December 10, 2019
1:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mr. Ed Appler, Chairman
Ms. Mischa Martin
Mr. Andy Altom
Mr. Josh Bryant
Ms. Beverly Massey Foti
Mr. Sanford Tollette

ALSO PRESENT:
Mr. David Griffin, Director
Ms. Skye Martin, Attorney for DHS
Mr. Joe West, Attorney for the Board
Ms. Ebony Russ,
Placement and Residential Licensing Manager
Mr. Charles Arnold, Licensing Specialist
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CHAIRMAN APPLER: We will call to order the December 10th meeting of the Child Welfare Agency Review Board. Before we get into business, I would like for David to share something, that you shared with me earlier, regarding your future.

MR. GRIFFIN: Thanks Ed. I would like to address the Board and just say it’s been a pleasure working with all of you. I am retiring on Friday of next week. I’ve been in what’s called the Drop Program here, so my retirement is not optional. I have to step out at that point, which really makes it a little simpler for me, because there’s a part of me that really hates to step out.

It’s been my honor and pleasure working with all of you, and you have my utmost respect, for the wonderful job that you do for the State, so thank you.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Thank you. Yeah, I was appointed to this Board, I think in 2004, and in the last two years, the faces around me have changed, and they’re continuing to change.

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Okay. First item on the agenda -- has everyone had a chance to read the minutes of the prior meeting? Which I believe was a phone conference.

BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Yes.

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

MR. TOLTETTE: I’ll second.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Any discussion?

(No audible responses given.)

CHAIRMAN APPLER: All in favor, say “Aye”.

BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Opposed the same. Motion carries. Item No. 1 -- let me ask a question here. In front of No. 1, I’m seeing 21. Is that just like a typo?

MS. RUSS: That was a request from the provider. There was a travel issue, and she requested to go first, so instead of confusing the procedure, or the line of the packet, we just moved 21 up first, Florence Crittenden Home.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Okay. So are we hearing 21, right now?

MS. RUSS: Yes.
MS. STEPPS: Fatima Stepps with the Placement in Residential Licensing Unit. You should have item 21 before you, for Florence Crittenden Home. Staff, Mr. Stephen, is requesting a special consideration for permission to work with children on licensing standard 103.11, which states no person guilty of an excluded criminal offense, pursuant to ACA 9-28-409, shall be permitted to have direct and unsupervised contact with children, except as provided in that statute.

You should have in your packet, copies of the reports, and supporting documentation for this request. This request will allow Mr. Stephen to be able to work direct and unsupervised with children and PRLU, does support this request. I have Debbie Stripling here from the agency, in case you have any questions, and Mr. Stephen.

MR. TOLTETTE: Are we reviewing 21(a)?

MS. STEPPS: B, for Florence Crittendon Home.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: All we have is a cover page. We don’t have any documentation for this.
(Brief pause in proceeding.)

MS. STEPPS: We do apologize. We’ll give you time to review them.

MR. TOLTETTE: So nothing since ’97?

Nothing has happened since ’97?

MR. C.: No, sir.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Was this a felony, or a misdemeanor?

MR. C.: Felony.

MR. TOLTETTE: Good letters of support. If none of my other colleagues have anything to say, Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we accept the recommendation of staff.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Motion. Is there a second?

MR. ALTOM: Second.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Motion and second. Is there any discussion?

(No audible responses given.)

CHAIRMAN APPLER: If not, all in favor, say “Aye”.

BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Opposed the same. Motion carries. Thank you, sir.
Okay. So now, we’ll go to No. 1.

MS. CARLTON: I’m Rachel Carlton, Placement Residential Licensing Unit. With me is Judy Oliver. DCFS is requesting special consideration for P206.2, which states foster parents shall be 21 years of age. The 19-year-old prospective foster parent is the maternal aunt of the four-year-old female child. They have a close bond, and this placement would allow the child to remain with a family member.

Licensing visited the home on November 19th and noted no safety concerns. PRLU supports this request as it is in the best interest of the child.

MR. TOLTETTE: Is the young foster parent here?

MS. CARLTON: No. She’s at work.

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

MR. TOLTETTE: I’ll second.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Motion and second. Any discussion?

(No audible responses given.)

CHAIRMAN APPLER: If not, all in favor say “Aye”.

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BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.
CHAIRMAN APPLER: Opposed, the same. And you abstain, right?
MS. MARTIN: That’s correct.
MS. CARLTON: Thank you.
CHAIRMAN APPLER: This is no longer a provisional?
MS. GLANTON: Correct. It is now a relative foster home. Patty Glanton, item number two on your agenda, DCFS is requesting a special consideration for the home of Pedro, regulation 209.2, each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant. The home consists of six members, two parents, and four placed children, two males, aged 11 and 16, two females, ages 13 and 15.

The home is three-bedroom, with the parents occupying the master bedroom two females occupying bedroom two, and the two males occupying bedroom three. The bedroom three, occupied by the males, measures 93 square feet, a shortage of seven square feet. It’s furnished with twin bunk beds, and has a single operable window.

Licensing visited the home November 21,
2019. A temporary approval was granted by Ebony Russ 11-13-19. PRLU supports this request, in the best interest of keeping the children together. I have Darian Ison, resource worker with DCFS here if you have any further questions.

MR. TOLTETTE: Is there only -- just one bedroom out of compliance?

MS. GLANTON: Yes

MR. TOLTETTE: Mr. Chairman, I’d like to make a motion that we accept the recommendation of staff.

MS. MASSEY-FOTI: I’ll second.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Motion and a second. Any discussion?

(No audible responses given.)

CHAIRMAN APPLER: If not, all in favor say “Aye”.

BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Opposed the same. Motion carries. DCFS abstains.

MS. GLANTON: Patty Glanton, PRLU, item number three on the agenda, Western Arkansas Children’s Therapeutic Homes, also known as WATCH, is requesting a special consideration
for regulation 310.6, foster parent shall have a current certification and completion of first aid and CPR before a child is placed in the home. The training shall require hands-on skill-based instructions.

The agency is requesting this is for Mr. M, who is a disabled vet, with a disability that prevents him from engaging in the course, the physical part. There is a safety plan, that the foster father will never be alone with the children. Either the foster mother or suitable -- you know like a babysitter type, standard stuff, but he won’t be left alone with the children in the home.

