out to you all, but it was mailed to you all, and they  
24 have all been resolved with the exception of Southwest  
25 Arkansas Mental Health Clinic. There were extenuating

1 circumstances that they couldn't appear today, so we  
2 extended the temporary, and we expect it to expire  
3 before the next Board meeting.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

5 MS. PRESTON: The child had to be hospitalized  
6 and that prevented them from being here.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: So Item 42, Other Business  
8 guidance from Board on combines licenses.

9 MS. PRESTON: Yes, and depending on what the  
10 definition of a facility is, this may be even broader.  
11 But currently, we have everything combined on one  
12 license. If you have family style living, and you  
13 have emergency shelter, and psychiatric, and  
14 residential, it's all on one license with a capacity.  
15 So therefore, the monitoring is very difficult to  
16 identify which programs be monitored.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: The license doesn't say  
18 psychiatric or --

19 MS. PRESTON: It says all of those things and  
20 then it will give an overall capacity, and it will  
21 break down the other capacities. But if our staff go  
22 out here, we've just got one license number. So we  
23 don't know --

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Has it always been that way?

25 MR. ALTOM: No, it didn't use to be that way.

1 MS. PRESTON: It didn't used to be that way. In  
2 the old days, it was not that way. Yeah, when we  
3 formed the new unit, it became that way. But it does  
4 present a lot of monitoring challenges. It will  
5 present issues of when we do go to a new computer  
6 system. There are some challenges that we just wanted  
7 to ask the Board's direction on that, you know. Now,  
8 there are some truly combined programs. They will  
9 have the emergency and residential --

10 MR. ALTOM: Right. That makes sense.

11 MS. PRESTON: -- and they interchange those  
12 capacities. But there are more that are individual  
13 sites with individual capacities.

14 MR. TOLLETTE: Do you have idea --

15 MR. ALTOM: Am I hearing between the lines that  
16 you would like for it to go back to the way it used to  
17 be where each facility would have a license?

18 MS. PRESTON: Yes.

19 MR. ALTOM: That makes sense to me because even  
20 though we have a campus licensure, if I get ready to  
21 open a different cottage than what I know you guys  
22 have been in, I would not put kids in there until I  
23 made sure I had a licensing specialist go through  
24 there and say that's okay.

25 MS. PRESTON: Yes.

1 MR. ALTOM: And so to me, it makes sense is if  
2 you just issue the license or if you could transfer  
3 the license to a different building, like a different  
4 address or something.

5 MR. WHATLEY: I'm not sure why we ever combined  
6 them.

7 MS. PRESTON: I don't recall, David.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Can we do that at this meeting  
9 without having to go through some involved legislative  
10 process or anything?

11 MS. CHAVIS: I'm sorry. I was responding to  
12 another work fire. I'm sorry. Tell me --

13 MS. PRESTON: Our current license, we have  
14 multiple licenses combined on one certificate.

15 MS. CHAVIS: Uh-huh. Oh, this is what we were  
16 talking about earlier

17 MS. PRESTON: Yeah, and we'd like to separate  
18 those out into individual programs or license types,  
19 which is what they are, into individual.

20 MS. CHAVIS: What does the statute say?

21 MS. PRESTON: The statute does not address it.  
22 It says there will be a separate license for each  
23 location, but it does not --

24 MS. CHAVIS: It sounds like something you can  
25 probably do administratively then.

1 MS. PRESTON: And that's what we were thinking,  
2 that maybe it could be --

3 MS. CHAVIS: If the statute is silent --

4 MS. PRESTON: -- an administrative change to the  
5 license.

6 MS. CHAVIS: Yeah, so what you might do in the  
7 future as people come in and renew and they have  
8 several different programs on the same license, you  
9 can just issue three different, you know, you can just  
10 break it down into --

11 MS. PRESTON: Well, could we do that with out  
12 existing license, do an administrative change and --

13 MR. WHATLEY: I don't see why not.

14 MR. ALTOM: It wouldn't bother me.

15 MS. PRESTON: That's what we did when we --

16 MS. CHAVIS: You can.

17 MS. PRESTON: -- (Inaudible).

18 MS. CHAVIS: I mean, if you want to, but if you  
19 wanted to make it easy on yourself as they come -- you  
20 know, as they renewed, you could do it.

21 MS. PRESTON: Well, they're open-ended, yeah.

22 MS. CHAVIS: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm used to license  
23 that expire annually. Sure.

24 MR. WHATLEY: Since we combined them years ago at  
25 some point, whether that was by a Board action or



1           administratively, I don't know. I don't recall. I  
2           don't see why we --

3           MS. PRESTON: What we did at that time was, we  
4           prepared a list and we presented it at the Board. It  
5           was approved just overall, and then we created a new  
6           license certificate for each one --

7           MR. WHATLEY: Well, why can we just --

8           MS. CHAVIS: I think as long as it's not --

9           MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm thinking.

10          MR. TOLLETTE: You know, Shirley, I was going to  
11          ask and Andy beat me to it. What is your  
12          recommendation based on what I heard in terms of how  
13          challenging it is when the license are like they are.  
14          I think I heard you say that versus what you see that  
15          would be more streamlined and better for staff, if  
16          that makes sense.

17          MS. PRESTON: I believe if we had individual  
18          licenses. And we did check with DCFS because we  
19          thought it might present a problem for contracts or  
20          funding, but it does not.

21          MR. CHAIRMAN: Get individual licenses per  
22          program, not per location.

23          MS. PRESTON: Yes, per program.

24          MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah. We'll do it then.

25          MR. TOLLETTE: And that would be easier for

1 monitoring.

