

STATE OF ARKANSAS  
CHILD WELFARE AGENCY REVIEW  
BOARD MEETING

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
700 WEST MAIN STREET  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

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March 9, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andy Altom, Chair, Foster Care Unit  
Charles Flynn, Emergency Shelters Unit  
Andrew Watson, Adoptions  
Sandi Doherty, DCFS  
Beverly Foti, Psychiatric Residential Care  
Sanford Tollette, Ex. Director, Joseph Pfeifer Kiwanis Camp

ALSO PRESENT:

Dawn Jeffrey, Assistant Director  
Sharra Litzey, PRLU Program Manager  
Ebony Russ, DCC/ECE Program Manager

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PROCEEDINGS

(THEREUPON, the meeting began at 1:30 p.m. on March 9, 2022.)

MS. EBONY RUSS: Welcome to the Child Welfare Agency Review Board Meeting. I'm Ebony Russ, the Program Manager. Today is March 9th. We are conducting this meeting, because the previous meeting was postponed due to inclement weather. We'll go ahead and get started and I'll turn it over to Mr. Andy Altom.

CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. I'll call the meeting to order. The first item of business is the approval of the minutes from the December 8th meeting. Do I have a motion?

BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: Motion.

BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Second.

CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a motion from Beverly; a second from Sanford. Any Discussion?

(NO RESPONSE)

CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say, "Aye."

(CHORUS OF AYES)

CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. Next up is DCFS, Herbert F.

PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 1. Herbert F.:

1 MS. EBONY RUSS: Hello. How are you?

2 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: Fine. How are y'all?

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: This is the first we're  
4 getting to see this, so there'll be a pause for a  
5 little bit while we read over this.

6 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: Okay.

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: But if you want to go ahead  
8 and tell us why you're here, we'll try to listen and  
9 read as well. So...

10 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: Okay. Mr. F. has applied  
11 to be a provisional for his niece and nephew. He has  
12 had them since August of last year. Doing well. He  
13 just has some criminal history on his FBI that had to  
14 come to us.

15 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

16 COURT REPORTER: And your name?

17 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: Athalia Dismuke.

18 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

19 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Mr. Herbert, could you tell  
20 us exactly what's changed from this most recent  
21 incident in, I guess it was 2018, and how things  
22 going since then?

23 MR. HERBERT F.: Good. It's going good. I just  
24 got myself in a state -- in a place where I shouldn't  
25 have been.

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Not had any other issues  
2 since then?

3 MR. HERBERT F.: No, ma'am. No, sir.

4 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Mr. Chairman? I  
5 know I've been out, but I'm back. So may I ask a  
6 question?

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Absolutely.

8 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So explain --  
9 what is this permission to do what? To work with --

10 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: His niece and nephew.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: His ne -- family  
12 members?

13 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: Yes.

14 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. And this  
15 was how long ago?

16 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: 2018.

17 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: 2018? Okay.  
18 And nothing since?

19 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: No, sir. He's married.  
20 How long have you and Ms. F. been married?

21 MR. HERBERT F.: Eleven years.

22 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: Eleven years.

23 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Eleven years.  
24 Is his wife here?

25 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: Yes, sir. She's in the

1 home.

2 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Mr. Chairman, I  
3 don't want to make this a long time, but I'd like to  
4 -- because she's going to be involved?

5 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: Yes, sir.

6 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: May I ask a  
7 question?

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Sure.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. Could I  
10 have his wife -- please?

11 (MRS. HERBERT F. APPROACHES TABLE)

12 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: With the  
13 Chairman's permission, I'm the person that asked you  
14 to come in.

15 MRS. HERBERT F.: Okay.

16 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And has he  
17 changed?

18 MRS. HERBERT F.: Oh, tremendously. Not to  
19 exaggerate the --

20 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: He really has?

21 MRS. HERBERT F.: Yes.

22 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. And  
23 remorseful?

24 MRS. HERBERT F.: Yes. He is. We, you know,  
25 make discussions every day about, you know, how, you

1 know, things have, you know, have been better.  
2 Maintain a good job. You know, making it -- you  
3 know, taking care -- all about the kids. Every day  
4 he reminds me when he goes to work, "I'm just glad,  
5 you know, I can do what I gotta do for my kids. What  
6 I've gotta do for my kids -- my wife and my kids;"  
7 appreciates, you know, life every day. And hates --  
8 you know, regrets the trouble that he had done been  
9 in, in the past, to go forward and move on and you  
10 know have a --

11 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Our kids need  
12 good --

13 MRS. HERBERT F.: -- less stressful life.

14 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Our kids need  
15 role models regardless of what.

16 MRS. HERBERT F.: Yes. Yes.

17 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And, you know,  
18 thanks to the Board, they allow me today to be me.  
19 Because I care about this Board and what we do here  
20 and the future of our children. And we all make  
21 mistakes, but it can be a positive or it can be a  
22 negative. So you're both going to be involved. So  
23 no other comments, Mr. Chairman.

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Is there a motion there?

25 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I make a motion.



1                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I'm ready to  
2                   make a motion that we accept the recommendation of  
3                   staff.

4                   CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a motion. Is there a  
5                   second?

6                   BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: I'll second.

7                   CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Beverly seconds.

8                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: And just I think to  
9                   clarify, the staff doesn't make a recommendation on  
10                  this. So -- they've not sained this, just for the  
11                  record.

12                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Oh. Just make a  
13                  motion to accept it?

14                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Just for the  
15                  record.

16                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

17                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: We'd just want to  
18                  approve this request.

19                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Oh, okay. I  
20                  gotta get the cobwebs out of my head.

21                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah. Oh, I know  
22                  you --

23                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Thank you,  
24                  Charles.

25                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: -- are paused in

1 that (INAUDIBLE), Sanford.

2 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Thank you.

3 Thank you. Thank you.

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,

5 "Aye."

6 (CHORUS OF AYES)

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

8 (NO RESPONSE)

9 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: And DCFS abstains. And I saw  
10 you looking at me.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I did. I thought  
12 are you going to remember? We haven't been here in a  
13 while.

14 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Thank you. Congratulations.

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Congratulations.

16 MRS. F.: Thank you.

17 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 2. Donna S.:

18 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You know the deal. So you  
19 can go ahead and start telling us as we read. So...

20 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: Okay. Athalia Dismuke,  
21 area 4 resource worker. I'm here for Ms. S. She has  
22 applied to be a provisional home for her  
23 granddaughter. She's had her granddaughter in the  
24 home since November of last year.

25 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. I'll make a motion we  
2 approve this request.

3 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Second.

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any discussion?

5 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: No.

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,

7 "Aye."

8 (CHORUS OF AYES)

9 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains.

10 Congratulations.

11 MS. DONNA S.: Thank you.

12 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 5. Brandy M.:

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You guys can have a seat.

14 MR. CLAYTON DEBOER: I'm Clayton Deboer with DHS  
15 licensing. This is Christie Aaron, from Millcreek,  
16 and Brandy M., to answer any questions you may have.

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

18 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

19 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Brandy, how long  
20 have you been with Millcreek?

21 MS. BRANDY M.: Six months. Since September the  
22 20th of 2021.

23 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay.

24 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So when you did her  
25 initial background checks, this just didn't show up

1 or...

2 MS. CHRISTIE AARON: No. She goes up to -- out  
3 there to provisional, and then once she came back as  
4 not approved, we asked for the special consideration  
5 to work. So immediately it doesn't show up as not  
6 approved.

7 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay.

8 MS. CHRISTIE AARON: Yeah.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Mr. Chairman,  
10 I'll make a motion that we accept the waiver for Ms.  
11 M. to continue her employment at Mill -- Millwood  
12 Creek -- or, Millcreek of Arkansas.

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. We have a motion.

14 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: I'll second it.

15 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a second. Any  
16 discussion?

17 (NO RESPONSE)

18 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
19 "Aye."

20 (CHORUS OF AYES)

21 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

22 MS. BRANDY M.: Thank you.

23 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 6. Charles J.:

24 MR. CLAYTON DEBOER: I'm Clayton Deboer with DHS  
25 licensing. This is Christie Aaron, with Millcreek,

1 and Mr. J., if you have any questions.

2 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

3 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So we are  
4 wanting a waiver because of certification for  
5 CPR/First Aid?

6 MS. CHRISTIE AARON: No.

7 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Is that --

8 MS. CHRISTIE AARON: Mr. J., when he was hired,  
9 we got a ineligible to work for us, based upon his  
10 past criminal record.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

12 MS. CHRISTIE AARON: He does work as  
13 housekeeping at our facility.

14 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

15 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: He says that it's  
16 -- in his testimony -- was it a credit card -- or  
17 what -- what -- have you found the charges? What  
18 were they?

19 MR. CHARLES J.: It was credit cards and  
20 identity theft, sir.

21 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: And when was this?

22 MR. CHARLES J.: It's been over 30 years, about.

23 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: 30 years ago?

24 MR. CHARLES J.: Yes, sir. 1986, '87.

25 Somewhere up in there.

1 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. I'll make a  
2 motion we approve this request.

3 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I second.

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Have a motion and a second.  
5 Any discussion?

6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor, say  
8 "Aye."

9 (CHORUS OF AYES)

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

13 MR. CHARLES J.: Appreciate it.

14 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 7. Zabriunna T.:

15 MR. CLAYTON DEBOER: I'm Clayton Deboer with DHS  
16 licensing. This is Christie Aaron, from Millcreek,  
17 and Ms. T., if you have any questions.

18 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

19 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I have a question.  
20 Were you placed on probation?

21 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Yes, ma'am. It was --

22 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Has that been  
23 completed?

24 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Yes, ma'am. It was three  
25 months.

1 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Okay. Because I  
2 didn't see that -- I couldn't find it in the packet.

3 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: What will you be  
4 doing at Millcreek?

5 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Sir?

6 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: What will you be  
7 doing?

8 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Working with the boys' unit.

9 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay.

10 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Do you have  
11 brothers?

12 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Yes, sir.

13 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Younger or  
14 older?

15 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Both.

16 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. Did you  
17 help raise them?

18 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: No, sir. It's on my dad's  
19 side.

20 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. Did you  
21 have interaction with them?

22 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: No, sir.

23 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: None. But  
24 you're going to work on the boys' unit?

25 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Yes, sir.

1 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

2 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Well I didn't meet them until  
3 I was older.

4 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

5 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So what does that  
6 mean, working with the boys' unit; what  
7 responsibilities do you have?

8 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Behavioral health associate.

9 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Say that again.

10 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Behavioral health associate.

11 COURT REPORTER: I need you to say it louder.

12 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Behavioral health associate.

13 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I know you're a  
14 little nervous, but can you work with boys?

15 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Yes, sir.

16 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: You'd rather  
17 work with boys?

18 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Yes, sir. I was working with  
19 the girls up top.

20 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Which one's  
21 harder?

22 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: The girls.

23 (LAUGHTER AND CROSSTALK)

24 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: (INAUDIBLE) home for  
25 years. Girls are mean and --



1 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: They're more emotional.

2 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- they don't take  
3 no of anything.

4 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Ms. Sandi, I was  
5 trying to give -- Mr. Chairman, I'm back. I'm sorry.  
6 I took all my meds, too. So you like working with  
7 boys?

8 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Yes, sir.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Why?

10 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Because they much easier to  
11 deal with than the girls I was working with. They  
12 were from 14 to 17 and they saw me more as a friend  
13 than they staff. So when they told me certain  
14 things, they expected me not to tell --

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Uh-huh.

16 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: -- and it became a problem.  
17 'Cause they wanted me --

18 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Got attitudes?

19 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Yeah. They wanted me to try  
20 to keep it confidential when they tell me certain  
21 things.

22 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: So can you explain  
23 -- we were looking -- we're trying to find it in  
24 here. The 11/22/19 domestic battery, what happened  
25 there?

1 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: I was -- I had went to go see  
2 my boyfriend. We ended up getting into an argument  
3 and he became physical and I just maced him and that  
4 was it.

5 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: You did what?

6 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: You did what?

7 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: I had maced him.

8 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Sprayed him with  
9 mace.

10 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Maced him? Okay.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

12 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: And the police was called.  
13 And they had a warrant out. They had a warrant out  
14 and I had to sit in jail for four days.

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: They had a  
16 warrant already out for you?

17 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: For you?

18 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: After that.

19 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: They did --

20 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Because of that --  
21 because of his charge, they had a warrant?

22 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Yes, sir. It happened during  
23 the week, so the warrant fell on that Monday. And so  
24 I had to sit in there for four days. And when I got  
25 out, I had to go back to court and they ordered me

1 anger management. That was my first time ever  
2 getting in trouble. They ordered me anger  
3 management, three months probation, a no contact  
4 order, and I had to pay fines.

5 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And that's the  
6 first time you ever got in trouble?

7 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Yes, sir.

8 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: In your whole  
9 life?

10 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: With the police. Yes, sir.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Even at school?

12 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Well, in school it was like  
13 small suspensions.

14 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

15 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: But that was the first --

16 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Not with the  
17 police?

18 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: -- major time --

19 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Not with a  
20 police officer.

21 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: -- with -- yeah.

22 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: And nothing since?

23 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: No, sir.

24 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And the  
25 boyfriend attacked you first?

1 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: Yes, sir. But he called the  
2 police first and they said since he called first,  
3 then it wasn't nothing they could do. They said if I  
4 would have called first, then he would have went  
5 instead of me.

6 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: You're not with  
7 him anymore?

8 MS. ZABRIUNNA T.: No, sir.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. Good.  
10 You want to --

11 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Sure. Yeah. I'll  
12 make a motion to approve.

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a motion. Is there a  
14 second?

15 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: I'll second.

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Beverly seconds. All those  
17 in favor say, "Aye."

18 (CHORUS OF AYES)

19 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

20 (NO RESPONSE)

21 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

22 Ms. ZABRIUNNA T.: Thank y'all.

23 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: You're welcome.

24 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: You're welcome.

25 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You can be ex --

1 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Go wear 'em out.