Temporary special consideration, was granted 11-13-19, by Ebony Russ. PRLU supports this request and I have Paula Riggs here with WATCH, if you have any further questions.

MR. TOLTETTE: Just an inquiry, have you thought about the possibility, even though there may be a physical challenge, of just going through the academic part, in terms of awareness?

MS. RIGGS: We could do that.

MR. TOLTETTE: It’s just a thought, because
the information can be absorbed. No other limitations?

MS. GLANTON: Just the reg reads it has to be physical hands-on, so that’s why we’re asking for this.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Was sort of system do you have in place that ensures that he will not be alone with the children?

MS. RIGGS: Foster mom, or -- well, he doesn’t either. Neither one of them works, so she’s home all the time, you know.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Do you make monthly visits?

MS. RIGGS: Weekly visits. At least weekly. Sometimes twice a week.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Are those visits spontaneous, or planned in advance?

MS. RIGGS: Some are, and some are planned. We haven’t opened the home yet. They’ve gone through all the training, and background checks have been sent in, but we haven’t done the home study yet. Before they go any further, we wanted to do this.

MR. TOLTETTE: I guess I’m on a role, Mr. Chairman. I’d like to make a recommendation
that we accept the request of staff -- a motion that we accept the recommendation.

    MR. BRYANT: I’ll second.

    CHAIRMAN APPLER: Motion and a second. Is there any discussion?

    (No audible responses given.)

    CHAIRMAN APPLER: If none, all in favor say “Aye”.

    BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

    CHAIRMAN APPLER: Opposed, the same. Motion carries.

    MS. GLANTON: Patty Glanton, PRLU, item number four, Western Arkansas Children’s Therapeutic Home, also known as WATCH, is requesting a special consideration for regulation 310.4, foster parent shall be trained in crisis prevention and intervention, before a child is placed in the home.

    The agency is requesting this for Mr. M, disabled vet, physical disability, that will prevent him from engaging in the course. A safety plan is included, stating that at no time will Mr. M be left alone with the children.

    Licensing visited the home 11-20-19, to
discuss and clarify the safety plan. A temporary special consideration was granted November 13th, by Ebony Russ. PRLU supports this request. And this is the same home, as the previous one. I have Paula Riggs here with WATCH if you have any further questions.

MR. ALTOM: I have a question, Mr. Chairman. I know it says in here that this individual is in a wheelchair, but how much -- how disabling is -- is it just the wheelchair? Does he still have use of his arms, and that type of thing?

MS. RIGGS: Yes. And I’ve seen him walk with a walker, also. Because he took the foster parent training. He went through the training.

MR. TOLTETTE: So with that statement then, he has the cognitive ability to be able to say, “Don’t do that,” or “That’s dangerous”?

MS. RIGGS: Yes.

MR. ALTOM: Because a big part of CPI is de-escalation techniques, and that’s just talking people down. Matter fact, the physical stuff, you shouldn’t even be doing, unless there’s three individuals involved. If you’re doing the one that most of us are trained on, so I
don’t know that -- I guess my question is --

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Well, I was going that
direction also. It seems to me from what we’ve
heard, that he can take this training.

MS. RIGGS: Yes, he could. He just can’t do
the physical training.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: But he can go through the
training, to the extent --

MS. RIGGS: Right.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Okay. We would like to
see him go through that training.

MS. RIGGS: Okay.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: So what we’re going to do
-- Mr. West, can she just withdraw her request,
so we don’t have to make a vote on it?

MR. WEST: If she wants to.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Do you want to withdraw
your request? Otherwise, we’ll vote no.

MS. RIGGS: Okay.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: So you’re withdrawing the
request?

MS. RIGGS: Okay. I’ll withdraw the
request.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: All right. Cool. Thank
you. Okay. And you’ll provide documentation
at some point, that he’s gone through this?

MS. GLANTON: Yes. When they actually open, I will go review the record, and that’s one of the things that I look for, this is certification, yes.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Okay. Good. Thank you.

MS. GLANTON: Patty Glanton, PRLU and item number five on the agenda. Arkansas Baptist Children’s Home is requesting a special consideration for regulation to 11.6, foster home shall not have more than two children, under the age of two years, including the foster parents own children.

Currently, there are five children placed in the home, three under the age of two. A female three, female six, female 18 months, female 10 months, and one male 23 months. The home is three-bedroom, with the parents occupying the master bedroom. The second bedroom, is occupied by a three-year-old and six-year-old females. The third, is occupied by the two children, two females, ages 10 months, and 18 months, along with the one male, age 24 months. The room is furnished with two cribs, and one toddler bed, has two single
operable windows.

Licensing visited the home to 2-26-19, with no deficiencies, and again 11-7-19, due to this request, to ensure the sleeping arrangements would meet regulations. This request is time-limited, due to one child turning three years of age, January 26th. PLRU supports this request. It’s child specific, and in the best interest of keeping the siblings together, in a known family, due to previous placement. And I have Ryan Ropp here with Arkansas Baptist Children’s Homes if you have any questions.

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

MR. TOLTETTE: I’ll second.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Motion and second. Any discussion?

(No audible responses given.)

CHAIRMAN APPLER: If not, all in favor say “Aye”.

BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Opposed, the same. Motion carries.

MR. BRYANT: Just for the record, I need to abstain on that one, I’m on the Board of

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Director’s for the Children’s Home, so I’m going to abstain on that vote.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Okay. Thank you.

MS. WHITE: LaKesha White, Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I will be presenting items number six, seven, and eight. Item number six is a request for space from DCFS. DCFS is requesting a special consideration for regulation 209.2, which states each person shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant. This request is to allow three females ages five, six, and eight to share a bedroom that measures 146 square feet, which is four square feet, less than the 150 needed for three people. The bedroom consists of a full size bed, and a set of stacked bunkbeds.

DCFS would like to place these children in this home, because they have lived there for three years, prior to coming into care. This request is child specific, and time limited, until December of 2021. PRLU granted a temporary approval on 10-15-19. A monitored visit was completed on 10-29-19. PRLU supports this request. I have a Yvonne Peeler here, Tiffanie N. Harrison, CCR (501) 372-5115
with DCFS if you have any additional questions.

