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BOARDS MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mr. Charles Flynn, Chairman
Ms. Sandy Doherty
Mr. Andy Altom
Ms. Beverly Massey Foti
Mr. David Whatley
Mr. Josh Bryant (via videoconference)
Mr. Sanford Tollette (via videoconference)

ALSO PRESENT:
Ms. Ebony Russ, Placement and Residential Licensing Manager
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MS. RUSS: Residential Licensing Meeting. I will be facilitating today in absence of Charles Flynn, he used to get up and go to the podium. For everyone on Zoom, if you would please type your name in the chat box it will help our court reporter. Please mute yourself if you're not talking. When you do speak, could you please state your first and last name if you're on Zoom. If you have any questions, feel free to put your question in the chat box. We have someone going through those as well.


THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, these are just because of the masks it's a little bit harder for me to -- I'm not familiar with all of it. I'm sorry. But you're doing -- you're doing great. It is just helped me a little bit.

MR. RUSS: So, welcome to the July 22nd, 2020, Child Welfare Agency Review Board Meeting. The time is 1:30 and I'm Ebony Russ, I'm the Program Manager for Placement and
Residential Licensing Unit. So what we'll do is follow the agenda, so apparently I'll turn the meeting over to our Board Chair, Mr. Charles Flynn.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. Can you hear me through the mask or do I need to pull the mask down?

THE COURT REPORTER: I can hear pretty well.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. Thank you. We are calling this meeting to order. I'll take a privilege like I did last month and then I'd like to introduce our new board member, Andrew, and I'll just let you tell a little bit about your program. But before we do that, I want to pause a minute and remember James Volcom. James has passed away this past week. James was the former Executive Director of Children's Home, Inc., in Paragould. He was a long time -- in fact, he was a member of this Board or the beginning of this Board in 1997. David Whatley were actually charter members of this Board. But even before that, James was a part of the other Board that oversaw Child Welfare Residential Placement and also Daycare at that time.
James, as I understand, was actively involved with the legislature in creating the original licensing board and, you know, he often bragged that he was placed on this Board by five different governors. And so James -- James, even though we don't see much anymore of James in the recent years his impact on child welfare in Arkansas continues on through his past days now.

Some of you know James, and I would like to just take a minute if anyone would kind of like to make a comment or share a story. For me, I first met James --

MR. SANFORD: I am having difficulty. Is anybody talking? This is Sanford.

MR. FLYNN: What did you say, Sanford?

MS. FATIMA: Sanford, this is Fatima. They have not started yet to my knowledge.

MR. TOLLETTE: Oh, I see Fatima.

MR. FLYNN: Okay, Fatima? Fatima, can you hear me?

MR. TOLLETTE: This is working. So, thank you for responding. At least I know it's working.

MS. FATIMA: Okay.
MR. TOLLETTE: Thank you.

MR. FLYNN: Fatima? Fatima, this is Charles. Can you hear me? Sanford, can you hear me? Tell you what, if you're on video and you can hear me raise your hand.

Okay. No one is raising their hand.

MR. FLYNN: Yeah, I think it's muted. We're working on it over here. Okay. If you can hear me and you're on video raise your hand.

All right. Sanford, you are now here. We have begun our meeting. I was making a few comments, so I'll just kind of start over for the record. We'll just make this a fresh start if we need to. We've called the meeting to order. I believe you -- did everyone hear Ebony's comments at the beginning? If you did, raise your hand if you heard Ebony's comments.

MR. TOLLETTE: I did not.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. Ebony, let's start over.

MS. RUSS: Okay. Welcome everyone. I'm Ebony Russ. I'm the Program Manager for the Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I will be facilitating this meeting, the Child
Welfare Agency Review Board Meeting held on today, July 22nd at 1:30 p.m. If you are on Zoom, please insure that you are muted if you are not speaking. When it is your time to speak would you please say your first and last name so that it will help with the court reporter, otherwise, please remain muted. I will again turn the meeting over to the Board Chair.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. Thank you, Ebony. I will call this meeting to order and before we move on to our agenda. I want to take a -- this moment a personal privilege to -- and just speak in memory of -- of James Balcom, the former Executive Director of Children's Home, Inc., or a member of this Board since its inception in 1997, former chairmen of this Board and prior to that he was a member of the original Board of Licensing Residential and Placement Care in Arkansas.