2 MS. CHRISTIE AARON: She's on a tough unit. I  
3 don't know why she doesn't think it's tough.

4 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 8. Sherrell S.:

5 MR. CLAYTON DEBOER: I'm Clayton Deboer with DHS  
6 Licensing. This is Christie Aaron, on behalf of  
7 Millcreek, and Ms. S., if you have any questions.

8 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

9 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You can go ahead and explain  
10 what she's here for.

11 MS. CHRISTIE AARON: We've got Ms. S. here. She  
12 too works on the same unit with Ms. T., those little  
13 rambunctious 8 to 12 year olds. And we're asking for  
14 a special permission for her to continue her  
15 employment with Millcreek. She has been employed  
16 with us since November 23rd.

17 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Ms. S.?

18 MS. SHERRELL S.: Yes?

19 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Could you just  
20 paraphrase the difficulty you had; just tell me?

21 MS. SHERRELL S.: What happened?

22 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yeah. Just tell  
23 me.

24 MS. SHERRELL S.: I was working at WalMart. I  
25 was -- this really tight (pulling at mask).

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You can take it --

2 MS. SHERRELL S.: Okay.

3 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yeah. There you  
4 go. Tell me. Talk to me.

5 MS. SHERRELL S.: Okay. I was working at  
6 Walmart and I was doing markdowns and they cons -- I  
7 was doing markdowns --

8 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Uh-huh.

9 MS. SHERRELL S.: -- and they considered it as  
10 stealing, like, theft of property. I was doing,  
11 like, I was marking down stuff that wasn't supposed  
12 to be marked down to a lower price.

13 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Oh.

14 MS. SHERRELL S.: And so they charged me for it.

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Did you know you  
16 were doing that?

17 MS. SHERRELL S.: Yes. I knew what I was doing,  
18 yes.

19 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Oh, so you knew  
20 what you were doing?

21 MS. SHERRELL S.: I knew what I was doing.

22 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So -- of course we  
23 have to see things that have been sealed. But -- so  
24 -- it has been sealed?

25 MS. SHERRELL S.: Yes.

1 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: And that's a pretty  
2 quick time to -- turnaround to be sealed, too. So...

3 MS. SHERRELL S.: Yeah. It was hard getting it  
4 sealed --

5 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah.

6 MS. SHERRELL S.: -- and stuff. Like, as in  
7 finding jobs --

8 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah.

9 MS. SHERRELL S.: -- was hard.

10 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I commend you for  
11 going forth and doing that. I know a lot of people  
12 wait a long time before they do that, but that's not  
13 good, obviously.

14 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Anything since  
15 then?

16 MS. SHERRELL S.: Oh, no, no.

17 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And so I  
18 understand you're going to work in the boys' unit  
19 too?

20 MS. SHERRELL S.: Yes.

21 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Why?

22 MS. SHERRELL S.: You say why I like to work in  
23 the boys' unit?

24 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yes.

25 MS. SHERRELL S.: Like, I've been working with

1 kids and students, and I used to be a caregiver.  
2 That's something I do, like, help people and train  
3 them, and teach them. That's something I like doing.  
4 That's something I've been doing for a long time.  
5 And I have kids, so I know how to deal with -- got  
6 patience.

7 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: You've got kids?

8 MS. SHERRELL S.: Yes.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Boys?

10 MS. SHERRELL S.: Boy and a girl.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Well, I'll say  
12 this, the people that are standing here going through  
13 this, if I don't be garrulous, this is very serious.  
14 You know, like I can smile, but I can -- there's  
15 another side of me that this is serious, in terms of  
16 our obligations when we say yes, you can do this.  
17 And I hope you really take this seriously.

18 MS. SHERRELL S.: Oh, yeah.

19 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Because they're  
20 on the line, too.

21 MS. SHERRELL S.: Yeah.

22 MS. CHRISTIE AARON: Absolutely.

23 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So, with that,  
24 Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to approve  
25 the waiver for Ms. J. --



1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a motion to approve.

2 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: -- or, Ms. S. to  
3 continue.

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I'll second it. Is there any  
5 discussion?

6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor, say  
8 "Aye."

9 (CHORUS OF AYES)

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

13 MS. SHERRELL S.: Okay. Thank you.

14 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You're free to go. You're  
15 welcome.

16 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 9. Marilyn D.:

17 MR. CLAYTON DEBOER: I'm Clayton Deboer with DHS  
18 Licensing. This is Craig Gammon, with United  
19 Methodist Children's Home, and this is Ms. D., if you  
20 have any questions.

21 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Craig, you want to talk a  
23 little bit about what you're here for?

24 MR. CRAIG GAMMON: We are asking for a special  
25 consideration on a criminal background exception

1 here. The offense that is in question was 18 years  
2 ago; does not, obviously we feel, pose any threat to  
3 anything that's going on. Ms. D. has several  
4 references here and an excellent record since that  
5 time. No other concerns and she's presented to us as  
6 a potential excellent employee that we would very  
7 much like to be able to retain.

8 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

9 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: So it was 2004?  
10 Was it reduced to a misdemeanor from a felony or did  
11 it stay a felony?

12 MS. MARILYN D.: It stayed.

13 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: It stayed?

14 MS. MARILYN D.: Uh-huh.

15 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Just a short  
16 summation of what exactly happened with this 18 years  
17 ago?

18 MS. MARILYN D.: It was a overpayment with the  
19 food benefits -- the food stamps.

20 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: They had -- you had  
21 gotten an overpayment?

22 MS. MARILYN D.: Yes.

23 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Okay.

24 MS. MARILYN D.: And I had to --

25 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Like continuously

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--

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MS. MARILYN D.: Uh-huh.

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BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: -- or for how long?

4

Years, I guess?

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MS. MARILYN D.: Yes.

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BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Okay.

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MS. MARILYN D.: Yeah.

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BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: But nothing since

9

then?

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MS. MARILYN D.: No. No, sir. No.

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BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I'll make a motion

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we accept this one.

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BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Second.

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CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a motion and a second.

15

Any discussion?

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COURT REPORTER: Who -- name the second.

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CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: It was Charles.

18

(NO RESPONSE)

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CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor, say

20

"Aye."

21

(CHORUS OF AYES)

22

CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: And I'm abstaining.

23

CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

24

MS. MARILYN D.: Thank you.

25

CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You're free to go.

1 MR. CRAIG GAMMON: Thank you all.

2 MS. EBONY RUSS: They are going to number four  
3 now.

4 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 4. Jeremie B.:

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Just have a seat.

6 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

7 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: So you're actually  
8 your foster child's brother-in-law, right?

9 MR. JEREMIE B.: Yes, ma'am.

10 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So how long have  
11 you and Ariel [phonetic] been together?

12 MR. JEREMIE B.: Oh, we've been together for a  
13 year and a couple days now.

14 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. So he knows  
15 you, then?

16 MR. JEREMIE B.: Yes, sir.

17 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: How does you view  
18 you, as a friend --

19 MR. JEREMIE B.: Uh -- right now --

20 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: -- kind of a  
21 brother or a --

22 MR. JEREMIE B.: Right now as a friend/brother-  
23 in-law.

24 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah.

25 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: No other incidents

1 since the incident at Walmart?

2 MR. JEREMIE B.: No, sir.

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I make a motion to approve  
4 this request.

5 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Second.

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a second from Andrew.  
7 Any discussion?

8 (NO RESPONSE)

9 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
10 "Aye."

11 (CHORUS OF AYES)

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

13 MR. JEREMIE B.: Thank you.

14 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: (ABSTAINS).

15 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yes, she abstains.

16 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 3. Brandece K.:

17 MS. EBONY RUSS: Ms. Harp, can you explain where  
18 is Ms. K.?

19 MS. CAROL HARP: Oh, uh -- Brandece -- hey, I  
20 think he can go ahead and go out. Okay. She is --  
21 she isn't coming. I had told them up front. We  
22 wasn't sure -- she requested that the kids be moved  
23 due to an incident that happened. And they moved one  
24 of the children, but not both the children. But they  
25 were supposed to have already have moved them. And

1 so the children are being moved, but they haven't  
2 moved them as of yet. So, I mean, there's -- my  
3 supervisor said there would be no need for her to  
4 come since -- I mean, they were supposed to have  
5 already moved them. They keep telling her they're  
6 going to move them. So...

7 MS. EBONY RUSS: But she will need to appear in  
8 order to be approved.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Yeah. Carol, if  
10 you will send me -- just send me an email with her  
11 provider number on it, I'll get with your supervisor  
12 and we'll work it.

13 MS. CAROL HARP: Okay. On the issue with what's  
14 going on with the case?

15 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Just send me the  
16 provider number and I'll take care of it.

17 MS. CAROL HARP: Okay. Thank you.

18 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Okay? Thank you,  
19 very much.

20 MS. EBONY RUSS: Thank you.

21 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: So do we need to carry this  
22 over to the next meeting or --

23 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: No. They're not  
24 requesting this. They're saying they're moving the  
25 kids -- (INAUDIBLE) reason if the kid's removed.

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. All right. No longer  
2 needed.

3 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 10. David T.:

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I think we're at number 10.

5 MR. DAVID T.: Yeah. My name is Dave T.

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

7 MS. EBONY RUSS: I'm sorry. Which one are we  
8 on?

9 MR. DAVID T.: Number 10.

10 MS. EBONY RUSS: Number 10.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Number 10.

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Yes. And is this the report?

13 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: This is Mr. T.?

14 MR. DAVID T.: Yes, sir.

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

16 MR. JASON MCQUITTY: My name is Jason McQuitty  
17 with DCFS, resource worker.

18 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

19 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: So you can't read  
20 in this -- completely sober since --

21 MR. DAVID T.: Yeah.

22 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: -- 2007; no --

23 MR. DAVID T.: No.

24 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: -- substance issues  
25 of any kind?

1 MR. DAVID T.: No. Where I work at, I do a drug  
2 test anyway. I have a CDL license and I've been  
3 there for 31 years.

4 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Okay.

5 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So are you and  
6 Becky still together?

7 MR. DAVID T.: Yes. Yes, we are. And I haven't  
8 ever touched -- haven't had a drink since. I quit.

9 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Good for you.

10 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Good for you.

11 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll make a motion  
12 to approve this request.

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a motion, is there a  
14 second?

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Second.

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any discussion?

17 (NO RESPONSE)

18 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor, say  
19 "Aye."

20 (CHORUS OF AYES)

21 MR. DAVID T.: Thank you.

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You're free to go.

23 MR. DAVID T.: Thank you. I appreciate it.

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

25 MR. DAVID T.: You's have a good day.



1 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Congratulations on  
2 your sobriety too.

3 MR. DAVID T.: Thank you.

4 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 11. Arnoldo L.:

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Number 11.

6 MR. JASON MCQUITTY: My name is Jason McQuitty,  
7 with DCFS.

8 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

9 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'm sure we can  
10 find it, but when were -- what were the dates of  
11 these charges?

12 MR. ARNOLDO L.: Um, --

13 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I mean, I probably  
14 can dig through and find it. I didn't know if y'all  
15 knew right off-hand about when this happened.

16 MR. JASON MCQUITTY: I'd have to look in my -- I  
17 can look in my phone at the FBI report.

18 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah. I  
19 understand.

20 MS. EBONY RUSS: Can he answer?

21 MR. JASON MCQUITTY: They've -- yeah. Go.

22 MR. ARNOLDO L.: I can't remember the year.

23 MR. JASON MCQUITTY: They've been awhile. It's  
24 been awhile back.

25 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Multiple -- I mean,

1 multiple -- the 70s?

2 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: 70's, the 80's, the  
3 90's -- or was it all about the same time? Were they  
4 spread out over a number of years?

5 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Yeah, it's --

6 MR. ARNOLDO L.: Yeah. 90s -- 2000. I'll say.

7 MR. JASON MCQUITTY: Early 2000 something.

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Looks like 2004.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I think probably  
10 this was -- there's a 2009 in there for battery.  
11 That's the one we should --

12 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay.

13 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- probably be  
14 (INAUDIBLE) on.

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: How about when's  
16 the last time you've been in trouble?

17 MR. ARNOLDO L.: I couldn't remember. I guess  
18 I've been -- you know, I've been out of trouble since  
19 that last incident that I had.

20 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: With this '09?

21 MR. ARNOLDO L.: I have not -- I have no -- no  
22 problems. You know, I've been working.

23 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Taking care of  
24 the kids?

25 MR. ARNOLDO L.: Yes. My two girls, they're 24

1 and 23. And they -- you know, the oldest one is --  
2 she's a registered nurse. My youngest one, she works  
3 for the post office -- our post office in Pine Bluff.  
4 So...

5 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. Okay.

6 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I think probably  
7 the one endangering the welfare of a minor, y'all  
8 might want to (INAUDIBLE) about on that.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yeah. I was  
10 trying to find that.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: And the domestic  
12 battery 2009.

13 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So what  
14 happened?

15 MR. ARNOLDO L.: I'm sorry?

16 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: What happened  
17 with regard to the minor being in jeopardy?

18 MR. ARNOLDO L.: The boy was walking and I  
19 picked him up and, when the officers stopped me, you  
20 know, he did it. But we went to court and all that  
21 was dismissed, you know, on all that. So...

22 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So no physical  
23 confrontation?

24 MR. ARNOLDO L.: No. No. All I did was pick  
25 him up. And he was walking down the road and I was

1 going like a block down. And I did.

2 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And they charged  
3 you with endangerment on that?

4 MR. ARNOLDO L.: That's what he -- that's what  
5 the officer put on there, but, like I said,  
6 everything was dismissed when we went to court.

7 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: So the officer  
8 charged you with endangering a minor because you were  
9 intoxicated at that time? Is that --

10 MR. ARNOLDO L.: Well, yes. Yes.

11 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Okay.

12 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

13 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: And then -- and  
14 then you said later it got dismissed?

15 MR. ARNOLDO L.: Yes, sir.

16 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Okay. And that was  
17 early 2000?

18 MR. ARNOLDO L.: I would say so.

19 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Are you still  
20 drinking?

21 MR. ARNOLDO L.: No. You know, I don't even  
22 have time right now. You know, too busy with work  
23 and now we have the kids. You know, I had to put my  
24 hobbies back, you know. I still have -- I do body  
25 work, you know, at -- on my own, you know, at home.