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

MS. MASSEY-FOTI: Second.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Motion and a second. Is
there any discussion?

(No audible responses given.)

CHAIRMAN APPLER: If none, all in favor say
“Aye”.

BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Opposed, the same. Motion
carries. DCFS abstains. Thank you.

MS. WHITE: Item number seven is also a
request for from DCFS for sleeping
arrangements. DCFS is requesting a special
consideration for regulation 209.10, which
states foster children except infants under the
age of two years, shall not share a sleeping
room with adults. This age will increase to
age 4, for a grandparent to the child, and a
teen parent in care with her child.

This request is to allow a three-year-old
male foster child to share a bedroom with his
aunt. The bedroom measures 174 square feet,
and consists of a king-size bed, and a toddler
bed. The family resides in a three bedroom home, but the other rooms are occupied by the foster child siblings, and other relatives. This child has also lived with the aunt for three years, prior to coming into care.

This request is child specific, and child limited, until December of 2021. PRLU granted temporary approval on 10-15-19. A monitored visit was completed on 10-29-19. PRLU supports this request. Yvonne Peeler here with DCFS, if you have any additional questions.

MR. TOLTETTE: I make a motion that we accepted the request of staff.

MR. ALTOM: I second.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Motion and second. Any discussion?

(No audible responses given.)

CHAIRMAN APPLER: If none, all in favor say “Aye”.

BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Opposed, the same. DCFS abstains. Thank you.

MS. WHITE: Thank you. Item number eight is also a request for DCFS, for space. DCFS is requesting a special consideration for
regulation 209.2, which states each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant. This request is to allow two females, ages 10 and 13, to share a bedroom that measures 92 square feet, which is eight square feet less than the 100 needed for two people. The bedroom consists of two beds and a dresser.

DCFS would like to place these children in this home, because they would be together with a relative. DCFS also feels this home is in the best interest of the children. This request is child specific, and time limited, until December 2021. PRLU granted a temporary approval on 10-30-19. A monitored visit was completed on 11-5-19. PRLU supports this request. I have Tracy Holloway, supervisor with DCFS, if you have any questions.

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

MR. TOLTETTE: I second.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Motion and second. Any discussion?

(No audible responses given.)

CHAIRMAN APPLER: If not, all in favor say
"Aye".

BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Opposed, the same. DCFS abstains.

MS. WHITE: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Number nine has been canceled. Looking at 10.

MS. WESLEY: Ute Wesley with the Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I have with me the DCFS resource worker, Erin Smith. Special consideration is requested for regulation 209.2, which states that each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.

DCFS is requesting that three boys, ages 13, seven and six, will be allowed to share a 142.5 square feet bedroom. The six and seven-year-old boys, that are in the bedroom, are the couple's grandchildren, whom they have custody of. The 13-year-old -- the foster parents, are the maternal uncle and aunt, to the 13-year-old. The request is child specific, and is in the best interest of the child. Temporary approval was granted on 11-6-2019. The licensing supports this request, and a

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licensing visit was conducted on 12-5-19.

MR. ALTOM: I move that we approve the request.

MR. BRYANT: Second.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Motion and second. Any discussion?

(No audible responses given.)

CHAIRMAN APPLER: All in favor say “Aye”.

BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Opposed, the same. DCFS abstains.

MS. WESLEY: This is number 11. Ute Wesley, with the Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I have the Children’s Homes caseworker, Sarah Wade, with me for any questions. Children’s Homes is requesting special consideration, for regulation 211.6, which states that foster homes shall not have more than two children under the age of two years.

The placement agency is requesting that a set of two month -- a set a five month old twins, be allowed to stay in the home, along with another foster child who will be two years old in May of 2020. The one-year-old has been in the home since April of 2019. The foster
parents also have a 15-year-old daughter, and a
12-year-old son in the home, and they’re
actually a lot of help to the parents.

If approved, this will allow for the twins
to be placed together in the same home, and
this request is child specific, and also time-
limited, two 5-26-2020. The request is in the
best interest of the children. Temporary
approval was granted on 10-3-2019. The
licensing unit supports this request. A
licensing visit was made on 12-3-19.

MR. TOLTETTE: Can you explain to me the
sleeping arrangements. I’m trying to look at
the map. If you could just reexplain it to me.

MS. WADE: Okay. The twins are in the
bedroom with the parents, the foster parents.

MR. TOLTETTE: Is that a master bedroom?

MS. WADE: Yes. And their son is in a room
across the hallway.

MR. TOLTETTE: And a bathroom in between?

MS. WADE: Yes. And then, upstairs, their
daughter has a room to the right. Upstairs and
to the left is the foster -- Braylon’s room,
the other foster child.

MR. TOLTETTE: Bedroom three?
MS. WADGE: Yeah. There’s two rooms upstairs. One is the foster child. One is their daughter.

MR. BRYANT: Is there’s plenty of square footage when the foster children reach age two and need their own room?

MS. WADE: Yes.

MR. BRYANT: I move to approve this request.

MR. ALTOM: Second.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Motion and second. I have a question. The two -- is it five months old?

MS. WADGE: Yes.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Sleeping in the adults room. Is there suppos to be a request for that to occur also?

MS. WESLEY: No. As long as it meets square footage. They are under two; they can share a sleeping room with adults.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Somebody help me out here. Don’t we have a regulation that talks about children under the age of two, sleeping -- or what is it?

MR. ALTOM: It’s over the age of two.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Okay. Motion and second. Any further discussion?
(No audible responses given.)

CHAIRMAN APPLER: If not, all in favor say “Aye”.

BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Opposed, the same.

MS. MARTIN: I’m abstaining. Even though it’s Children’s Homes, my foster care kids.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: So you’re abstaining?

MS. MARTIN: Yes.

MS. GALUSHA: Charlotte Galusha with Placement and Residential Licensing. DCFS has requested a special consideration for minimum licensing standards 209.2, that each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.