James liked to brag that he had been appointed by five different governors to these two boards. For me, what I remember -- well, so many things about James during the years, the first time I met him was in 1992, almost 30
years ago really. And it was at a -- a
conference. And even then James was doing a
skit called the World's Oldest Living Childcare
Worker and -- but what I remember about them is
the same thing I saw on James's 80th birthday,
Louda and I went and saw James, and Charlene
was bouncing around like always and James was
pretty calm. But, the same thing I saw 30
years ago that I saw then was that genuine
smile. Not just in his mouth, but a smile in
his eyes, and the comfort and the joy that
James brought to a room.

But through and through the years of this
Board I remember memories like at one of our
retreats climbing to the top of Mount Magazine
with James and Charlene. So, lot's of good
memories and thankful for the impact that he
had not just at the Children's Home there at
Paragould but throughout the State for our
programs.

But I'd like also to -- if anyone else
would like to share your opinion of James or a
thought I'll give you a second to do that.

MR. WHATLEY: This is David Whatley, and
well said Charles. I'd just like to say that
it was an honor and a privilege to know James. I actually started serving with him on the Board, the Child Welfare Board in 1997. There was a period of time that I stepped off that Board and then came back home. But the knowledge and experience that James had to the Board and the advice that he would give and the help that he had for the children in the State of Arkansas for so many years in the -- really the lifetime of service he gave. It was just, you know, one of things that's just amazing to see. And so I can truly say that it was just a privilege and honor to know him and to be associated with Mr. James Balcom.

MR. FLYNN: What I'd like to do then is before going on with the meeting, I've asked David Whatley if he would just voice a prayer.

MR. TOLLETTE: Charles?

MR. FLYNN: Okay, Sanford, are you there? Go ahead.

MR. TOLLETTE: Oh, yes. I agree. I was trying to wait my time. And, I met James when I first came on the Board. He mentioned me and I didn't know if I wanted to do this or not and had lots of conversations wondering if I would
fit in. But it was his eyes and his smile. I
watched him for years bring the dignity and --
or consciousness of humanity in his leadership
to our Board and it just raised my heart, my
joy, my spirit to be a part of such
professionalism in terms of the service of our
children.

You know, we've all said something about
James but what I would say is a term that was
used that he was a lion to help humanity and
with a gentle paw and a spirit that he was
gently persuasive to get you to walk in a
direction for the greater good. And so, with
that man, it hit's my heart because I was
talking to Ed Appler's son earlier and what a
spirit filled day for me right now as we
continue this great work on the shoulders of
James and Ed. And so that, it's an honor to
serve with all of you with me and what I want
to say, the path that so many of us before us
have lead and especially those pioneers. And
so for me, I hope I can lift the spirits of all
of us that serve on this commission and that
it is truly an honor. And James left on me in
a way that I'll never forget. So thank you for
the time. I might have been a little lengthy but I didn't even know we'd lost him. So I'm just finding this out Charles. So thank you for this opportunity.

MR. FLYNN: I'll say, I've asked David if he wants to pray for us as we -- for Charlene and the family, for the Children's Home, Inc. family in this time of loss and celebration.

MR. WHATLEY: Father we come to you in the name of Jesus and we thank you that we can pause and just honor James and what he has meant to so many of us and the positive impact that he has had on our lives and the impact that he has had on so many children throughout the State of Arkansas.

So right now we just lift up the Balcom family to you for Charlene and those others. We thank you for strength that is afforded to each of them that can only come through you, through your holy spirit. So father we thank you for that. We thank you for the comfort that is there. We thank you for strength in the days to come. And we thank you for giving us just the know how, the ability to know how to help minister to the family even in the days
ahead. So father, again, we just praise you. Thank you for your love to us. We thank you for the assurance that we can have in knowing that James is at home in heaven with you. So we thank you for that in Jesus's name.

MR. FLYNN: Thank you, David. Before we move on with our meeting though I'd like us to recognize our new board member Andrew Watson, Soaring Wings Ranch, the founder and director. And I just ask that -- give him a minute or two to just tell us about Soaring Wings.

MR. WATSON: Well, it's an honor to be here today and it's an honor to serve on this Board and I echo the sentiments that y'all just shared about James, he and Ed. I mean, we've taken a hit the last few -- the last couple of months losing two great men that brought a lot, literally, to the table for childcare and a little bit about Soaring Wings.