1 And I had to stop everything because of the kids.  
2 The kids are right now being the number one priority.  
3 You know, we've --

4 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: That's not a very  
5 good (INAUDIBLE).

6 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I saw 2000  
7 (INAUDIBLE).

8 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So I'm listening  
9 to everybody, but --

10 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: That's not early  
11 2000.

12 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: That's what now?

13 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: I said that is not  
14 early 2000, when you look at these dates.

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I'm trying to  
16 see those dates. 2009?

17 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Yeah.

18 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: It does look like,  
19 the 2009, the prosecutor decided not to prosecute it.

20 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Is that what that  
21 is?

22 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Nol pros.

23 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. You're  
24 better at reading these things than I am.

25 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Yeah.

1                   BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I'm not finding the  
2 child endangerment one yet.

3                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah. We're  
4 searching over here.

5                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So it looks like  
6 everything stopped in 2009. No more trouble?

7                   MR. ARNOLDO L.: No more trouble, sir.

8                   BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: So do you have your  
9 driver's license now?

10                  MR. ARNOLDO L.: Yes. I've had it.

11                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: How old are your  
12 grandchildren?

13                  MR. ARNOLDO L.: Just turned two, the oldest,  
14 and the youngest one's just turned one I believe  
15 today.

16                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay.

17                  MR. ARNOLDO L.: Yeah. He is a handful.

18                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Are you taking  
19 care of them by yourself or do you have support?

20                  MR. ARNOLDO L.: No, sir. My wife and my  
21 stepdaughter, we all take turns.

22                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Is she here?

23                  MR. ARNOLDO L.: No.

24                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: She's not here  
25 today?

1 MR. ARNOLDO L.: She had to stay home, because  
2 the oldest baby, he came home -- a couple of nights  
3 ago he, you know, started running a fever. And she  
4 took him to the doctor, you know, yesterday. So he  
5 ended up with the flu. So he's got medicine coming.  
6 And she was actually at Walmart not too long ago  
7 picking up his medications. The baby is fine and she  
8 went back to preschool.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Good. Good.

10 MR. ARNOLDO L.: So both of the babies are  
11 attending preschool.

12 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: I'll make a  
13 motion that we approve the request.

14 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I've got a motion. Is there  
15 a second?

16 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: You know, I'll  
17 second that.

18 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a second. Any more  
19 discussion?

20 (NO RESPONSE)

21 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
22 "Aye."

23 (CHORUS OF AYES)

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations. You're free  
2 to go.

3 MR. ARNOLDO L.: Thank you, so much. Thank you.

4 COURT REPORTER: Do you abstain?

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Yeah. DCFS Abstains.

6 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 12. Zachary C.:

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: This is number 12. Go ahead  
8 and explain why you're here.

9 MR. KENNETH REID: My name is Ken Reid. I'm  
10 resource area 2 Crawford County East. And today I  
11 brought Zachary C. with me today and we're asking for  
12 approval for him to work with kids today.

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

14 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

15 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: The goal is  
16 adoption, but you're going to open as a foster home,  
17 right? You're going to do the fostering, not just  
18 wait to adopt?

19 MR. ZACHARY C.: Excuse me?

20 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So you're going to  
21 foster -- I'm trying to make sure you've got a foster  
22 home -- are you going to foster while you're waiting  
23 to adopt?

24 MR. ZACHARY C.: Yes.

25 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Some people open as



1 adopt only, but I see it does say foster.

2 MR. KENNETH REID: Yes, sir. Yeah. He's  
3 fostering.

4 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: That doesn't have  
5 anything to do with this, but I was just --

6 MR. KENNETH REID: Yeah. Yeah, I understand.

7 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: -- asking.

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I'll make a motion to approve  
9 this request.

10 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I second.

11 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I -- you already  
12 did.

13 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: We got it.

14 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
15 "Aye."

16 (CHORUS OF AYES)

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

18 (NO RESPONSE)

19 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains.  
20 Congratulations.

21 MR. KENNETH REID: Oh, thank you. Thank you.

22 MR. ZACHARY C: Thank you.

23 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 13. Kylie C.:

24 MR. KENNETH REID: Today I have Kylie C. with me  
25 and we would like to ask if she can have approval to

1 work with children, as well.

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

3 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

4 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Now this is 13?

5 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: So you're with a  
6 private agency as a foster home, correct?

7 MS. KYLIE C.: Yes, ma'am. Yes.

8 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: And you were  
9 approved through them, --

10 MS. KYLIE C.: Yes.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- but then we  
12 can't see the records from them.

13 MS. KYLIE C.: Right.

14 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: So now you want to  
15 adopt the foster children --

16 MS. KYLIE C.: Yes.

17 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- so we needed to  
18 ask.

19 MS. KYLIE C.: Yes. It was complicated. We  
20 disclosed to the agency, --

21 COURT REPORTER: Can you speak up, please?

22 MS. KYLIE C.: Sorry. We disclosed to the  
23 agency, but, then, yes, because of the I guess  
24 discrepancy in re --

25 MR. KENNETH REID: Yes.

1 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: We can't share  
2 records.

3 MR. KENNETH REID: Right. It came back when we  
4 were going to switch them over, so, yeah, that's why  
5 we're here.

6 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: So what I was  
7 explaining, here, is they're open with a private  
8 agency to foster. And so that agency already got  
9 y'all's -- the Board's approval for --

10 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yes.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- anything on  
12 here.

13 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Already  
14 approved. Yeah.

15 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: But now they want  
16 to adopt our -- the foster -- our foster children.  
17 We can't get the records -- criminal records from  
18 that agency.

19 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Right.

20 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: So then we had to  
21 get our own and then we have to make our own request.

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Well I'm going to make a  
23 motion --

24 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: So it's kind of  
25 like a double approval here.

1                   CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I'll make a motion that we  
2 approve this request.

3                   BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I thought y'all  
4 probably would once you realized they'd been through  
5 it once already.

6                   CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Yeah. Is there a second?

7                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I second.

8                   CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a second from Sanford.  
9 Any discussion?

10                   (NO RESPONSE)

11                   CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
12 "Aye."

13                   (CHORUS OF AYES)

14                   MR. KENNETH REID: Thank you.

15                   MS. KYLIE C.: Thank you.

16                   CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations. So thank  
17 you for that explanation, Sandi.

18                   BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: You're going to get  
19 to adopt now, aren't you?

20                   MS. KYLIE C.: Yes.

21                   CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Sandy abstains.

22                   BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Oh, I'm abstaining.

23                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So are you ready --  
24 do you have a child you're ready to adopt?

25                   BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Yes, that's why

1 we're opening --

2 MS. KYLIE C.: We have a sibling set, yes.

3 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: That's what I  
4 thought we were talking about.

5 MS. KYLIE C.: Thank you, so much.

6 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: So to adopt she has  
7 to open with us as an adoptive home.

8 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yes. Uh-huh.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: To adopt our  
10 children.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Congratulations.

12 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 14. Sammy E.:

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All right. We're on number  
14 14.

15 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: Athalia Dismuke, DCFS  
16 resource worker. We're here with Mr. E., who has  
17 applied to be a provisional for his grandchildren.  
18 The children are not in his home at this time.

19 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

20 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: So your cover memo  
21 really is grandfather, not grandmother, right?

22 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: Yes, ma'am.

23 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I didn't think he  
24 looked like a woman.

25 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: Look, I'm standing in for

1           somebody. I didn't read them. I just got them  
2           today. I'm sorry.

3                         (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

4           BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And this was in  
5           2009?

6           MR. SAMMY E.: No. It's -- it was just 2021.

7           BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Oh.

8           MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: I think he talking about  
9           your record.

10          BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: That part.

11          Okay. I'm looking down here where he said --

12          MR. SAMMY E.: Oh, he's talking about my record?

13          MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: Or your charge. Do you  
14          know what your charge was?

15          MR. SAMMY E.: Oh, the charges? It would be.

16          BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I was just  
17          reading what -- the incident that occurred in 2009.

18          MS. EBONY RUSS: You'll have to speak up for the  
19          court reporter.

20          MR. SAMMY E.: Yes.

21          MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: Were the charges in 2009?

22          MR. SAMMY E.: 2009. That deal with child  
23          endangerment was, yeah, 2000.

24          BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Some -- we're  
25          trying to chase through this. I'll get to it.

1                   When's the last incident that you had in terms of  
2                   conflict with the system?  When's the last time  
3                   you've been in trouble?

4                   MR. SAMMY E.:  I believe it was 2009.

5                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE:  Nothing since  
6                   then?

7                   MR. SAMMY E.:  Nothing since then.

8                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE:  And you want to  
9                   be the custodial grandparent.

10                  MR. SAMMY E.:  Yes.

11                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE:  Is that -- for  
12                  your grandkids?

13                  MR. SAMMY E.:  For my grandkids, yes, sir.

14                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE:  Do they need  
15                  you?

16                  MR. SAMMY E.:  Yes, sir.  You say they need me?

17                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE:  Do they need  
18                  you?

19                  MR. SAMMY E.:  Oh.  Yes, sir.

20                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE:  And you want to  
21                  take them on?

22                  MR. SAMMY E.:  Yes, sir.

23                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE:  Why?

24                  MR. SAMMY E.:  Well, it's (INAUDIBLE) right now  
25                  they're parents are incarcerated --

1 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

2 MR. SAMMY E.: -- right now and they're in the  
3 system. So I don't want them to be in the system and  
4 lose custody of them. And I think I'll make a good  
5 grandparent, because, since 2013, I have changed my  
6 life. I got saved in my church. I'm a deacon in the  
7 church right now.

8 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Congratulations.

9 MR. SAMMY E.: My life has completely changed.  
10 There's -- like I said, there's no other. I used to  
11 drink back then. I haven't had a drink in about nine  
12 years. And me and my wife, both, we are born again  
13 Christians. And we -- like I said, I'm a deacon in  
14 the church now. Like I said, I've got wonderful  
15 leader there, you know, that helps us out anytime we  
16 need a good counselor for us, you know. And I just  
17 think, like I said, I've come a long way and I've  
18 been blessed. And we're in the process right now of  
19 looking for a home and I bought some new land. So  
20 we're in the process now of putting us a home on it.

21 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: For your  
22 grandbabies?

23 MR. SAMMY E.: Yes, sir. Yes, sir. We have to  
24 have at least three bedrooms, because there's two of  
25 them we're trying to get. And I'm a school bus



1 driver. I've been doing it going on a little over  
2 three years now --

3 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

4 MR. SAMMY E.: -- and then I work on a farm.

5 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: What kind of --  
6 what do you raise?

7 MR. SAMMY E.: Sir?

8 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: What do you  
9 raise? Cows?

10 MR. SAMMY E.: Yes, sir. Livestock.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Livestock.  
12 Okay. So the last time was when?

13 MR. SAMMY E.: I believe in 2009, was the last  
14 time I got into anything with the law.

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I want to make  
16 this motion.

17 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: He was also able to  
18 get his record sealed.

19 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Uh-huh. When the  
20 records are sealed, we still have to see them, but  
21 the fact that they can be sealed, it always  
22 influences my decision.

23 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. Well my  
24 heart wants me to make a motion.

25 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Well make it.

1 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yeah. I like --

2 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: When have you not

3 gone with what your heart told you, Sanford?

4 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Thank you, Mr.

5 -- I'm back. Well, I'm trying to -- how I want to

6 word this motion. But I want to make a motion that

7 we accept the waiver for Mr. E. to be able to be the

8 custodial grandparents for his grandkids or adopt

9 them. Is it adoption?

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion. Is there a

11 second?

12 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: I'll second.

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Beverly seconds. Any more

14 discussion?

15 (NO RESPONSE)

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,

17 "Aye."

18 (CHORUS OF AYES)

19 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

20 (NO RESPONSE)

21 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains.

22 Congratulations.

23 MR. SAMMY E.: Thank you.

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You're free to leave.

25 MR. SAMMY E.: Thank you.

1 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 15. Lakisha E.:

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You can go ahead and start  
3 talking and then we'll try to read and listen at the  
4 same time.

5 MS. ATHALIA DISMUKE: Okay. Athalia Dismuke,  
6 DCFS, area 4. This is Ms. E., the wife to Mr. E.,  
7 who just left. And they are trying to get their  
8 grandchildren.

9 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

10 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: How many children  
11 do you have?

12 MS. LAKISHA E.: Three.

13 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Three. So I  
14 noticed one of the charges had to do with one of your  
15 children. Is this her children or is this --

16 MS. LAKISHA E.: Yes. They're her children.

17 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. I know it's  
18 here. How old are the children?

19 MS. LAKISHA E.: Three and eight month, I think.

20 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. Three. So  
21 what is the -- the three year old have a name for  
22 you?

23 MS. LAKISHA E.: Danai [phonetic].

24 MS. ATHELIA DISMUKE: No, what do they call you?

25 MS. LAKISHA E.: Oh, granny.

1                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. That's the  
2 kind of questions grandparents ask, in case you all  
3 don't know that.

4                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So the last  
5 situation, Ms. E., was 2014?

6                   MS. LAKISHA E.: Yes, sir.

7                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Nothing else  
8 since 2014?

9                   MS. LAKISHA E.: No, sir.

10                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And did you know  
11 Mr. E. that was here before us?

12                  MS. LAKISHA E.: Yes, sir.

13                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: You know him  
14 well?

15                  MS. LAKISHA E.: Yes, sir.

16                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. He said a  
17 lot of things about him being changed. Is that true?

18                  MS. LAKISHA E.: Yes, sir.

19                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And looking at  
20 this, how about you?

21                  MS. LAKISHA E.: I've changed, as well.

22                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Do you want your  
23 grandkids?

24                  MS. LAKISHA E.: Yes, sir.

25                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: You know, there

1 are people in this room that could take them? Do you  
2 know that?

3 MS. LAKISHA E.: Yes, sir.

4 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yeah. Some of  
5 these people could -- acting on behalf of the state  
6 -- could take them.

7 MS. LAKISHA E.: Uh-huh.

8 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So it's serious.