DCFS has placed three siblings into the home of their great aunt and uncle, they placed a 12-year-old female, an eight-year-old female, and a nine-year-old male. Also living in the home, is the couples 10-year-old son, as well as two 16-year-old granddaughters. Due to the placement, the 12-year-old, and eight-year-old females will be sharing a bedroom, with the two 16-year-old females. The bedroom measures 120.66 square feet, which is almost 80 square
feet under the required minimum.

Licensing did have some initial concerns, due to the square footage being such a short amount, but I went out to the home on 12-2. I inspected the bedroom of the home where the girls are sleeping. They have two sets of bunk beds. The window was — well, we raised it while we were there. There is a clear direct path to the bedroom door, in case they need to get out. So I did feel comfortable with the sleeping arrangements. There was a temporary special consideration granted on 1025, for two of the children, and then another temporary approval was granted on 11-6, for the third sibling to be placed in the home.

DCFS feels that this is in the best interest of the children, as they can remain together, in a relative’s home, and the licensing unit does support this request. I’m here with Kathleen Armstrong from DCFS, and also, the aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L are here as well. They are in the back, if you have any questions.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: So there’s four kids in a bedroom?
MS. GALUSHA: Four children in a bedroom, and it’s almost 80 square feet short the minimum required.

MR. TOLTETTE: So you paid a visit to the home?

MS. GALUSHA: I did. An unannounced visit, actually.

MS. TOLTETTE: It sounds tight.

MS. GALUSHA: It was small, you know, with four girls in there, but they did have adequate sleeping arrangements. There was still a path. It wasn’t a lot of room, but it was still safe.

MR. BRYANT: How many feet between each set of bunk beds?

MS. GALUSHA: One was facing this way, and the other one was facing this way, so they connected on that end, but I did look at that as well, and there was room for them to exit the beds.

MS. BRYANT: And where’s the window, in relation to bunkbeds?

MS. GALUSHA: I’m sorry. It’s hard to explain. You have two sets of bunk beds like this, and then the window is over here on the side.

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MR. BRYANT: And is not obstructed by bunkbeds?

MS. GALUSHA: It was not.

MR. TOLTETTE: It’s close to the bathroom?

MS. GALUSHA: Yes.

MR. TOLTETTE: This may not have anything, Mr. Chairman, but just thinking about that tight area, for the girls to study, is there a place, like the kitchen?

MS. GALUSHA: There is a kitchen/dining area. They have a large table there. I suppose the girls could sit at the table and study, as well as the living room area.

MR. TOLTETTE: I’m just thinking about some of the social interactions of four girls in a small room.

MS. GALUSHA: And the foster parents did inform me that they are looking for a bigger place. They just have not been able to get one yet.

MR. TOLTETTE: So this would be temporary?

MS. GALUSHA: They plan for it to be.

MR. ALTOM: This is all relative care, though, right?

MS. GALUSHA: Yes. They are aunt and uncle
to the children.

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

MR. TOLTETTE: I’ll second.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Motion and second. Any discussion?

(No audible responses given.)

CHAIRMAN APPLER: If not, all in favor, say “Aye”.

BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Opposed, the same. DCFS abstains.

MS. STEPPS: Fatima Stepps, with Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I have items number 14 and 15 on your agenda. Item number 14, comes from Ouachita Children’s Center. Ouachita Children’s Center, recently contracted with DCFS to implement a QRTP program. This program will provide services for up to four children. This request is a two-part. The agency is requesting a change of status to their current license, to add a new residential license, and to increase their current capacity by four.

With this change, the additional makes the
total license capacity 26 children, and they’ll be providing services for zero to 18 years of age.

I conducted an inspection on November 19, 2019, and the building does meet licensing standards. I have Amy Higgins and Mr. Mark Howard hear from the agency, in case you have any questions, and PRLU does support the request.

MR. ALTOM: Do these require two separate motions?

CHAIRMAN APPLER: I don’t know. Can somebody tell me if it needs two motions or just one.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think one should be sufficient.

MR. ALTOM: I’ll make a motion that we allow Ouachita Children’s Center, to change their licensure status; is that correct? Requesting they also increase the capacity with that.

MR. WEST: I think as long as both things are covered in the motion, you’re good.

MR. TOLTETTE: And I’ll second that motion.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Motion and a second. Any discussion?
(No audible responses given.)

CHAIRMAN APPLER: If none, all in favor say “Aye”.

BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: Opposed, same. Motion carries.

MS. STEPPS: Your next item is number 15, from Sunlight House. Sunlight House, is requesting a special consideration on licensing standard 201.11, which states the facility shall admit children for a maximum of 90 days. This request will allow a sibling group of four children, ages six, 11, and eight and eight, to remain as an emergency placement, exceeding 90 days, to prevent disruption of their current placement.

DCFS believes, that this is in the best interest of the children, to remain in this placement, until the outcome of their court date, in January 2020. I have Gayle with me here, in case you have any questions, and PRLU does support the agency’s request.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: What’s the purpose of the court date? Is that for terminating of parental rights or what?
MS. GAYLE: They’re hoping that they will find out more information by then, to see if they can get placed or to go home. I don’t know for sure, and I don’t know the process of that, but they’re hoping that they will know something by the court date in January.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: All right.

MR. TOLTETTE: How old are they?

MS. GAYLE: Eight years old.

MR. TOLTETTE: Are they going to school?

MS. GAYLE: Yes, and they’re doing really well. They are pretty well adjusted. Academically, yes they are doing well.

CHAIRMAN APPLER: And you’re just anticipating the children to remain there, until January 31, 2020?

MS. GAYLE: Yes.

MR. TOLTETTE: So it sounds like it’s up to the court, to determine what’s going to happen?

MS. GAYLE: Yes.

MR. TOLTETTE: So you may wind up coming back here again?

(No audible responses given.)

MR. ALTOM: I have a question. I know We’ve seen providers before, that come in with
situations like this. These would be candidates to go to a sibling style group home, correct?

MS. MARTIN: I think so. Last time I was at -- if this is the same one, you do have a -- do you have a house parent living there or are you operating on just staff?

MS. GAYLE: No, we have a house mom that stays there 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

MR. ALTOM: So in the past, we’ve had providers to come forward to try to do a license to where they don’t disrupt placements like this. They come in under emergency shelter, and then they end up -- find out it’s in the best interest to keep the child where they are, and transition into that residential license category, or umbrella. Is that an option here?