We are a private children's home that we serve families in crisis. We do our very best to reunite families when that's a possibility. But we also have an adoption side to what we do and when -- when that needs to be an option, that's -- that's what we are able to provide.
We -- sorry, my mask is falling down. We will have been opened August the 1st this year, going on 13 years for us. And so again, it's an honor to be here. It's an honor to serve with y'all and I just hope that I can make Ed proud in my service. Thank you.

MR. FLYNN: Thank you. Okay.

Now we can move on to item number 2, Approval of Minutes. You should have received the minutes. Does anyone have any questions, additions, or a motion?

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

MR. FLYNN: Okay. Andy moves to approve.

MS. FOTI: I'll second.

MR. FLYNN: And Beverly to second. All in favor say aye?

THE BODY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: Aye.

MR. FLYNN: Opposes?

MR. TOLLETTE: Aye.

MR. FLYNN: Thank you, Sanford. The minutes are approved. Number three, special considerations/permissions?

MS. RUSS: Consideration permission:

DCFS, Wendy D.; DCFS, Janet Norris and Melanie
Cleveland.

MR. FLYNN: For the benefit of those that are presenting and -- and for Andrew also -- Andrew, the Licensing Unit is not able to see these. They're not able to submit to us in advance. The Board can see these. DCFS can see these. So this is our first opportunity to read this information. So we ask that those attending be patient while we look at this. We'll give them a chance to answer some questions in a minute before we vote.

MR. TOLLETTE: Charles, this is Sanford. Can you hear me?

MR. FLYNN: I hear you, Sanford.

THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Who was that?

MR. TOLLETTE: You know because of security. I didn't get that information I don't believe.

MR. FLYNN: You will not be able to get it unless you are in the room, Sanford. So, I tell you what all you need to do is just kinda sit quiet. We don't have very many today --

THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry.

MR. FLYNN: -- so if you'll just hang on
we'll let you know when you're back involved again, okay? That was Sanford Tollette speaking.

THE COURT REPORTER: What is his name?
MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, sir. Thank you.
MS. PENCE: Sanford Tollette.
THE COURT REPORTER: Sanford Tollette?
MS. PENCE: Uh-huh.
THE COURT REPORTER: Is he on the phone?
MS. PENCE: He's on Zoom.
THE COURT REPORTER: Zoom.
MS. RONE: Yes, he's on the phone.
THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.
MR. FLYNN: Okay. You can go ahead and introduce yourselves now.
MS. RONE: Hi, my name is Tiesha Rome.
MR. FLYNN: Okay. Now can you hear okay? Is the microphone okay for you?
THE COURT REPORTER: It's okay.
MR. TOLLETTE: A little bit louder for me. This is Sanford.
MR. FLYNN: Sanford, you're probably going to miss a lot of this part of discussion but on this part of the session you'll not be voting because you're not present in the room, okay?
MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, that's fine then.

I'll mute myself.

MR. FLYNN: All right. Okay. And you just tell us why you're here today?

MS. RONE: I'm here for a complaint. I'm XXX compliance and XXX.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. Just give us a minute and we'll read the materials. This is the first time we've seen it. So this is provisional?

MS. RONE: Yes, sir.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. Tell us a little bit about situation and -- and the family and -- and why are we considering this, the placement of --

MS. RONE: This -- this is for the placement --

THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Can you kind of look toward me just a little bit? It's kind of hard with all the masks.

MS. RONE: This is for the provisional assessment of Ms. [inaudible] grandchildren and she is his partner.

MR. FLYNN: So where are the children now?
MS. ROME: They're currently at XXX.

MR. FLYNN: How's that going?

MS. ROME: Going good. It's going very good.

MR. FLYNN: How old are the children?

MS. ROME: 11 and 14.

MR. FLYNN: 11 and 14, XXX age.

MS. ROME: I've known the children since the day they were born.

MR. FLYNN: So how's it going with the -- with the -- not being -- how long have they been in your home?

MS. ROME: They've been -- four and a half weeks.

MR. FLYNN: Four and a half weeks, okay.

MS. ROME: Yeah, their being settled in.

MR. FLYNN: Yeah, I saw that.