9 MS. LAKISHA E.: Yes, sir.

10 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Well I made a  
11 motion earlier, so I'll go ahead and make a motion  
12 that we approve the grandparent custody of their  
13 grandchildren.

14 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion. Is there a  
15 second?

16 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll second.

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Have a second from Charles.

18 All those in favor say, "Aye."

19 (CHORUS OF AYES)

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

21 (NO RESPONSE)

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: DCFS abstains.

23 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I know of some good  
24 resources in Hope. And I know you probably have a  
25 church family that's around you, but --

1 MS. LAKISHA E.: Yes, sir.

2 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: -- there are some  
3 folks down there that can really help you out if you  
4 need some help, so --

5 MS. LAKISHA E.: Yes, sir.

6 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: -- don't hesitate  
7 to get in touch with someone and ask and I'll be glad  
8 to point her that way.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I was born in  
10 Hope.

11 MS. ATHELIA DISMUKE: Okay. Thank you.

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

13 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah. The church  
14 there is very resourceful.

15 MS. LAKISHA E.: Um, thank you, Lord. Um, thank  
16 you, Lord.

17 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yes.

18 MS. LAKISHA E.: Thank you, Jesus.

19 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: It's all right.

20 MS. LAKISHA E.: Um, thank you, Lord. Thank  
21 you, Lord Jesus. Um, thank you, Lord. Thank you,  
22 Lord. Um, thank you, Lord.

23 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 16. Sheila W. (not  
24 present):

25 MS. EBONY RUSS: So Mr. Altom, number 16, it was

1 reported that she refused to attend the meeting.

2 So...

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: No longer needed?

4 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Are the children --  
5 now -- were the children --

6 MS. EBONY RUSS: They're --

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: -- placed with her at that  
8 point?

9 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: They're there.

10 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: My goodness.

11 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah.

12 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: What is this  
13 one?

14 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: No. I mean she has  
15 to come because she has to present hers. I guess,  
16 can we get a -- go ahead and extend the temporary  
17 waiver and make sure she -- well, I mean, we've got  
18 to decide something.

19 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So what we could do  
20 is give her to the next meeting to make a decision  
21 and, if not, the children will be moved? Is that --

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I think that's the only thing  
23 you can do.

24 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I mean, that's --

25 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: That's a generous

1 offer.

2 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: What y'all would  
3 have to -- I mean, what y'all would have to decide is  
4 either then we'd have to give her custody. The  
5 courts would have to -- she couldn't get approved as  
6 a foster home if the Board doesn't approve her.

7 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah. And we don't  
8 have any choice.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Right. And she  
10 doesn't have a choice but to present her packet.

11 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yes. So --

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Is there a motion to --

13 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: And I let them know  
14 that before this happened.

15 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So -- yeah.  
16 Because we don't have any information about what the  
17 charges were or what --

18 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: She's got to  
19 present them.

20 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah.

21 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: So I guess DCFS is  
22 going to request to extend until the next Board  
23 meeting.

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: So we have a request to  
25 extend until the next Board meeting.



1                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I will -- DCFS made  
2                   that request, so I will recommend that we accept  
3                   that, only because we don't want the children to have  
4                   to be moved.

5                   BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Absolutely.

6                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: But they will have  
7                   to be moved if she doesn't come to the next meeting.

8                   BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Or the Courts will  
9                   have to give her custody --

10                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Or the courts will  
11                  give her custody --

12                  BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- knowing --

13                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: -- yeah. That's  
14                  outside of our jurisdiction.

15                  BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- she's not an  
16                  approved foster home. Right. She can't be approved  
17                  as a foster home.

18                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah. She -- okay.  
19                  There you go.

20                  CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: So Charles that's in the form  
21                  of a motion?

22                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: In the form of  
23                  motion, yes.

24                  CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All right. I'll second that  
25                  motion. All -- any more discussion?

1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All in favor say, "Aye."

3 (CHORUS OF AYES)

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 MS. EBONY RUSS: Ms. Carnahan, for the record

7 that was number 16.

8 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 17. Angela K.:

9 MS. MELISSA ENNIS: I am Melissa Ennis and I am  
10 here --

11 COURT REPORTER: Wait. Wait. You're going to  
12 have to speak up.

13 MS. MELISSA ENNIS: Okay. I am Melissa Ennis  
14 and I'm here with Angela K. We are requesting a  
15 waiver for permission to work with children.

16 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

17 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Melissa, is your  
18 cover memo in this packet, because I don't find it --  
19 that lists everything --

20 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah. It is kind  
21 of --

22 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- like the rest of  
23 them do?

24 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: How -- is there one  
25 charge?

1 MS. MELISSA ENNIS: No. There were several  
2 charges.

3 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. So...

4 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So I went back  
5 to '96.

6 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah.

7 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Is that the  
8 beginning?

9 MS. MELISSA ENNIS: '96 and '97.

10 MS. ANGELA K.: Uh-huh. Yes, sir.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. '96.

12 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Kind of looking for  
13 a summary sheet or something.

14 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: And there are --  
15 there are notes not in there.

16 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And when's the  
17 last incident.

18 MS. ANGELA K.: '97.

19 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: '97.

20 MS. MELISSA ENNIS: This one?

21 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Oh, it's in the  
22 back?

23 MS. MELISSA ENNIS: Yeah, I believe so.

24 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So from my  
25 understanding, '96 it started --

1 MS. ANGELA K.: Yes, sir.

2 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: -- and '97, and  
3 nothing since '97?

4 MS. ANGELA K.: No, sir.

5 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. That  
6 helps me through all of this real fast.

7 MS. ANGELA K.: Absolutely.

8 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: What we're looking  
9 for is just a summary of what the charges were,  
10 without having to read everything in the packet. And  
11 if you want to give us that, that will speed things  
12 up a little bit.

13 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yeah.

14 MS. ANGELA K.: You want me to?

15 MS. MELISSA ENNIS: Yeah.

16 MS. ANGELA K.: Yeah. So --

17 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: The year of the  
18 charges.

19 MS. ANGELA K.: Yeah. So in 1993 my mom  
20 committed suicide and I went down a bad road. So in  
21 1996, I had a couple of arrests for, like, selling  
22 alcohol to a minor, a drug paraphernalia charge, and  
23 then I had stole money from my grandmother. So my  
24 grandmother put me in jail to save my life. And it  
25 did. So I've been clean and sober for almost 21

1           years.

2                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN:   And so why are you  
3 here today?

4                   MS. ANGELA K.:   I have my three god children out  
5 of foster care.  Their mother died -- their mother  
6 and the oldest brother died when the tree fell on the  
7 house in Russellville a few years back.

8                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN:   Yeah.

9                   MS. ANGELA K.:   Those are my god kids.

10                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN:   Okay.

11                  MS. ANGELA K.:   They were placed with one of the  
12 dads and he was -- he's been abusing the older one.  
13 He's in jail.  So they called me and said "Hey, can  
14 you take all three, because, if not, we're going to  
15 separate them."  And I said, "Absolutely."

16                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN:   And how old are  
17 they?

18                  MS. ANGELA K.:   12, 10 and 4.

19                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN:   Okay.

20                  MS. ANGELA K.:   So I've known them their whole  
21 life.

22                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN:   Uh-huh.

23                  MS. ANGELA K.:   Being able to adopt them is our  
24 goal.  We have an adoption date.  April 20th.

25                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN:   So we -- who is we?

1 MS. ANGELA K.: Me and my husband.

2 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: All right.

3 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Is he here?

4 MS. ANGELA K.: He's not here today, but y'all  
5 have met him before.

6 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

7 MS. ANGELA K.: Y'all approved him before. He's  
8 really sick today, so he didn't come today. But  
9 yeah, he's been approved. So it's just me.

10 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll make a motion  
11 to approve this request.

12 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I'll second.

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a motion and a second.  
14 Any discussion?

15 (NO RESPONSE)

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
17 "Aye."

18 (CHORUS OF AYES)

19 MS. ANGELA K.: Thank you.

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

21 (NO RESPONSE)

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

23 MS. ANGELA K.: Thank you.

24 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Thank you.

25 MS. ANGELA K.: Thank you.

1 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 18. Tim P. AND 19. Mary P.  
2 AND OTHER NO SHOWS:

3 MS. EBONY RUSS: So, for the Board, do you want  
4 -- I don't know if DCF -- DCFS wants them to be moved  
5 to the next meeting? I don't -- I haven't heard  
6 anything about why they're not here.

7 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I mean I can't  
8 request it, because I don't know why they're not here  
9 or anything either.

10 MS. DAWN JEFFREY: Seems like we have had more  
11 just no show up.

12 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I don't know what  
13 happened.

14 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Do you think it was because  
15 we postponed the meeting?

16 MS. DAWN JEFFREY: Changed it maybe?

17 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: Maybe.

18 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I don't know. The  
19 packets aren't even very good this time, overall. So  
20 I'm not sure what's happened.

21 MS. EBONY RUSS: They will usually notify us if  
22 they can't come because of work, or whatever reason,  
23 but I don't have anything to tell you on them.

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: If the Board is okay with it,  
25 I'd like to make a motion that we -- any of these

1 individuals that are listed that don't show up, that  
2 we carry over to the next agenda, and that DCFS  
3 determine what's needed, whether they'll show up, or  
4 whether we need to remove kids --

5 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I agree.

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: -- or whatever.

7 MS. EBONY RUSS: Okay.

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: But I just think it, in  
9 fairness to them, because it was kind of --

10 MS. DAWN JEFFREY: 'Cause we moved it; we  
11 changed it. So...

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Yeah.

13 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I actually have  
14 something. This oughta -- should -- oughta work  
15 sometimes.

16 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yes.

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: So that's my motion. Is  
18 there a second?

19 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: Second.

20 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: There you go.

21 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a second from Beverly.  
22 All in favor say, "Aye."

23 (CHORUS OF AYES)

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE)



1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. So we'll carry forward  
2 with any that are not here, we'll just move to the  
3 next agenda.

4 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 20. SKYE S.:

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I believe we were at number  
6 20? You can go ahead.

7 MS. TAKIYAH WALKER: I'm Takiyah Walker with  
8 DCFS and I am here to present Skye S. for a foster  
9 parent.

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

11 COURT REPORTER: What was your name, again?

12 MS. TAKIYAH WALKER: Takiyah Walker.

13 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

14 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: First charge. What  
15 was the date -- on the first charge, what was the  
16 date, year?

17 MR. SKYE S.: 2011.

18 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: '11. Okay.

19 MR. SKYE S.: It was either the end of 2010 or  
20 the beginning of 2011.

21 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay.

22 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. And the  
23 last time you got in trouble?

24 MR. SKYE S.: 2013.

25 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So '11 to '13

1 was kind of a journey?

2 MR. SKYE S.: It was --

3 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

4 MR. SKYE S: -- a journey, to say the least. It  
5 was a lot of lessons. Yeah.

6 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yes. Yes. So  
7 nothing since '13?

8 MR. SKYE S.: No, sir.

9 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: I like what  
10 you said about helping the person that is placed in  
11 front of you. I'll make a motion that we approve the  
12 request.

13 MS. SKYE S.: Thank you.

14 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a motion. Is there a  
15 second?

16 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Go Andy.

17 (LAUGHS) I'll second.

18 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Sanford seconds. Any  
19 discussion?

20 (NO RESPONSE)

21 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
22 "Aye."

23 (CHORUS OF AYES)

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

2 MS. SKYE S.: Thank you.

3 MS. TAKIYAH WALKER: That's it.

4 MS. SKYE S.: That's it?

5 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 21. Kelly D.:

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: 21.

7 MS. TAKIYAH WALKER: Well I'm still here.

8 Again, I'm Takiyah Walker with DCFS. I'm in area 3,  
9 Saline County, and I'm here to present Kelly D. for a  
10 foster -- well, actually he is provisional foster  
11 parent; he's taking on his relatives.

12 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

13 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Tell me -- 2011  
14 was the beginning of everything?

15 MR. KELLY D.: Yes, sir.

16 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: 2011?

17 MR. KELLY D.: Yes, sir.

18 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And then the  
19 last time you had any problems?

20 MR. KELLY D.: That was 2011. I'd -- I had the

21 --

22 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: That was it?

23 MR. KELLY D.: That was it.

24 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: That was enough?

25 MR. KELLY D.: That was enough for me.

1                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And it mentions  
2                   there was -- there's a two-year-old that you have  
3                   been working with, since -- since two? Am I right?  
4                   I'm trying to --

5                   MS. TAKIYAH WALKER: Your son.

6                   MR. KELLY D.: Oh, yes, sir. We took  
7                   guardianship of a two-year-old --

8                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And how old --

9                   MR. KELLY D.: -- in 2000.

10                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And how old are  
11                  they now?

12                  MR. KELLY D.: He's 23.

13                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And they were in  
14                  your care all that time?

15                  MR. KELLY D.: Yes, sir. Matter of fact, he  
16                  just finished up his -- well is finishing up his  
17                  senior year of college now.

18                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So you've been  
19                  taking care of him?

20                  MR. KELLY D.: Yes, sir.

21                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And so we are  
22                  here to approve his ability to be a caregiver? Is  
23                  that right Mr. Chairman?

24                  CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I believe we're approving him  
25                  to work with children. Yes.

1 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

2 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: It's still a  
3 provisional. What's the relationship of you to the  
4 --

5 MR. KELLY D.: Niece and nephew.

6 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Niece and nephew.

7 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. So it's  
8 provisional?

9 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Uh-huh.

10 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Mr. Chairman,  
11 I'd like to make a motion that we grant the  
12 provisional ability to work with children and become  
13 a caregiver.

14 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion.

15 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Second.

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Andrew, you second. Any  
17 discussion?

18 (NO RESPONSE)

19 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
20 "Aye."

21 (CHORUS OF AYES)

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

25 MR. KELLY D.: Thank you. Y'all have a good

1           one.

2 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 23. Ronald F.:

3           CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You can go ahead and state  
4 your name for the court reporter and explain why  
5 you're here.