MS. GAYLE: We’re licensed as residential, and emergency shelter. We have both license.

MR. ALTOM: So why are you wanting to keep them as emergency shelter, versus residential?

MS. GAYLE: The placement right now, is what it is.

MS. MARTIN: Is it because you have a
contract with DCFS, to pay for emergency
shelter, and you don’t have a contract to pay
for residential?

MS. GAYLE: Right. We no longer have a
residential contract.

MR. ALTOM: So where would these kids go
eventually?

MS. MARTIN: Are you asking me?

MR. ALTOM: Yes , I’m asking you.

MS. MARTIN: I was just making sure. I
mean, it just really depends. I mean they are
a sibling group. I can tell from my placement
unit email, they were trying to keep the
siblings together. I don’t think that we have
any family-style care -- this is in Fordyce?

MS. GAYLE: Yes, this is in Fordyce.

MS. MARTIN: So I think that’s one of the
issues, that we could look at one of our
family-style providers, but there’s nothing
close to Fordyce. Do you happen to know where
these children are from?

MS. GAYLE: They’re from Pulaski County. I
mean, I don’t know how many questions I can
ask, it would just depend on where they would
go, based on what their needs are,, if they
have a foster parent and Polasky County who could take them. I think one of the reasons that my placement unit recommended it, is because this is a house parent model and they are doing well. It would be different if it was an emergency shelter, that was running shift staff I make a motion to approve the request. I’ll second motion and second. In a discussion. I’m sorry. You know if the case plan right now for permanency planning is reunification, or as a family placement? They are working on that now. I don’t know how far along there going to be. They have visitation with her. Any further discussion? If none, all in favor say I. Opposed the same. Motion carries. You don’t have to abstain from this point, do you? I mean, I think I need a legal opinion on this, but I’m going abstain today, and then I’m going to get a legal opinion on this. It makes me very nervous, voted on only thing that relate to foster children. Yeah I know. After the meeting, but today, I’m going to abstain. With the placement and residential licensing units. I will have 16 to 19 on the agenda. Item 16 is a request from Trinity Tiffanie N. Harrison, CCR (501) 372-5115
behavioral healthcare systems for their ranch facility. This facility has been an active for over a year, and the agency is requesting a license to remain open and in active status, while pain examine their options, for their facility and license. Placement and residential licensing unit is in support of this request. I have Joe here representing the agency, to answer any questions that you might have. So are you doing strategic planning right now, or you don’t have a vision? I think the options are still open. No. I’m talking about the process. I don’t think they know fully what they plan on doing quite get. We were just hoping to keep the status of it open, and the secession of licenses unbroken, close last time you had kids in care? August 2015, I believe. I make a motion to approve the request. I’ll second. Motion in a second. Any discussion? Have you not initiated any kind of strategic planning process? No, not yet. The person who has been involved in that process,. Are you still without a director? Yes. I guess you can say the closest thing to a director we have, is Ms. Kirk. She’s the
infant individual whose submitted this request in writing, and had it emailed to Ms. Painter, on August 23, and 29. Actually, we’re continuing to say okay, but I believe that some point, MI be good for the board to have something to base it on, with regard to strategic planning, in conversations, or something that gives us an illusion, that something else is moving forward. I actually expected you to ask that, which is why I did make it a point to contact Mr. Some money. I did speak to him last night, and again, we don’t know what the options are. As far as the regulations go, section 100.20 simply says is shall lapse, unless is requested, and the request shall be granted. So the regulations don’t have a time period, but we understand that they can’t continue right. And I’m just thinking, from a layman’s standpoint, that it would be nice to know something is moving forward. Certainly. Maybe a meeting or something may I ask a question you shall just for clarification, and I apologize, I’m sure this is not an intelligent question, but by continuing this license, you just saying that
at some point, they can open the facility?  What are we actually saying by continuing the license? What are we actually approving? I can answer that, with what licensing has told our facility, and that is, before we take kids back into care, were supposed to notify the placing placement my fixing unit, so that they can send out a specialist to do an inspection, and to personnel review, before kids Ashley come to care. So you can’t actually take a child in right now? Not until we get a review from the place meant licensing unit. But you still have this facility? Is it just one facility, at 1033 old bear growth? That’s correct. Essentially two types of licenses, and I think it’s license under eternity behavioral health, if I’m not mistaken. One is residential, unwanted psychiatric. And that’s the next request, I would guess. That’s why there are two requests on the agenda. Did I hear, it’s been an active year? How long have you not had a placement? I think the last child in care, left in August 2015. I’m sort of uncomfortable, just to give giving you a blank check, when you’ve shown no planning
process, no nothing. It’s just, we give you
the license, and at some point you can take
kids, but you know, if there’s no plans to do
that, that I’ve heard. And I think a couple of
board members share that concern also. Since
2015, we don’t just want to keep given you a,
renewing your license every year. We want to
see something happening, to benefit the
children the slower call the child welfare
agency review board. So, do you want us to
take a vote on this, or do you want to withdraw
this? No I like to submit the request. I
don’t believe the rules permit a denial at this
point, but I do take your consideration
seriously, and will make sure I communicate
that this is not something that can continue,
with a open ended. Can I ask another question?
So based on that response, can you reference me
what rules require, or allow us to give you an
additional license? If in general requirements
of the residential licensing, the child welfare
agency license and rules, section 100.20.
Which basically says all you have to do is keep
axing for valid license, or if you have a
license, you keep axing? Can somebody give me
some clarification on why they’re entitled to this continued license? Because I think that was your statement, is that we don’t have a reason to deny it, but what is the authority, that we are supposed to continue to give you that license? If you give me a moment, I’ll pull it up. So this does not say that the board can grant a license, or not grant a license. We have the option of going either direction is when I’m reading. Here is what I’m going Mr. Chair, I’m not trying to make it difficult for anyone. I’m just trying to look at the fact that we keep doing this, but we are not seeing anything this seems to be moving forward, to justify having a license. They didn’t have the license, then it would make a difference. I don’t want to be difficult, but I was trying to find a little bit more justification to make this license available, if they don’t have any kind of accountability to live are giving out the license, they were not being accountable ourselves. Not trying to be difficult. I’m just trying to be logical and rational about this. But it does say a request in writing, that it remain open. A
request means it can be denied, it’s my understanding and then, the next sentence says the request shall be approved. Right. That’s the sentence that I was talking about. And to me, if anyone is going to approve it, it has to be the board, but to me, it doesn’t mean you have to approve it. That’s my interpretation. Here they were there requesting it from you. Is there a motion on the floor at all? There is. Have a motion to approve it, and the reason I submit the motion to approved it, is based on prior actions of this board, when people have come forward, and we we haven’t asked that many questions about what you plan to do, especially when it’s adoption agencies, who don’t do anything in Arkansas, continuously keep up license here. We don’t even question that, so I guess that’s where I’m coming from. I will say, that I think this is an instance, where they married be some reason to question you know, what is the plan long-term and stuff, but there’s also some business impacts to what will come, I guess in the second place, is because there’s a POA tied to it. That’s the reason for the request that a peer so there’s a