2 MS. PRESTON: Yes.

3 MR. TOLLETTE: Take stress off. And we had a  
4 great lawyer said you had the freedom to do it. Her  
5 name is Julie.

6 MS. PRESTON: Okay. We'll bring that to the next  
7 Board meeting.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: So the date of the next meeting is  
9 Wednesday, July 24. Will that be in this room here?

10 MS. DOHERTY: Yes.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. I wanted to just touch  
12 base. Is the be-monthly thing working out for  
13 everybody?

14 MS. PRESTON: We were going to address that as  
15 well.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Huh?

17 MS. PRESTON: We were going to address that as  
18 well, to get your thoughts on it.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. I mean, I'm just curious.  
20 How's it working out? I know you don't have to drive  
21 from Texarkana.

22 MR. WHATLEY: Well, I don't have to drive as far.  
23 I'm not sure how it works out for Licensing and  
24 everything else but, I mean, obviously for --

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: I mean, the meetings are longer,

1 but so what, you know?

2 MR. ALTOM: (Inaudible) my calendar for this day  
3 -- I mean, for this afternoon. It's fine for me. It  
4 works better for my schedule.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: How's Licensing? You guys good  
6 with that?

7 MS. PRESTON: We're good, but it serves the needs  
8 of our providers. I mean, because we can grant the  
9 temporary AC's, so that enables them to go ahead --

10 MR. CHAIRMAN: So we'll just stick with bi-  
11 monthly then, okay.

12 MR. ALTOM: Ed said he was going to embed the  
13 PDF's in the Word Document on the agenda, so the next  
14 time he'll send it out, and we'll just be able to  
15 click on the agenda and all that PDF stuff will show  
16 up. If he had that skill set --

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Words were put in my mouth.

18 MS. PRESTON: Yeah, our abilities are limited  
19 there in getting those scanned for you all.

20 MS. DOHERTY: I was pretty impressed.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, I --

22 MS. PRESTON: It really does take a lot because  
23 when there are that many, my system alone will not  
24 allow me to send very many at a time. And that's why  
25 you got them broken up. And sometimes, if I send

1 large ones as well, I know that Sanford's email will  
2 kick back and say that it didn't take it and then I  
3 just try and divide it up.

4 MR. TOLLETTE: Yeah, I'm having trouble.

5 MS. COVINGTON: But Andy was very helpful in  
6 trying to combine everything, so I did appreciate  
7 that.

8 MR. ALTOM: Yeah, and if you want yours combined,  
9 you've got to increase that gateway for it to take  
10 files on your email.

11 MR. TOLLETTE: Look, I did work for you, Andy. I  
12 need more money.

13 MR. ALTOM: I think Julie's and Sanford's were  
14 the only ones that bounced back.

15 MR. TOLLETTE: Yeah, I was sitting here and it's  
16 just -- I don't know. We just -- we're going down  
17 Moses Road right now. We're just holding on, you  
18 know.

19 MS. PRESTON: Well, and the main reason for us  
20 going every other month is because access to this room  
21 is very, very limited.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: Right.

23 MR. TOLLETTE: So everybody liked it?

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: So proposed dates for this fall  
25 are September 26th, which is a Thursday and December

1 10, which is a Tuesday. That's because this room is  
2 available?

3 MS. PRESTON: Yes.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm good with both of those dates.  
5 It's just, I am going to be on an extended road trip  
6 in September. I don't know if I'll be here on the  
7 26th or not, but I'm sure Andy or Charles or Sanford  
8 can fill in, Beverly. I mean, you don't need me here.

9 MR. TOLLETTE: David, too. Yeah, David.

10 MR. WHATLEY: Yeah, don't leave me out.

11 MR. ALTOM: I'm pretty sure Beverly and I are the  
12 junior ones on the Board, so the rest of you guys got  
13 to step up once Ed's out.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: The dates, are the dates good for  
15 everybody?

16 MR. TOLLETTE: They're good, Mr. Chairman.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: I mean, I know it's pretty far in  
18 advance.

19 MR. TOLLETTE: But that's good. I got invited to  
20 the International conference to speak by 26 countries  
21 on my work here in Arkansas. I haven't been back for  
22 10 years, so I want to make sure the date of December  
23 is good for me, but that's the only thing I have

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. All right. Well, let's  
25 tentatively, then, plan on these dates. Go ahead and

1 put it in the calendars --

2 MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, sir.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- and we'll just see how it works  
4 out. I mean, as long as we have a quorum I'm good.

5 MR. ALTOM: Isn't there supposed to be some more  
6 members on this Board?

7 MS. PRESTON: We do have a vacancy.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, there's supposed to be one  
9 public --

10 MR. WHATLEY: Public at large.

11 MS. PRESTON: Public at large, yes.

12 MR. ALTOM: I tried to call Greg.

13 MR. WHATLEY: I talked to him.

14 MR. ALTOM: Did you? Does he want --

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: Greg's got some medical issues  
16 going on.

17 MR. WHATLEY: Well, yes, he does.

18 MS. FOTI: I will not be here in July. I will be  
19 on vacation that week.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, July. Okay. Where you  
21 going?

22 MR. TOLLETTE: Is the meeting adjourned?

23 MR. CHAIRMAN: The meeting is adjourned.

24 THEREUPON, the Child Welfare Agency Review Board  
25 meeting was concluded at 3:30 p.m. on May 22, 2019.

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