6           MS. ERIN SMITH: My name is Erin Smith. E-R-I-  
7 N. The department is seeking special consideration  
8 for Mr. F. to work with children based on licensing  
9 103.13. He has a 2010 misdemeanor conviction for  
10 assault on a family member --

11           BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Ahnt ahnt ahnt.  
12 Let him tell about his stuff.

13           MS. ERIN SMITH: Oh.

14           BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So just give us a  
15 minute. We'll kind of look through this and...

16           (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

17           CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Since this incident did you  
18 go into any type of rehab program or anything like  
19 that or --

20           MR. RONALD F.: I went to prison. I also had  
21 some drug charges after that. You know, I mean, it  
22 all stemmed from drug use. I went to prison for,  
23 like, two years and I was on -- ten years with  
24 parole.

25           CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

1                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So there were those  
2 charges, in addition to this, that you went to prison  
3 for? What you --

4                   MR. RONALD F.: Not at that same time. I mean  
5 --

6                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah.

7                   MR. RONALD F.: -- that was one charge. It was  
8 probably a year later whenever I went to prison for  
9 drugs, but --

10                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay.

11                  BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: It was 2011.

12                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay.

13                  CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Nothing since 2012?

14                  MR. RONALD F.: Maybe a speeding ticket.

15                  CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Well, you do live in  
16 Independence County, right?

17                  MR. RONALD F.: Yeah. I sure do.

18                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Could I get  
19 clarification on that part, says benefit to the child  
20 who may be placed in the home. Can you clarify that  
21 for me what that's really saying?

22                  CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Where -- where is it?

23                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Where is that,  
24 Sanford?

25                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: On the first

1 page. It says, if the alternative compliance is  
2 approved, this will be the second time for removal.  
3 Explain that to me.

4 MS. ERIN SMITH: The child went on a trial home  
5 visit. We closed the case -- we closed the court  
6 case. Left a protective service case open for  
7 several months, is my understanding. And then on a  
8 home visit to that particular home, there was an  
9 incident and the child was re-removed --

10 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

11 MS. ERIN SMITH: -- from the mother.

12 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

13 MS. ERIN SMITH: And we're wishing to place with  
14 the aunt -- his wife.

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. So this  
16 is a different --

17 MS. ERIN SMITH: Yes.

18 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: -- placement.  
19 Okay.

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I make a motion we approve  
21 this request. Is there a second?

22 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll second.

23 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a second from  
24 Charles. Any more discussion?

25 (NO RESPONSE)



1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
2 "Aye."

3 (CHORUS OF AYES)

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

7 MR. RONALD F.: Thank you.

8 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 24. Tina S.:

9 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Number 24. Go ahead.

10 MS. ERIN SMITH: I'm Erin -- E-R-I-N -- Smith.  
11 The Department is seeking special consideration for  
12 Ms. S. to work with children, based on licensing  
13 standards 103.13.

14 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So this is the  
16 answer to my question. Am I correct?

17 MS. ERIN SMITH: Yes. She's --

18 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: This is part  
19 two.

20 MS. ERIN SMITH: For her. Yes, sir.

21 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yeah. A  
22 different person.

23 MS. ERIN SMITH: Uh-huh.

24 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. Let me  
25 see; does she have any charges? This is fragmented.

1 I won't act like I'm real smart. I'm just going to  
2 ask you if you can explain what happened, when it  
3 started, and when's the last time you've had any  
4 difficulty? And what have you done to improve?

5 MS. TINA S.: Okay. So when all the charges  
6 basically started, I was going through a really bad  
7 divorce. And I just made some really stupid  
8 decisions. And I ended up getting in trouble in,  
9 like, three different counties. So, whenever I  
10 failed to appear, or got a probation violation, it  
11 was, you know, the other counties had to follow suit.  
12 So it's been I think about 18 for any drug charges  
13 and about 11 years for -- I wrote a bad check. I  
14 thought I had money in the account and they -- and it  
15 wasn't, so I got a charge on that. But, yeah, I've  
16 changed my life. I'm a quality -- a food safety and  
17 quality assurance manager. I have been in management  
18 for about -- going on 12 years. And I moved to  
19 Arkansas just to better myself. And it's the best  
20 move I've ever done. And I just really want to help  
21 my niece.

22 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So we started  
23 our journey I think in 1994?

24 MS. TINA S.: Yes.

25 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: 1994?

1 MS. TINA S.: And I tried getting dispositions  
2 on them and they were -- said they were too old.

3 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. And we  
4 ended our journey -- what -- 2004 maybe?

5 MS. TINA S.: Uh-huh.

6 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Nothing since  
7 2004?

8 MS. TINA S.: No. No drug charges. No.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: No nothing?

10 MS. TINA S.: I think I had a bad check.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: 2007.

12 MS. TINA S.: Oh, is it --

13 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So you said you  
14 pulled yourself out of a mess? So what happened?

15 MS. TINA S.: Oh, yeah.

16 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Did you just wake  
17 up one day and said, "I'm not going to do this  
18 anymore?"

19 MS. TINA S.: Well, no, I went -- I did a  
20 treatment program and I moved away from the people I  
21 knew. And I just --

22 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. I got it.

23 MS. TINA S.: -- that was the only way I thought  
24 I could do it. It was just -- I knew so many people  
25 and I just kept getting in trouble. So, once I

1 completed the treatment, I moved away.

2 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Good move.

3 MS. TINA S.: Yeah. It was the best move I ever  
4 made.

5 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Now, you and Mr. F.  
6 are the couple, right?

7 MS. TINA S.: Yes.

8 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: So are y'all able  
9 to keep each other clean and sober in your new  
10 living, because --

11 MS. S.: Oh, yeah.

12 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- I mean,  
13 sometimes --

14 MS. TINA S.: I've known him. Actually --

15 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- that's not a  
16 good thing.

17 MS. TINA S.: Right. So I've known him -- well  
18 we both worked at O&P, and he still does, but I  
19 changed companies. And he -- we've just been friends  
20 for about six years. And, yeah, so he's a super guy  
21 and he's -- he hasn't been doing anything. That  
22 charge -- he went to prison for two years and he said  
23 that was his wake up.

24 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll be glad to  
25 make a motion that we approve this request for DCFS.

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion --

2 BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: Second.

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: -- and a second from Beverly.

4 Any discussion?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,

7 "Aye."

8 (CHORUS OF AYES)

9 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

12 MS. TINA S.: Thank you so much, you guys. This  
13 means a lot. Thank you.

14 (MS. BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI EXITS THE MEETING)

15 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 25. Curby Lee A.:

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. State your name and  
17 tell us why you're here.

18 MS. BETH PARKRIDGE: My name is Beth Parkridge.  
19 I'm with White County -- DCFS resource worker and I'm  
20 here to be here for Mr. Curby A.

21 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

22 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

23 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Is this a  
24 provisional placement or is it a regular foster home?

25 MS. BETH PARKRIDGE: Traditional foster home.

1                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Traditional foster.  
2                   Okay.

3                   MS. BETH PARKRIDGE: Yes, sir.

4                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'm always  
5                   interested in why folks decide to be foster parents.  
6                   And lots of times I gotta tell you, it's the wife who  
7                   wants to do this and the husband goes along, but how  
8                   did you end up -- how did you end up wanting to be a  
9                   foster parent?

10                  MR. CURBY LEE A.: Well, I don't have any  
11                  children of my own and it seems that I can't  
12                  reproduce. So I want to give a child the same  
13                  attention and love that I had when I was growing up.

14                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Are y'all -- what  
15                  children are you interested in working with, younger  
16                  children, older children, or whoever the call comes  
17                  from?

18                  MR. CURBY LEE A.: Well I would prefer a younger  
19                  children, but -- toddlers and stuff like that, but my  
20                  wife prefers an older child. So...

21                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So maybe a sibling  
22                  group? Older and a younger one both, huh?

23                  MR. CURBY LEE A.: Maybe.

24                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So basically it  
25                  was just this one incident?

1 MR. CURBY LEE A.: No, she -- it was another one  
2 and she attached it at the end.

3 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

4 MR. CURBY LEE A.: But --

5 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: But it's all  
6 kind of the same?

7 MR. CURBY LEE A.: It's all the same.

8 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: In the same  
9 period of time or --

10 MR. CURBY LEE A.: Yes.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. And  
12 nothing since that?

13 MR. CURBY LEE A.: Nothing since then.

14 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Have you worked  
15 with children before?

16 MR. CURBY LEE A.: No, but I have like 50 some  
17 odd nieces, and great-nieces and great-nephews that I  
18 participated in raising.

19 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: 50?

20 MR. CURBY LEE A.: 50 something.

21 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: It was 50  
22 something?

23 MR. CURBY LEE A.: Yes, sir. There was 18 of  
24 us.

25 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: What number are

1           you in the family?

2           MR. CURBY LEE A.: 18.

3           BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: You're the last  
4           one?

5           MR. CURBY LEE A.: Yes, sir.

6           BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: You've got eight  
7           -- 17 older brothers and sisters?

8           MR. CURBY LEE A.: And caught a whipping from  
9           each one.

10          BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Say what now?

11          MR. CURBY LEE A.: Caught a whipping from each  
12          one.

13          BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Each one of them  
14          whipped you?

15          MR. CURBY LEE A.: And beat me up.

16          BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And beat you up?

17          MR. CURBY LEE A.: The older ones whipped me and  
18          the younger ones beat me up.

19          BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: They made you  
20          tough then?

21          MR. CURBY LEE A.: Yes, sir.

22          BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: But you said you  
23          want to give children a loving home like you had, so  
24          no doubt --

25          MR. CURBY LEE A.: Yes.



1 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: -- you had some  
2 love in that home too?

3 MR. CURBY LEE A.: Yes. And we was close, just  
4 a little rough on me, too. Liked to play rough.

5 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah.

6 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Do you all get  
7 together now as a family?

8 MR. CURBY LEE A.: Yes, sir. Every holiday.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Everybody, every  
10 holiday?

11 MR. CURBY LEE A.: The ones that's in Little  
12 Rock -- that's in Arkansas, comes together. The ones  
13 from out of state they --

14 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Sometime?

15 MR. CURBY LEE A.: -- they'll -- sometimes  
16 they'll come, sometimes they'll video chat.

17 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: With that many,  
18 and then you've got nieces and nephews?

19 MR. CURBY LEE A.: And great-nieces and great-  
20 nephews and great great-nieces and nephews.

21 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So where do all  
22 of you all go?

23 MR. CURBY LEE A.: One of my sister's house.

24 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. So you  
25 want to -- and I'll get to it. I lost my thought.

1                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I was just curious  
2 whether your -- what are those older brothers and  
3 sisters thinking about having foster children in  
4 foster care? Have you talked to them about it?

5                   MR. CURBY LEE A.: Yes. They all for it.

6                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah.

7                   MR. CURBY LEE A.: And they agree that I'll be a  
8 good father.

9                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Well I'm -- if you  
10 have some questions, I'll wait on you. Otherwise,  
11 I'll make a motion.

12                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: No, sir.

13                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: All right. I make  
14 a motion to approve this request.

15                   CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion. Is there a  
16 second?

17                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I second.

18                   CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a second from  
19 Sanford. Any more discussion?

20                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: The beautiful  
21 lady right there has been real quiet. Is she related  
22 to this situation?

23                   MRS. CURBY LEE A.: I'm his wife.

24                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. Thank  
25 you.

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
2 "Aye."

3 (CHORUS OF AYES)

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations. You're free  
7 to go.

8 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 26. BRAD T.:

9 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. If you'll go ahead and  
10 state your name, and tell the court reporter your  
11 name, and what you're here for.

12 MS. TRACY FISHER: My name is Tracy Fisher. I'm  
13 here with Brad T. for Connected Foster Care to talk  
14 the board about being a foster parent.

15 MR. BRAD T.: Brad Thompson here with Tracy  
16 Fisher for potential to be a foster parent.

17 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: And Connected is  
18 part of Arkansas Baptist Children's Home, so I'll be  
19 abstaining, Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

21 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

22 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: So is your only  
23 offense 2000?

24 MR. BRAD T.: No, ma'am. I've had three total  
25 offences, 2000, 2003 and 2017.

1 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I'm trying to be  
2 quiet. You made me scared, Sandy.

3 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Oh, sure.

4 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Do you still  
5 gamble?

6 MR. BRAD T.: No, sir.

7 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: What is the  
8 request? What is the request?

9 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I'll make a motion we approve  
10 this request.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I second.

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a second from  
13 Sanford. Any discussion?

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All in favor say, "Aye."

16 (CHORUS OF AYES)

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

18 (NO RESPONSE)

19 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I abstain.

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Charles abstains.

21 Congratulations.

22 MR. BRAD T.: Thank you.

23 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 27. Tina T.:

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Go ahead.

25 MS. ALICIA DUNN: My name is Alicia Dunn. I'm a

1 resource worker for area 10. I'm here with Ms. Tina  
2 T. She's trying to be a provisional placement for  
3 her six year old granddaughter, S.T.

4 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

5 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Just kind of help  
6 us as we're looking through this.

7 MS. ALICIA DUNN: Okay.

8 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: What is the time  
9 frame of all of these charges? What was the earliest  
10 or when did they start; when did they end?

11 MS. ALICIA DUNN: This is just over a long  
12 period of time.

13 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I can hardly  
14 hear you. I'm sorry.

15 MS. ALICIA DUNN: This has been over a long  
16 period of time. This is what St. Francis County  
17 District Court provided to me.

18 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. And ear --  
19 when the -- what year did they start?

20 MS. ALICIA DUNN: What year did your charges  
21 start?

22 MS. TINA T.: Probably '13 -- 2013. It been a  
23 long time.

24 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. And then  
25 when was your last charge?

1 MS. TINA T.: Ooh, it's been so long. Um. Ooh,  
2 I can't remember. It's been a long time, though.

3 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. What was  
4 your last charge? Do you remember that?

5 MS. TINA T.: Um --

6 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Are they about --  
7 are there about four different -- are there four  
8 different -- or, they're four different -- there's  
9 four packets; --

10 MS. ALICIA DUNN: Yes, it's four --

11 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: -- there's four  
12 charges?

13 MS. ALICIA DUNN: -- four different charges. So  
14 --

15 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay.