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motion and a second. Any further discussion? All in favor, say I oppose the same motion motion carries. With respect to item, that was number 16. All right. So item number 17, is a request from Trinity behavioral health system for their Trinity behavioral health facility this facility has been an active four-year, and the agency is requesting their license to remain open in an active status, as they continue to examine their options for the facility, and license. Placement residential licensing unit is in support of this request and if I may, this is the same request with respect to the psychiatric? Right. So this is tied to the PLA, so there’s a POA discounted in the bed count, for the state of Arkansas? Yes. And when these beds aren’t field, that impact, is that taken into consideration, by the health service permit agency? That’s the reason, involvement of the health services payment agency is the reason for the request. It is written in Arkansas code annotated 928 4783, that any licensed capacity, licensed as of 2003, is exempt from the PLA process, and these are licenses that have been in place 13 years,
before that date. So these don’t impact the POA? No, because there exempt from the PLA. Do they get counted in the bed count, though? I imagine they do, but also say this so. We used to get the annual surveys from the health services permit agency, and I don’t reseal recall seeing one in the last year or two. We would have had nothing to report, anyway. May I ask a question though? So basically, if your license continues as a child welfare licensing agency, and you keep your license, your exemption will allow you to expand out-of-state beds, without going through health service permit, right? Well, we would have been able to expand for out-of-state children with POA anyway, but I mean under this regime, we will still have to contact residential licensing, floor and inspecting visit before we can do that. But if you lose your license, if your license goes, if you lose your license, you will no longer be exempt from the health service permit? That’s correct. So keep in your license would make that facility? What is the point, and obviously, that’s the advice I’ve given my client. If the license was not
continuously in effect. So the license would transfer to, you would have to come back before the board, to get a different license, for a new provider you wouldn’t transfer the license? Like, but the exemption would be transferable.

Based on what?

Arkansas code annotated 928 407 a three a. A child welfare agency license, has to be licensed or permitted by the board, as of March 1, 2003, whether held by the original licensee, or by a successor in interest to the original licensee is exempted from obtaining so let’s transferable. The exemption is transferable. The exemption is in a license or permit from the office of long-term care obtaining any permit from the health services permit agency, and obtaining a permit from the agency, from the health services permit any future capacity, to. So just to be clear, we approve your license, and you then sell the facility, and transfer the license, that new owner would be exempt from basically, anything related to health service which includes regulating all out-of-state band? Correct. They would also have to contact the residential licensing, to initiate and entirely new, I would imagine. So you would have to license them, the new owner, from the top down. But the exemption status

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would be transferable. Do you have pediatric staff? I’m sorry? Do you have pediatric staff? Not at this time, no. Okay. There’s been plenty of discussion. Is there a motion on the floor? Boy, this is something. It just leaves us, where he studied of all. As a lawyer, you can prepare, and in that preparation, I think you can recognize, that some of us have concerns, but I don’t hear anything illegal, so at this point in time, I would like to make a motion to accept the recommendation of staff. So there is a motion. Is there a second anywhere? I’ll second. Motion in the second. Any further discussion? All in favor, signify by saying I. And all the fault poles, same son. So the board is tied. What do we do in that situation? There’s not a majority vote, the motion fails. Okay. The motion failed. Sorry. Thank you. Number 18? Item 18 is a request from the young children’s home. The agency is requesting a special consideration to be granted, to about a sibling group to remain in their emergency cottage, class there 90th day. The agency feels that it is in the best interest of the children, to remain at the young children’s home, in order for them to remain together, and they’re also meeting the children’s me at this facility. This request is time-limited, and will expire on March 31, 2020. A temporary
approval was granted by Anthony Russ on 11 four 2019. Placement in residential licensing unit is in support of this request and he with me today is administrator Marlon Nelson to answer any questions that you might have. Do you expect reunification to occur? No, Sir. So if it doesn’t occur, there was going to happen to the kids? We have three other homes on the property, that are have long-term licenses, and the objective is once one of those homes becomes available, these seven siblings, was shift around to one of the other homes on campus. We actually anticipated that happening long before now, but it had several setbacks on the other cases. I make a motion that we accept the request. I’ll second. Motion, and a second. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor, say I. I. Opposed the same. Motion carries. Item 19, is a request from Northwest Arkansas children’s shelter. They are requesting a special consideration, to allow the child to remain at the facility past the 90th day, while this facility continues to work on a transitional plan for this child. Temporary approval, was approved by Ebony Russ, and the request is time-limited, and will expire on December 31, 2019. Placement residential licensing unit, is in support of this request, and here with me today, the social services director, Brenda Richard, and

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Stephanie Banks. Matt asked the question. I think I know who this gait is so this kid was ordered into the shelter, right? Correct. And has remained there, for some time, because he was ordered into the shelter? Correct. I don’t abstain from this? Yeah, I probably should. How is the kid doing? Wonderful. He’s doing great. We have on-site school, that he attends. He’s overcome a lot of difficulties, a lot of milestones. Not the same child is when he came in. Do they have the age of the child? He’s seven. The relative is a DCFS employee, that were working with? Yes. And were only talking to three weeks tops? The 23rd, actually, is one planning on transitioning to a relative. Has the court approved that? I don’t know. Yes. As long as everything is going okay, yes. I moved to approve as requested. I’ll second. Okay. Motion and second. Any further discussion? All in favor, say I. I. Opposed the same. Motion carries. Thank you. So item number 20 has been pulled. Never getting into special considerations. Are we doing 20 1A, or do we already do that. So this is 20 1A? Yes. Item 20 1A, is a request from Maggie house, for special consideration, for permission to work. He with me today, representing the agency, his administrator Stephen wants and staff, to answer any questions that you might have, and the PRLU
is support in of this request. Everything good since 2002? Yes, Sir. Thing is most recent is 2010 arrest? For hot check, yes. Sometimes things happen, and it’s okay things happen. I wasn’t a very good kid. I learned. When you do them as it Maggie’s house?, Residential tech. I make a motion to approve the request. I’ll second. Motion and a second. Any discussion? All in favor say I. Opposed the same, motion carries. Ronnie M these next items, the board is just now getting the packets, so they’re going to take some time to read over them. So we ask for your patience in doing that. So it’s been 12 years? Yes, Sir. So you guys want to become foster parents, right? Yes, Sir. Have you started any of the training at all? Yes, Sir. So what’s the motivation, for wanting to do foster care? Was your motivation? I took a lot of wrong choices, and made a lot of mistakes coming up. I can’t really blame it on anybody, my mom and dad did the best they could,. My trouble ended when I got out of prison. I always wanted to give back, and since I’ve been in the church, that’s what I’ve been doing. Me and my wife had a lot of hard times, trying to have our first child. We tried for 10 years, she has six miscarriages. Finally, we had to, but she wanted more, and I just didn’t want to see her go through any of the
physical threatening things, that can happen to a woman. So we’ve just always had a love for children. That’s all she’s done in her whole occupation, you know, we just love children. I hate to did hated to tell her didn’t want to have any more of our own, because of the risk, but this will put us closer to home. It will do me some justice, on giving back. So what are you doing now, to make a living? I worked for Smith Blair. I run a chat line laser. I do some welding. I’m running 250 ton press, plate role. I’ve been there nine years. I’ve got letters of recommendation. I don’t know if it’s in your package. I have my own. I just wanted this to go so well. I’ve been there nine years, and would’ve had perfect attendance, had it not been for taken off to come to this meeting. I don’t feel bad about that. It’s for good calls. I work on cell phones, and I’ve got my own barbecue catering business. How long have you and your wife been together? 21 years, December 4. So she stayed with you of this process? By the grace of God. Do you listen to her? Most of the time she’s right, but I still struggle with the little bit of pride, yes sir how do. You don’t have to work on that. Yes, Sir. The chairman is watching everything. Yes Sir. On. I take it very seriously. Do you currently work or volunteer with kids? Yes, Sir.
Would you do? We visit nursing homes often. We sponsor the kids in our youth group, and also teach Sunday school. I mean, just anything I can do to help the kids, because I just always look down on myself, and I’ve got a lot of friends that try to pick me up, I know I can’t erase the past, but I can make a difference in the future. I make a motion that we approve the request. I second. Motion is second. Any further discussion? If none, all in favor say I. DCFS abstains. Thank you, Sir. Thank you. Jessica M Wells you just share with us was going on. Okay. My name is Kayla. I’m a family service worker for Franklin County. I’m here today, to represent Ms. Jessica. Ms. Jessica is a provisional placement it can for a foster child. Ms. Jessica has two criminal convictions from 2009. We are asking for special consideration for the foster child to remain in the home. Ms. Jessica is here to answer any questions you may have. And who was with her? She’s the foster child. But they know each other, right? It’s bit of canned? Yes. I make a motion we approve the request. I’ll second. Smoking it motion and a second, any discussion? If not? All in favor say I. Opposed to same. DCFS abstains thank you. Daniel R. So you’re wanting to provide care for this child that’s the second time in foster care, right? Yes, Sir.
And you care for him before? It’s a girl but yes Sir.
Yes. I know her since she was a baby, and the last time
her mom and her did live with me. She’s very close to
my kids as well. Have you had any contact have you been
in contact with the young lady? Recently? She’s placed
provisionally. We got temporary approval from Charles
plan on 11 eight of 19. So jersey is already placed in
the home with Amanda. How old is she? She’s 17. I
read what you went through. You can own attorney. I’ve
overcome a lot. Yes, you have. And this young lady
feels a whole. My children her brothers and sisters,
yes. Tracy wanted child feels that this was really the
best placement? Because jersey had lived with her
earlier in 2019, pursuant to a power of attorney, while
her mother and father was going through some other
things. Jersey is part of a sibling group of four, and
fathers are involved with some of the other children.
There is one sibling that Miss Amanda you know, is
willing to consider, but some childcare has to be worked
out. But you really did think that there was a bond
between jersey and Miss Amanda? Yes. And we had lots
of fictive kin options. We didn’t really have any
relative options that were viable. We had a fit of can
option, of someone that worked at the school, and when
we spoke with Jerzy about you know, what her hope would
be, she immediately said Amanda, without given a choice, she mentioned Amanda as somewhere was she will feel safe. Mr. Chair, I’d like to make a motion that we accept the request of staff. I’ll second. Motion and a second. In the discussion? If not, all in favor say I. Opposed the same, and DCFS abstains. Tonya C. So this is your niece and nephew, that you want to care for? Yes, Sir. And nothing since 1999? No, Sir. You were going to nursing school. Did you complete that? I did not. I went instead to medical assistant school, and I work for an internal medicine doctor and and and chronologist now, for two years. Before that, I worked in an urgent care. Is that where you’re working now? I do. I worked at a place called the garment clinic, for inner internal medicine doctor, and an endocrinologist. Make a motion to approve the request. I’ll second. Motion in the second. Any discussion? If not, all in favor say I. I. Post the same. So the history has been expunged, right? Yes, Sir. Have a copy of the expungement in my pocket, if you want to see it. This request is for your grandchildren? Yes, ma’am. Well, it’s my girlfriend’s grandchildren. I’m just as happy. I’ve been in their lives since day one. We love them? Are you are you currently working Sir? Yes, Sir. I drive a truck. How often are you on the road? I’m