16 MS. ALICIA DUNN: -- one is hot checks; one is  
17 criminal impersonation.

18 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah. And I'm sure  
19 we could look at this and figure it out, but it kind  
20 of helps to have a time frame.

21 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: If you'll go to  
22 this third page, it's got all of them.

23 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Oh. Okay.

24 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: The third page?

25 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay.

1                   BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I think it's the  
2 third page.

3                   CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Which packet?

4                   BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: On ei -- either pa  
5 -- any of the packets, that's ours.

6                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. Thank  
7 you. That helps. Okay.

8                   BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: (INAUDIBLE) I'm not  
9 sure why we have four.

10                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. And just,  
11 you know, maybe my eyes crossed. And we're  
12 requesting -- could you explain how your -- your  
13 request are, again?

14                  MS. ALICIA DUNN: So she's requesting to be a  
15 provisional placement for her six-year-old  
16 granddaughter.

17                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

18                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Is your  
19 granddaughter -- you've been around your  
20 granddaughter all of her life?

21                  MS. TINA T.: I've been with her when she was  
22 littler. And then her mom stopped bringing her  
23 around and stuff.

24                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. So something  
25 happened with mom, so now you're back in her life

1           then?

2                   MS. TINA T.: No. I've been trying to get in  
3 her life and stuff, but her mom be --

4                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah.

5                   MS. TINA T.: -- be making everything excuse and  
6 stuff when I been trying to, you know, spend time  
7 with her and everything.

8                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Uh-huh.

9                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So what would  
10 happen to your grandchild if you weren't there?

11                   MS. TINA T.: Um --

12                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: What would  
13 happen?

14                   MS. TINA T.: What happened?

15                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: What would  
16 happen? What do you see would happen if you're not  
17 there?

18                   MS. TINA T.: I'd be upset.

19                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I mean -- I  
20 don't know if I'm making myself clear. If -- what do  
21 you see would happen to your grandchild if you  
22 weren't there in their life?

23                   MS. TINA T.: I'd be in her life and -- I'd be  
24 in her life and make sure everything she, you know --

25                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So she would be in



1 another foster home -- in a regular foster home, I  
2 guess, if --

3 MS. TINA T.: I think she is.

4 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So the charge with  
5 the minor, is just she wasn't going to school? I'm  
6 trying to read her --

7 MS. ALICIA DUNN: Yes. The -- her son -- he  
8 wasn't going to school on a regular basis.

9 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. Okay. So  
10 it's truancy. Truancy on his part. Yeah. And you  
11 got in trouble for him not going to school?

12 MS. TINA T.: Yeah. He was going to school, but  
13 he wasn't going to class, you know.

14 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: You thought --  
15 yeah. You thought he was in class, but he wasn't  
16 going.

17 MS. TINA T.: Yes. Yes, sir.

18 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: So the criminal hit  
19 violation and the criminal impersonation, can you  
20 give us a synopsis on that? On what that's about?

21 MS. TINA T.: I don't know; what is that?

22 MS. ALICIA DUNN: The criminal impersonation  
23 charge, what happened with that? Did you give the  
24 police the wrong name, or what is --

25 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Like give us the

1 details.

2 MS. TINA T.: Oh, I gave them the wrong -- wrong  
3 name.

4 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah.

5 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Okay. Wrong name  
6 for -- like what happened that made you give them the  
7 wrong name? What was going on?

8 MS. TINA T.: Well me and my cousin, we was in a  
9 car and they asked us --

10 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Uh-huh.

11 MS. TINA T.: -- what's our name and I gave them  
12 a false -- false name.

13 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Okay.

14 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Mr. Chairman,  
15 I'm struggling on this one. I'll be honest. I'm  
16 just struggling. It's just so much here. And I was  
17 trying to get clarification.

18 MS. ALICIA DUNN: What do you need clarification  
19 with? Help, help, help.

20 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: You know when I  
21 asked the question, I think you picked it up. What  
22 does she see would happen to her grandchild if she  
23 weren't in her life?

24 MS. ALICIA DUNN: Well right now the child is in  
25 foster care.

1 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

2 MS. ALICIA DUNN: So she's trying to, you know,  
3 be a placement for her. The child will remain in  
4 foster care, if she can't -- you know --

5 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. That  
6 helps me.

7 MS. ALICIA DUNN: Right.

8 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: And it doesn't  
9 matter necessarily for this, but is this a  
10 reunification for this mother or is this going to --  
11 do you think it --

12 MS. ALICIA DUNN: No. She will be -- she will  
13 be the caregiver.

14 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay.

15 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: No. She's ask --  
16 he's asking what's the goal of the case.

17 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Is the goal for mom  
18 reunification or termination?

19 MS. ALICIA DUNN: I believe it's reunification.

20 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. So how do  
21 you feel about that? Do you -- can you help this --  
22 are you in favor of the reunification with her mom?

23 MS. TINA T.: Well I haven't talked to her mom.

24 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So you don't even  
25 know what kind of person she is right now then. So,

1                   you understand what I'm saying, right? Yeah.

2                   MS. ALICIA DUNN: Right. Right.

3                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Because it -- she's  
4 six years old.

5                   MS. ALICIA DUNN: So how do you feel about your  
6 granddaughter going back to her mother? Do you think  
7 she would be a good caregiver if she went back to her  
8 mother?

9                   MS. TINA T.: Well if she get herself together  
10 of something, but if she on -- well, you know --

11                  COURT REPORTER: Excuse me. Do you want the  
12 board to hear this, because you're going to have to  
13 speak up if you do.

14                  MS. TINA T.: Ma'am?

15                  COURT REPORTER: If you want the board to hear  
16 this you've got to speak up.

17                  MS. TINA T.: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

18                  MS. ALICIA DUNN: So just tell them what do you  
19 feel about S. going back with the mother; how do you  
20 feel?

21                  MS. TINA T.: I hope it is her mom can change.

22                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay.

23                  MS. TINA T.: Change a lot.

24                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: And so you'll do  
25 what you can to support that --

1 MS. TINA T.: Yes, ma'am.

2 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: -- if that is the  
3 goal?

4 MS. TINA T.: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

5 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. You're  
6 not wanting to take full custody of her for the rest  
7 of her life? You're just here for her right now? If  
8 mom can't get it together, though, is it something  
9 you --

10 MS. TINA T.: If she can't get it together,  
11 yeah, I could take the full custody.

12 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. That doesn't  
13 have anything to do with this, but that's good. It  
14 helps me to know that. So I'm ready to make a motion  
15 to approve this request.

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion to approve.  
17 Is there a second?

18 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I'll second.

19 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Second from Sanford. All  
20 those -- any more discussion?

21 (NO RESPONSE)

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All in favor say, "Aye."

23 (CHORUS OF AYES)

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

2 MS. TINA T.: Thank you.

3 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: (ABSTAINS).

4 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 30. Phyllis B.:

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You can go ahead and state  
6 your name and tell us why you're here.

7 MS. PHYLLIS B.: My name?

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I meant -- I'm sorry.

9 MS. KIMBERLY HOBBS: Okay. I'm Kimberly Hobbs.  
10 I'm with Children and Family Services and I'm here  
11 with Ms. B. today to ask for permission to work with  
12 children.

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. Got it.

14 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So nothing has  
16 happened since 2009?

17 MS. PHYLLIS B.: No, sir.

18 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Or before? Just  
19 this one incident?

20 MS. PHYLLIS B.: Uh-huh.

21 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I'll make a  
22 motion that we accept the request.

23 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I second.

24 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: Second.

25 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion and second.

1 Any discussion?

2 (NO RESPONSE)

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,

4 "Aye."

5 (CHORUS OF AYES)

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: And opposed?

7 (NO RESPONSE)

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations. You're free

9 to go.

10 MS. PHYLLIS B.: Thank you.

11 MS. KIMBERLY HOBBS: Thank you.

12 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 31. Tonya G.:

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You guys can go ahead and

14 state why you're here.

15 MS. AMBER BAJOREK: My name is Amber Bajorek.

16 I'm a resource worker with Lonoke and Prairie County.

17 I'm going to take this off, so y'all can hear me

18 better (removes mask).

19 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Thank you.

20 MS. AMBER BAJOREK: My name is Amber Bajorek.

21 I'm a resource worker with Lonoke and Prairie County.

22 And we're here today requesting permission to work

23 with children for Ms. Tonya.

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

25 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

1 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Wants to work  
2 with her grandchildren?

3 MS. AMBER BAJOREK: It's actually her nephews.

4 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Nephews.

5 MS. AMBER BAJOREK: That was a typo on my part.

6 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So 1998 was the  
7 beginning --

8 MS. TONYA G.: Yes, sir.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: -- of a journey?

10 MS. TONYA G.: Yes, sir.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And it ended  
12 when?

13 MS. TONYA G.: I haven't been in trouble since  
14 2004, I believe.

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: You got eighth.  
16 That's what it says on here.

17 MS. TONYA G.: 2008, yes, that's right. 2008.

18 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: 2004?

19 MS. AMBER BAJOREK: 2004.

20 MS. TONYA G.: 2004?

21 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Nothing else  
22 since 2004?

23 MS. TONYA G.: No, sir.

24 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And because I'm  
25 tired and sluggish, you know, I'm just going to get



1 -- she wants to do what?

2 MS. AMBER BAJOREK: She wants to be a  
3 provisional foster parent for her two nephews.

4 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: For her two  
5 nephews?

6 MS. AMBER BAJOREK: Yes, sir.

7 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Keeping the  
8 family group together?

9 MS. TONYA G.: Yes, sir.

10 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: You like your  
11 nephews?

12 MS. TONYA G.: I love my nephews. I've been  
13 very active in their life.

14 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Who is going to  
15 help you with the nephews?

16 MS. TONYA G.: My fiancé, Brian, and my parents,  
17 David and Donna [REDACTED].

18 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Do they like  
19 you?

20 MS. TONYA G.: Yes. They love me.

21 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Mr. Chairman,  
22 I'd like to make a motion that we accept the request.

23 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Second.

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a motion and second.  
25 Any more discussion?

1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
3 "Aye."

4 (CHORUS OF AYES)

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

8 MS. TONYA G.: Thank you.

9 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 32. Debbie H.:

10 MR. AUSTIN CLOWERS: Good afternoon, Board. I  
11 am Austin Clowers. I'm the Program Coordinator for  
12 the Licensing Unit. I'm here today with Erica  
13 Pruden, with Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranch, and Ms.  
14 H., who is asking for a special consideration. This  
15 is a little bit different of a situation. Ms. H.  
16 resides with her daughter, who works for the  
17 facility, and she's requesting to continue to reside  
18 at the location of the home-style facility while her  
19 daughter is employed with Arkansas Sheriff's Youth  
20 Ranch. They are here with if -- any questions you  
21 have.

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

23 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Since we're  
24 tired; it's the evening, explain what you want real  
25 simple and quick.

1 MS. ERICA PRUDEN: It's Erica Pruden. I'm the  
2 assistant director at the Ranch. Our staff member,  
3 Ms. H.'s daughter, in order for her -- we're asking  
4 permission for the mother to be able to live in the  
5 staff-parent -- house-parent apartment, separate from  
6 the children. But she has stuff on her record from a  
7 long time ago. So that's why we're asking the  
8 special permission.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Does she have  
10 contact with the kids --

11 MS. ERICA PRUDEN: No.

12 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: -- incidentally  
13 while she's there?

14 MS. ERICA PRUDEN: No, sir.

15 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Does she want to  
16 have contact with the kids? I mean what we're doing  
17 today would not prohibit her from having contact, you  
18 know. You're living in the home with kids. I mean  
19 --

20 MS. DEBBIE H.: Yes.

21 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: -- I would expect  
22 that you would want to get to know the kids.

23 MS. DEBBIE H.: Yes. I would.

24 MS. ERICA PRUDEN: I'm sure she would.

25 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yes. Yeah.

1 MS. ERICA PRUDEN: But the -- I was just saying  
2 the way that our setup is made --

3 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: But she should not  
4 feel like she has to stay in the house-parent  
5 quarters.

6 MS. ERICA PRUDEN: Correct.

7 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: She -- if we  
8 approve this, then she can --

9 MS. DEBBIE H.: Yes.

10 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: -- have the freedom  
11 to be out, have meals with them, whatever they would  
12 --

13 MS. ERICA PRUDEN: Oh. That would be awesome.

14 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: -- whatever  
15 Sheriff's Ranch would allow her to do.

16 MS. ERICA PRUDEN: Okay.

17 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: But there's no  
18 reason she would have to stay away from the children.

19 MS. DEBBIE H.: Yes, sir.

20 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Is what I would --

21 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: You're doing a  
22 motion.

23 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll make a motion  
24 to approve the request.

25 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And I'll second

1 it.

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a motion and a second.  
3 Any discussion?

4 (NO RESPONSE)

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
6 "Aye."

7 (CHORUS OF AYES)

8 MS. DEBBIE H.: Thank y'all, so much.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yeah.

10 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Enjoy the children.  
11 I know, from our staff, sometimes the grandparents  
12 have a unique role in children's lives. So...

13 MS. DEBBIE H.: Yes, sir.

14 MS. ERICA PRUDEN: Absolutely.

15 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: And for them to see  
16 you and your daughter's interactions is a good thing.

17 MS. DEBBIE H.: Yes, sir.

18 MS. ERICA PRUDEN: Absolutely.

19 MS. DEBBIE H.: I appreciate it all.

20 MS. ERICA PRUDEN: Well we appreciate y'all.

21 PERMISSIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, 33. Kimberly M.:

22 MS. KRISTEN SWAFFORD: Hi everybody. My name is  
23 Kristen Swafford, with Area 2 resource, Sebastian  
24 County. I'm here with Kim M. requesting special  
25 permission for her to be able to work with children,

1 specifically her niece and her great-niece.

2 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

3 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. It's a shame  
4 that the last one is the one that had the baby and  
5 had to sit through. We should have made her first.

6 MS. KRISTEN SWAFFORD: Lucky, lucky.

7 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: We didn't mind. We  
8 enjoyed having the background noise.