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usually home about 23 nights a week. All I do is like run Arkansas into Southeast, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. If you eat at the restaurants here around around Little Rock, they service by Cisco, chances are, come back in from the west, on one of our church. Nothing since 1995?) It was a bad decision, you know. Moved to approve. Second motion in a second. Any further discussion? If not, all in favor say I. Oppose the same, motion carries, DCFS of stains. Thank you all. Do you get any services from the VA? Yes, I do. Is it helping you fit in? It’s better, yes. I’ve been going to the VA since 2012. Thank you for your service. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I’d like to make a motion that we accept the request of staff. Second. Motion in the second. In the discussion? Nine, all in favor say I. Oppose the same. Motion carries, DCFS of stains. Thank you for your time. This is grandchildren? Yes, Sir. One of them you can here in the hallway. We had temporary approval on 1121, the children were placed on that date. Where do you work at? I work at Simmons food and maintenance. Nothing since 94? No, Sir. 10 years. I make a motion to approve the request. I second. Motion and second. In the discussion? Not. All in favor say I. Oppose the same, motion carries, DCFS of stains think out. Nothing
since 95? Correct. 2001. Yes, that’s correct. You grew up in the foster care system? I did this is your nephew right, you’re willing to foster? Yes. The parent situation is pretty grim? Are they incarcerated? I let my life elaborate on that. Both of the parents, or mentally not able to take care of the child, nor financially able to take care of the child. Do the kids continue to have contact with their parents? We would most definitely do whatever the court tells us to do, as far as that matter goes. These are still under act 326? Excuse me? Were these sealed under acts 346? Right. Yes. If it have been three months from now, I don’t think I’ll be standing here run a process. Moved to approve this placement. The second. Motion a second. In a discussion? Is nine, all in favor, say I. Oppose the same, motion carries, DCFS abstains. Thank you, Sir. Thank you. Do you work at a, Sir?, Superintendent, well, actually to apartment complexes in Texarkana. Prior to that, I was a hotel general manager, that I step down on, after my wife got sick with breast cancer. I’m still writing my book. You know, as you can see, who I am and what I’ve done speaks for itself, but I’ve changed. I’m 51 years old in May. My wife has gone through breast cancer, starting as of last year on her birthday, and we just recently finished
chemo and all of that. We got a clean bill of health. And while this went on, my mother passed away. I lost my mother on Mother’s Day. Her sister died right after you know, at 32 years old. You know, Sharonda just recently came to me, and we went to the class and talk to me about the situation going on. And I said to myself, you know, my mother named me after Paul, and my story wasn’t over with. And we’re talking about a two-year-old did here, that needs a chance. You know, a chance that he may not get from somewhere else. You know, I automatically told her that you know, whatever I could do. And we went down to the Arkansas side, and they asked me about my background. You know, because that was the end. You know, I know who I am now. I can look at myself in the mirror, and I know I would be a good role model for this boy, to show him how to become a man, because I can show him everything that I’ve gone through. And you can’t, you don’t have to go that way. My wife, she has worked for the agency, as you can see, for 18 years and six months. If anybody is a child advocate, you know, anybody that saved my life, it’s been my wife. My life saved me, because she married me, even when I went to prison. So whatever we can do for this child, whatever I can do for my life, I’m going to do it until I leave here. She saved me. I’m the lucky

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one. A man. It’s hard to stand there, is amiss, Sir? Y’all just have no idea, Sir. I met this lady, in Nacogdoches Texas. We met at a pizza place. You know, this is my life story. She came in, one of her roommates was looking for an application for a job. We’ve never forgotten each other all this time. And I went to prison after that, not something that I’ve done, but because of what my mother told me. People places and things. One day you’re going to cry Wolf, and they’re not going to believe you, and that was the date. She stood by me all those years. I wrote her letters, and sent her letters. She thought I was crazy when I went to jail, but I never lost contact with her. And when I got out, I went to Texarkana, and I told her that I was better off with her, then without her. We had Brooklyn. Best thing to ever happen to us, because our daughter Brooklyn came in between losing my mom. The best thing that ever happened to me, and her losing a sister. So like I said, whatever I have to do for this for, to get into the next step, before I leave this earth, I’m going to do it. And it looks like those 90s were broken? Yes, they was. A temporal life about that all the time. I wasted 15 years of my life. 15 years of my life, and here I am now. I’m 50. And I tell my daughter, seven years old every day, you’re going to
listen, if you want to think about it when I’m gone, but you need to listen while I’m here. My mom told me, don’t jump around the clock for me when I’m dead. Show me that love while I’m here, and listen to me, and obey my commandments. She’ll tell you, I have this conversation with her every morning. I’m not here to tell you what to do. I’m here to help you navigate this life, because I’ve already lived it. Did you get my brother over there? Yes. I make a motion to approved. I accept. Motion and a second, any further discussion? If not, all in favor say hi oppose the same. Motion carries. DCFS abstains. Thank you, sir. No, I thank you all. Report of temporary approvals, actions. Everything on that list was either taken care of today, or has been placed on the January agenda. So everything is done? Yes, Sir. All right. Other business? No other business? Okay. Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 22 and 2020. Merry Christmas everybody. We’re adjourned.

(WHEREUPON, the proceedings were concluded in this matter at *** .m.)

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I, Tiffanie N. Harrison, CCR, Certified Stenomask Reporter before whom the foregoing testimony was taken, do hereby certify that the witness was duly sworn by me; that the testimony of said witness was taken by me and was thereafter reduced to typewritten form under my supervision; that the deposition is a true and correct record of the testimony given by said witness; that I am neither counsel for, related to, nor employed by the parties to the action in which this deposition was taken, and further, that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the parties hereto, nor financially interested in the outcome of this action.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that I have no contract with the parties within this action that affects or has a substantial tendency to affect impartiality, that requires me to relinquish control of an original deposition transcript or copies of the transcript before it is certified and delivered to the custodial attorney, or that requires me to provide any service not made available to all parties to the action.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this ** day of ***, 2019.

TIFFANIE N. HARRISON
Arkansas State Supreme Court
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