9 MS. Kimberly M.: Did you? No, I was like shh.

10 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Kind of reminds of  
11 what we do.

12 MS. KIMBERLY M.: I told her -- I said, "She's  
13 with you." No, she's actu -- she's been really,  
14 really good. So...

15 MS. DAWN JEFFREY: She's been so good.

16 MS. KIMBERLY M.: Yeah. She's a good baby. She  
17 is.

18 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. When is  
19 the incident, first and last; where is it?

20 MS. KIMBERLY M.: TiTi [phonetic] loves her.  
21 Are you waving to everybody?

22 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Two years ago.

23 MS. DAWN JEFFREY: Them cookies look a lot  
24 better than they taste.

25 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Coffee helped. I

1           dipped 'em in coffee.

2                   MS. KIMBERLY M.: Yeah, we've had Funyuns and  
3           Cheetos, and cookies. Is that good, sissy?

4                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So what happened  
5           in 1969?

6                   MS. KIMBERLY M.: I was born.

7                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

8                   BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: This is not the --  
9           here you go.

10                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Where is it? Is  
11           that it right there? Okay. '20. That one time?

12                  MS. KRISTEN SWAFFORD: Hopefully I didn't put  
13           the wrong date on there. This occurred in 2020.

14                  BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: No. I just showed  
15           him.

16                  CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Yeah, it's in this.

17                  MS. KRISTEN SWAFFORD: Okay.

18                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yeah. Yeah.  
19           I'm over here -- I'm use -- this cheat sheet so she's  
20           helping me.

21                  MS. KRISTEN SWAFFORD: Okay.

22                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: But I'm serious  
23           too. This is the only time that we have any  
24           recording of any problems? I'm trying to read this  
25           fast.

1 MS. KRISTEN SWAFFORD: Oh, yes. This is the  
2 only time she's ever had any issues.

3 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And nothing  
4 since that?

5 MS. KRISTEN SWAFFORD: Huh-huh. Or before.

6 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Well --

7 MS. KIMBERLY M.: And it was just one of them  
8 things I didn't even know about. I mean, do you  
9 know? I never did anything wrong, never been in  
10 trouble with the law before in my life at all.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And you did a  
12 good job taking care of the baby in there. And so I  
13 want to make a motion on that basis that we approve  
14 this request.

15 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I have a motion. Is there a  
16 second?

17 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll second.

18 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Got a second from Charles.

19 MS. KIMBERLY M.: Thank you.

20 MS. KRISTEN SWAFFORD: Awesome.

21 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: You're welcome.

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
23 "Aye."

24 (CHORUS OF AYES)

25 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?



1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

3 MS. KIMBERLY M.: Thank you, Hon. I appreciate  
4 y'all.

5 ITEM I. Exhibit "A" - Approval of Special  
6 Considerations/Temporary Approvals "Bundle" "A":

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Next item is that we have  
8 Exhibit "A". Is there a motion to approve Exhibit  
9 "A" for special considerations?

10 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I'll make a motion  
11 that we approve Exhibit "A".

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: We have a motion to approve  
13 Exhibit "A".

14 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And I'll second  
15 that motion.

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: And a second. Any  
17 discussion?

18 (NO RESPONSE)

19 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
20 "Aye."

21 (CHORUS OF AYES)

22 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

25 (THEREUPON, Exhibit "A", Special

1 Considerations/Temporary Approvals "Bundles", was  
2 marked for identification and attached hereto.)

3 ITEM II. EMMANUEL'S HOUSE:

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Next up is Emmanuel House  
5 request for new residential license.

6 (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

7 MS. SHARRA LITZSEY: Good afternoon. I'm Sharra  
8 Litzsey, Program Manager with the Residential  
9 Licensing Unit. I am here to present a request for a  
10 new license for Emmanuel House. With us today are  
11 Ms. Marilyn Johnson and Belinda Price to answer any  
12 questions.

13 Emmanuel House of Hope is requesting an  
14 emergency residential childcare facility license to  
15 serve 12 girls between the ages of 6 and 17.

16 Emmanuel'S House is located at 1705 Second  
17 Street in Earle, Arkansas.

18 Emmanuel House Hope -- Emmanuel House wishes to  
19 provide the following services: a safe and stable  
20 environment for at risk children, group therapy,  
21 social life skills, groups of parenting skills,  
22 parenting support groups, and to build a link between  
23 the community and families needing services.

24 Emmanuel's House does not hold a license in any  
25 other states. And I'll give you guys a chance to

1 look through the packet.

2 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: And what does is  
3 the licensing unit say?

4 MS. SHARRA LITZSEY: And the licensing -- I was  
5 just reading. I'm sorry. I'll --

6 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Oh you -- you just  
7 paused. I thought you were --

8 MS. SHARRA LITZSEY: Yes.

9 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I thought you were  
10 finished. No. Okay.

11 MS. SHARRA LITZSEY: The agency currently has  
12 \$43,600 dollars in their checking account and a  
13 donation of \$140,000.

14 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Uh-huh.

15 MS. SHARRA LITZSEY: The Agency does not have  
16 other reliable income other than that one donation.  
17 Based on financial soundness, PRLU does not support  
18 this request.

19 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So -- how -- when  
20 were you here; were you here at the last meeting?

21 MS. BELINDA PRICE: Yes, sir.

22 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Is that --

23 MS. BELINDA PRICE: Yes.

24 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: And so what's  
25 changed since our last meeting?

1 MS. BELINDA PRICE: My name is Belinda Price and  
2 we were asked to be more detailed with the budget, so  
3 we hired a financial person to help us with the  
4 budget. And so we went back and revamped the budget.  
5 There were some concerns about the not -- as far as  
6 the food items. They wanted a line -- wanted a line  
7 by line of all the expenses that we would incur for  
8 the month. So that's what we did. Also, Dr.  
9 Johnson, the partner here, has agreed that she would  
10 -- you all wanted to see staff on our budget. So we  
11 added the staff in. And she is going to provide the  
12 financial support that we need.

13 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Who is she?

14 MS. SHARRA LITZEY: She's right here.

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. Hi.

16 MS. MARILYN JOHNSON: Hi.

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Yeah. If you remember, we  
18 asked them to withdraw this last time. And I will  
19 tell you that I've worked with staff --

20 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I wasn't here.

21 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah. Sanford was  
22 not here. So it's new --

23 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I wasn't here,  
24 but that's okay.

25 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: They had come before last

1 time and their budget was a little hinky looking and  
2 --

3 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: -- I'd ask them to pull it  
5 down versus bring it forward for a vote and seek out  
6 some help. And they also reached out -- well,  
7 through licensing, they reached out to me to review  
8 some stuff for them. I did have some questions. We  
9 got them answered. Primarily around the food costs  
10 on their budget.

11 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

12 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: But I feel like the budget is  
13 a viable opportunity.

14 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

15 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You know the -- they don't  
16 have -- I don't believe you have a current contract  
17 with anybody, but I feel like that -- in my --- I  
18 make a recommendation that we approve the request  
19 based on what's submitted in the application.

20 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Well, I -- I'll  
21 second that motion Andy, because I know you review  
22 things very thoroughly. And I mean that. Might have  
23 a question, but I'll second that motion.

24 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay. Is there any  
25 discussion?

1 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: This is the time to  
2 ask it, if you have a question.

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Yeah.

4 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: How do you plan  
5 to continue raising funds of funding the process of  
6 taking care of these girls?

7 MS. BELINDA PRICE: Grant-writing. Grants.

8 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Grants?

9 MS. BELINDA PRICE: Yes, sir. We brought on --  
10 we have a couple of people that are working with us  
11 and securing some grants.

12 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: But the grants  
13 are not guaranteed.

14 MS. BELINDA PRICE: Right.

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: So you've got  
16 \$140,000 right now donation that I saw and read.

17 MS. BELINDA PRICE: Uh-huh.

18 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And \$45,000 in  
19 the checking account -- \$43,000 in the checking  
20 account?

21 MS. BELINDA PRICE: Yes, sir.

22 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay.

23 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: So will the  
24 children come from the community or from DCFS foster  
25 care? The children that you care for -- where will

1           they come from?

2                   MS. BELINDA PRICE:   DCFS.   Yes, sir.

3                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN:   Okay.

4                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE:   Does that money  
5           go with them?

6                   BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN:   So -- and you know  
7           that DCFS goal is to put less children in emergency  
8           shelters?

9                   MS. BELINDA PRICE:   Yes, sir.

10                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE:   Well, that's  
11           just my question, Mr. Altom.

12                  CHAIR ANDY ALTOM:   Okay.

13                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE:   And nothing  
14           else.

15                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN:   And so it is a  
16           provisional license.

17                  CHAIR ANDY ALTOM:   Right.

18                  BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN:   So you'll come back  
19           in a year and you'll show us how the grants have come  
20           through and how many children you've cared for.  
21           Licensing is going to be there on a regular basis to  
22           make sure that children are fed and that there's  
23           enough food in there for them.   So...

24                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE:   And check out  
25           the Frueauff Foundation.   They are committed to

1 working with girls. Maybe I shouldn't have said that  
2 publically. I'll tell -- talk to you afterwards.

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any more discussion?

4 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: No.

5 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
6 "Aye."

7 (CHORUS OF AYES)

8 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

9 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I oppose.

10 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: You oppose?

11 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: (NONVERBAL  
12 RESPONSE).

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Congratulations.

14 MS. BELINDA PRICE: Thank you.

15 MS. MARILYN JOHNSON: Thank you.

16 ITEM III. ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN:

17 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Alliance for Children request  
18 for change of address.

19 MR. EZELL BREEDLOVE: Good evening. My name is  
20 Ezell Breedlove, the licensing specialist, here for  
21 Alliance for Children here. And today I am here to  
22 present a request for a change of address. They're  
23 going from 67 Commentry Drive in Little Rock to their  
24 new address of 2 Live Oaks Court in Little Rock. The  
25 licensing provision supports this change.



1 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

2 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I make a motion  
3 that we approve the request.

4 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: I'll second.

5 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I -- let me second;  
6 I haven't seconded all day.

7 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All right. You second,  
8 Sandi.

9 MS. DAWN JEFFREY: He took your thunder away.  
10 (INAUDIBLE) --

11 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All in favor say, "Aye."

12 MS. DAWN JEFFREY: -- jump in and --

13 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
14 "Aye."

15 (CHORUS OF AYES)

16 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

17 (NO RESPONSE)

18 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

19 ITEM IV. DCFS ALTERNATIVE REQUEST - PHYSICALS FOR BIOLOGICAL  
20 AND ADOPTIVE CHILDREN OF KINSHIP RESOURCE APPLICANTS:

21 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: And then DCFS alternative  
22 request, physicals for biological and adoptive  
23 children, a kinship resource application --  
24 applicants.

25 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Tracy is here for

1           them. Tracy and Beth. Tracy Holloway.

2                   MS. EBONY RUSS: Okay. I'm Ebony Russ, the  
3           Program Manager for the Placement and Residential  
4           Licensing Unit. Here I have Ms. Tracy --

5                   MS. TRACY HOLLOWAY: Holloway.

6                   MS. EBONY RUSS: -- Holloway from DCFS to answer  
7           any additional questions.

8                   On January 25, 2022, DCFS made the request to  
9           the Child Welfare Agency -- made the request to the  
10          Child Welfare Agency Review Board to consider a  
11          blanket alternative compliance for licensing standard  
12          210.3. that requires each member of the foster family  
13          to have a physical exam within 12 months before the  
14          initial approval. More specifically, the Division  
15          asked to no longer require physicals for biological  
16          or adoptive children who are living in the home of a  
17          relative or a fictive resource applicant, in order to  
18          allow kinship caregivers to move to fully approved  
19          status more quickly and, as such, begin receiving  
20          Board payment.

21                   DCFS will continue to require physicals within  
22          12 months before an initial approval for the heads of  
23          household of provisional resource homes, as well as  
24          for all household members of traditional resource  
25          home applicants.

1           The Placement and Residential Licensing Unit has  
2           discussed this request and we do support their  
3           request.

4           (BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWING DOCUMENTS)

5           BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Tracy can probably  
6           answer a lot. She was in on the committee that  
7           worked on this, too. But, one thing, keep in mind,  
8           this does not include -- they still have to have  
9           immunizations and all their shots.

10          BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yeah.

11          BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: This is just that

12          --

13          CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Physical exam?

14          BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- physical on that  
15          front. And certainly our foster parents, whether  
16          they're family or not, are going to be encouraged to  
17          active -- keep their kids healthy.

18          CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Right.

19          BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: You know.

20          MS. TRACY HOLLOWAY: We're looking at adding a  
21          section to the in home consultation that will  
22          specifically notate if the child in the home has  
23          reoccurring illness or has a history of some kind of  
24          physical disability, to assess, you know, do we want  
25          that -- that child to have a physical or not.

1           Like Sandi said, we would still require  
2           immunizations on all of them. It's just been a  
3           barrier for some of them that may only have only  
4           well-child check. It's not a child that typically  
5           goes to the doctor. They have to wait until they can  
6           get in for another well-child check to get the  
7           physical for their kids.

8           CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Yeah.

9           BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Right.

10          CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Makes sense to me.

11          BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Yes. I'll make  
12          a motion that we accept this request.

13          CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Have a motion. I'll second  
14          it. Is there any discussion?

15          (NO RESPONSE)

16          CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All those in favor say,  
17          "Aye."

18          (CHORUS OF AYES)

19          CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Any opposed?

20          (NO RESPONSE)

21          CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Sandi, you abstain?

22          BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I abstain.

23   ITEM V. OTHER BUSINESS:

24          CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Other business, presentation  
25          of the PRLU/PRTF updates.

1 MS. SHARRA LITZSEY: I'm Sharra Litzsey, Program  
2 Manager with the Placement and Residential Licensing  
3 Unit. I wanted to provide an update on a couple of  
4 psychiatric residential facilities.

5 The first one is Little Creek. And just to let  
6 you all know that they are doing well on their  
7 corrective action agreement and it is set to end on  
8 the 15th of this month.

9 Perimeter of Forrest City, we extended their  
10 corrective action until April 19th. The program has  
11 made some improvements with the buildings and  
12 grounds, but there have been some other issues that  
13 have come up. So we've decided to extend the  
14 corrective action. They are working on -- they've  
15 hired a new plants manager. So they are making lots  
16 of new changes to their building and so -- and  
17 towards the end of April we will make a visit back  
18 specifically just to see some of those changes that  
19 they stated that they were planning to make.

20 Other areas that caused us to increase the  
21 corrective action agreement, there were some -- when  
22 we were reviewing their medical documentation, we  
23 cited several times for their not documenting  
24 medication when it was being distributed to clients.

25 There were -- we had received some -- multiple

1 reports of supervision with that agency.

2 So we kept the buildings and grounds on the  
3 corrective action agreement and then we added  
4 medication and supervision to their corrective action  
5 plan.

6 United Methodist Children's Home is on a  
7 corrective action and they have followed the  
8 corrective action agreement. They -- it is set to  
9 expire on the 15th of this month and at this time  
10 there are no plans to continue with that corrective  
11 action agreement.

12 Perimeter of the Ozarks, we are increasing our  
13 monitor visits with them. On the last couple of  
14 visits, we have noted there's lots of concerns with  
15 the cleanliness of their building and in their  
16 bathrooms, and just some other buildings and ground  
17 issues going on. So we're going to increase our  
18 visits there to try and facilitate them with getting  
19 this under control.

20 We were told that they lease that building and  
21 so there's been some issue between the owner and the  
22 agency. But they have decided to just go ahead and  
23 get those repairs made themselves and work with the  
24 owner at a later time.

25 Are there any questions?

1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 MS. SHARRA LITZSEY: All right. Thank you.

3 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Thank you. And next meeting  
4 is April 27th?

5 MS. EBONY RUSS: Correct.

6 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Is there a motion to --

7 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: Sandi has not been  
8 calling me as much, so maybe we won't be here that  
9 long.

10 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I just been putting  
11 them off.

12 BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WATSON: She's saving them  
13 up.

14 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Sanford, do you want to make  
15 one last motion to adjourn?

16 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Mr. Chairman, if  
17 I could, I'd lake to make a motion that we adjourn.  
18 And I want to thank everybody for allowing me to come  
19 back. I missed all of you.

20 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: Glad to have you.

21 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Appreciate being  
22 here. So...

23 BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FLYNN: I mean I got used  
24 to you wearing your overalls on the video.

25 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Well, thank you.

1 Thank all of you.

2 CHAIR ANDY ALTOM: All right. We're adjourned.

3 (THEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00

4 p.m. on March 9, 2022.)

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE  
BEFORE THE STATE OF ARKANSAS  
CHILD WELFARE AGENCY REVIEW  
BOARD  
Wednesday, March 9, 2022

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I. Exhibit "A" – Approval of Special Considerations/Temporary Approvals "Bundles" "A"

Item #	PROVIDER LIC. #	Family/Agency	Requested by	REG. #	PRLU Specialist	Regulation	Reason for Request	Temporary Approval Granted/By
1	DCFS 100	Kayla & Mary R.	Susan Katy Townsend	211.6	Lakesha White	Foster home shall not have more than two (2) children under the age of two (2) years, including the foster parent's own children.	To allow 10 months old twins and their 21 months old brother to be placed in a home. This would enable the sibling group to stay together.	10/8/2021/ER
2	DCFS 100	Patricia S.	Mary Dobbins	209.2	Felicia	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.	To allow 3 children age 6(F), 10(F), & 7(F) share a bedroom that measures 131.84 sq. ft. This would enable their needs to be met.	12/3/2021
3	DCFS 100	James W.	Tiesha Rone	210.5	Ezell Breedlove	Foster parent(s) shall have a current certificate of completion of First Aid and CPR before a child is placed in the home. The training shall require hands on skilled based instruction as well as practical testing. Training and certification that is provided solely on-line will not be accepted.	To allow a grandfather to be exempted from taking CPR/FA training due to severe health issues.	12/7/2021
4	DCFS 100	Cara G.	Jerrica Burns	209.10	Rachel Carlton	Foster children, except infants under the age two (2) years, shall not share a sleeping room with adults; this age would increase through age four (4) for a	To allow 17 y/o child share a room with an adult in a foster home.	12/17/2021/ER

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						grandparent to the child to the child and a teen parent in foster care with her child.		
5	DCFS 100	Sherry B.	Jeffery Gwatney	311.6	Ezell Breedlove	The number of children placed into a therapeutic foster home shall not exceed two (2), except to keep a sibling group together, in that case up to a maximum of three (3) children may be placed into the home	To allow a sibling group of 4 to be placed together in the same home.	12/20/21/Shay
6	DCFS 100	Ray C.	Rave'en Taylor	210.5	Ezell Breedlove	Foster parent(s) shall have a current certificate of completion of First Aid and CPR before a child is placed in the home. The training shall require hands on skilled based instruction as well as practical testing. Training and certification that is provided solely on-line will not be accepted.	To allow foster parent to be exempted from taking CPR/FA training due to severe health issues. This would allow their cousins to remain in the home.	12/20/21/Shay
7	DCFS 100	Karen G.	Yvonne Peeler	209.3	Lakesha White	Each bedroom used for foster children shall have window to the outside which is capable of serving as an emergency escape.	To allow a grandson to be in a bedroom which the window is not operable.	12/21/21/Shay
8	DCFS 100	Katina & Dustin K.	Ambra Conway	209.7	Felicia Moore	Children of the opposite sex shall not share the same bedroom if either child is four (4) years old or older, except for a parent in foster care with her child.	To allow children of the opposite sex ages 10(F) & 1(M) to share a bedroom in a foster home.	12/21/21/Shay

9	DCFS 100	Veronica G.	Kiarra Harris	209.1  209.3	Ezell Breedlove	Each household occupant shall have a bedroom that provides privacy.  Each bedroom used for foster children shall have window to the outside which is capable of serving as an emergency escape.	To allow a child aged 15(M) to have a room while his grandmother sleeps on a sofa bed in the living room.  To allow a grandson to be in a bedroom which the window does not open.	12/21/21/Shay
10	DCFS 100	Kayla B.	Darrian Ison	209.2	Michele Sutton	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.	To allow 2 siblings ages 16(F) & 10(F) share a room measuring 91.7 sq ft in a home that also have their 2 sibling brothers ages 15 & 9. This will enable a sibling group of 4 live together in the same home.	NLN
11	DCFS 100	Charlie & Teresa E.	Carey Tjapkes	209.7	Rachel Carlton	Children of the opposite sex shall not share the same bedroom if either child is four (4) years old or older, except for a parent in foster care with her child.	To allow two siblings group ages 4(F) & 3(M) to share a bedroom in their grandparents' home.	1/03/2022/ER
12	DCFS 100	Nichole A.	Kasey Tolbert	209.2	Michele Sutton	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.	To allow 3 sibling group ages 8(F), 4(F), & 2(F) to share a room in a home that measure 16 sq. ft.	NLN
13	DCFS	Becky & Larry H.	Dea Garrison	209.2	Beth Davis	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.	To allow 3 children ages 7(F),6(F), & 9(F) share a bedroom that measures 127.60 sq. ft.	1/04/2022/ER

14	DCFS	Justin T.	Erika Crisp	209.2	Michele Sutton	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.	To allow 2 children 14(M) & 5(M) share a bedroom measuring 99.08 sq. ft. Also, to allow children ages 17(F) & 8(F) to share a bedroom measuring 91.04 sq. ft.	1/06/2022/ER
15	DCFS 100	Vernon Winona B.	Elaine Dowdy	209.1	Rachel Carlton	Each household occupant shall have a bedroom that provides privacy.	To allow a child age 5(F) share a bedroom with her grandmother.	1/10/2022/ER
16	Young Children's Home	Amanda & Rustin G.	Deborah Christian	211.5	Michele Sutton	Foster homes shall not have more than five (5) foster children in care. A foster home shall not have more than eight (8) children in their home, including their own children. This includes placement or respite care.	To allow 3 bio children, 2 sibling groups (2 boys & 3 girls) and a 17(F) y/o child in a home. There will be a total of 9 children in the home.	1/10/2022/ER
17	Young Children's Home	Addison & Zachary R.	Deborah Christian	211.5	Michele Sutton	Foster homes shall not have more than five (5) foster children in care. A foster home shall not have more than eight (8) children in their home, including their own children. This includes placement or respite care.	To allow 6 foster children and 1 bio child in a home. The foster children include sibling group of 2 and 4.	1/10/2022/ER
18	Young Children's Home	Dale & Rebecca C.	Deborah Christian	211.5	Michele Sutton	Foster homes shall not have more than five (5) foster children in care. A foster home shall not have more than eight (8) children in their home, including their own children. This includes placement or respite care.	To allow 2 more children (sibling group) in a home that already has 5 bio children and 2 foster children.	1/10/2022/ER

19	DCFS 100	Hunter F. & Emilee P.	Deborah Christian	206.2	Lakesha White	Foster parents shall be at least twenty - one - (21) years of age.	To allow an infant child to be placed in a home where the ages of the foster parents are 18 & 20. This would allow the infant to stay with relative who has demonstrated capacity to meet her needs.	1/12/2022/ER
20	DCFS 100	Katelyn T. & James P.	Brandy Jones	209.3	Charlotte Galusha	Each bedroom used for foster children shall have a window to the outside which is capable of serving as an emergency escape.	To allow foster children to be in a bedroom without windows.	1/12/2022/ER
21	DCFS 100	Kevin & Marisa S.	Judy Olinger	211.5  209.2	Rachel Carton	Foster homes shall not have more than five (5) foster children in care. A foster home shall not have more than eight (8) children in their home, including their own children. This includes placement or respite care.  Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.	To allow a placement of a sibling group of 7 children in a home. Their ages are 12, 11, 8, 7, 5, & 6 y/o twins.  To allow 4 children live in a room that measures 195 sq. ft. Their ages are 14(F), 13(F), 12(F), & 11(F).	1/12/2022/ER
22	DCFS 100	Courtney G.	Jennifer Watkins	209.2	Lakesha White	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.	To allow three male children share a bedroom that measures 103.04 sq. ft.	1/12/2022/ER
23	DCFS 100	Diamond P.	Shaneia Nelson	209.2	Beth Davis	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.	To allow three children ages 5(M), 9(M), & 9(M) share a bedroom measuring 140 sq. ft.	1/19/2022/ER

24	DCFS 100	Shelly B.	Susan Katy Townsend	209.10	Lakesha White	Foster children, except infants under the age two (2) years, shall not share a sleeping room with adults; this age would increase through age four (4) for a grandparent to the child to the child and a teen parent in foster care with her child	To allow a foster child age 2(F) share a bedroom with her foster parents. This would enable the child to remain in the home with her younger sister.	1/19/2022/ER
25	DCFS 100	Markise & Erica B.	Mary Dobbins	209.7	Lakesha White	Children of the opposite sex shall not share the same bedroom if either child is four (4) years old or older, except for a parent in foster care with her child.	To allow 2 children of opposite sex ages 6(M) & 3(F) share a bedroom in a foster home.	1/19/2022/ER
26	DCFS 100	Trina & Gary B.	Beth Partridge	209.2	Charlotte Galusha	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.	To allow 3 male siblings ages 5(M), 5(M), & 5(M) share a bedroom that measures 122 sq. ft.	1/25/2022/ER
				209.9		No child under age six (6) years shall occupy a top bunk.	To allow a 5 y/o child to occupy a second bunk. This would allow a sibling group to stay together.	1/27/2022/ER
27	DCFS 100	Holly & Tyrone R.	Yalanda Anderson	209.7	Beth Davis	Children of the opposite sex shall not share the same bedroom if either child is four (4) years old or older, except for a parent in foster care with her child.	To allow children ages 3(F) & 5(M) share a bedroom in a home. This would enable a sibling group to stay and bond together.	<b>NLN</b>
28	DCFS 100	Tommy & Sandy V.	Jennifer Watkins	208.14	Charlotte Galusha	All ammunition shall be secured and locked separately from firearms	To allow a gun and ammunition business to be locked in the same room.	1/31/2022/ER

						unless they are stored in a safe, handgun safe or a long gun safe.		
29	DCFS 100	Godby & Ryan W.	Resource Unit Area 11 West	211.5	Michele Sutton	Foster homes shall not have more than five (5) foster children in care. A foster home shall not have more than eight (8) children in their home, including their own children. This includes placement or respite care	To allow more than Eight children in a home. This would enable continued placement of 4 children in the home on fictitive kin status.	1/31/2022/ER
30	DCFS 100	Lisa & James G.	Deborah Hill	209.2	Beth Davis	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.	To allow 2 grand children ages 7months(F) & 2(F) stay in a bedroom that measures 90 sq. ft. This would enable the children to stay in a family home that already has their sister.	2/1/2022/ER
31	DCFS 100	Kristin & Keith F.	Yvonne Peeler	209.2	Lakesha White	Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.	To allow an infant child to share a bedroom measuring 138 sq. ft. with parents. This would enable the child to build a sibling bond with her siblings already in the home.	2/1/2022/ER
32	ABCH	Brian & Jesica H.	Jamie Tacito	211.5	Lakesha White	Foster homes shall not have more than five (5) foster children in care. A foster home shall not have more than eight (8) children in their home, including their own children. This includes placement or respite care	To allow 3 children to be placed in a home that already has 6 bio children.	1/15/2022/ER



33	DCFS 100	Lilia E.	Carey Tjapkes	209.1	Rachel Carlton	Each household shall have a bedroom that provides privacy	To allow foster parent to share a makeshift bedroom with a child aged 1(M) while, other occupants of the home have their designated bedrooms.	2/3/2022//ER
34	DCF 100	Diane & David C.	Brooke Brock	209.7	Rachel Carlton	Children of the opposite sex shall not share the same bedroom if either child is four (4) years old or older, except for a parent in foster care with her child.	To allow children of opposite sex ages 6(F) & 4(F) to share a bedroom. This would enable a sibling group to stay together in a home.	<b>NLN</b>

Date of next CWARB meeting: April 27, 2022