THE COURT REPORTER: The what?

MS. ROME: Their being settled in.

THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you. Thank you.

MR. FLYNN: Yeah. Anybody have any questions?

MR. WHATLEY: This is David. I'll make a motion to approve the request.
MR. FLYNN: Motion to approved, is there a
second?

MR. ALTOM: I'll second.

MR. FLYNN: Andy seconds. All in favor
say, aye?

THE BODY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: Aye.

MR. FLYNN: Anyone opposed, by like sign?
DCFS? All right. Thank you for coming in
today.

MS. ROME: Thank you very much.

MS. RUSS: Okay. Next on the permissions
we have DCFS, Ray L.; DCFS, Regina Hill,
Cathleen McDaniel.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. Introduce yourself and
tell us why you're here today?

MS. BAKER: I'm Amanda Baker resource worker for
area XXX and I'm here on Mr. Ray.

MR. FLYNN: And what does Mr. Ray seek to
do?

MS. RONE: He's seeking a provisional
placement of his grandson. The child has been
in the home for approximately a month now, and
so we were wanting to make that permanent.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. Just give us a moment
to read this, first time for us seeing this
information.

MR. ALTOM: I'm sorry for your loss. I do have a question: What's changed since 2018?

MR. FLYNN: Just to be clear, if everyone if you did -- did you get that, reporter? What's changed was the question.

MR. RAY: Okay. I went back to work for [inaudible]. Getting this boy means a lot to me. My oldest son died. That's why I'm trying to get custody of my grandson, if not he's going to be in the system. I'm financially able now to raise this boy, you know. I couldn't sleep at night if I didn't try and get my grandson.

MR. FLYNN: I have a motion by Andy.

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

MR. FLYNN: Second?

MS. FOTI: I'll second.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. Everybody, all in favor say, aye?

THE BODY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: Aye.

MR. FLYNN: Anyone opposed, by like sign?

DCFS abstains. Thank you.

MS. RUSS: Okay. Next on the agenda for
permissions, we have Ouachita Children's Center
T. Davis; Placement Specialist, Charlotte
Galusha. We have Sheryl Staggs present.

MS. HIGGINS: Amy Higgins.

MS. RUSS: Amy Higgins present.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. So who's representing
Ouachita?

MS. HIGGINS: Amy Higgins.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. Would you explain why
you're here and what your position is? I
hadn't looked at it, what responsibility is?

MS. HIGGINS: Okay. We are asking
permission to bring Mr. Davis on with us
full-time where he doesn't have to supervise
the kids. I mean, does -- we don't supervise
him. He can be alone with the kids.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. What would the position
be. I probably you would be.

MS. HIGGINS: I'm sorry?

MR. FLYNN: What is his position?

MS. HIGGINS: Qualified Behavioral
Healthcare Profession, QBHP.

MR. FLYNN: Just be patient. It's the
first time we've seen this.

MS. HIGGINS: Oh, yes, sir.
MR. FLYNN: Okay. I see that the seal -- the seal -- you probably couldn't learn that this Board still see's that he --

THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Could you tell me that again?

MR. FLYNN: I said that I -- I see that it has been sealed. But it has been ruled that this Board can see things that have been sealed and so we'll just take a minute.

MR. ALTON: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to approve this.

MR. FLYNN: Okay, Andy. Is there a second?

MR. WHATLEY: It's David, I second.

MR. FLYNN: David, seconds. All in favor say, aye?

THE BODY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: Aye.

MR. FLYNN: Anyone opposed, by like sign? Okay. Thank you. Welcome to the -- to the program over there. I wish you luck.

MS. HIGGINS: Thank you.

MS. RUSS: Okay. Now we'll be moving to our Zoom participants. Under item 4, we have, Woodridge of the Ozarks, Change of Facility Name, Perimeter Behavioral of the Ozarks. A
specialist, I believe, is Fatima Sepps, for our
provider is Robert Marsh. Again, could --
before you speak, could you please state your
first and last name for the court reporter.
Thank you.

MR. FLYNN: Okay, Sanford. You're back in
the game here, so listen up.

MR. TOLLETTE: Can you hear me?
MR. FLYNN: We've got you.
MR. TOLLETTE: All right.
THE COURT REPORTER: Who is this one?

Fatima Sepps?

MS. STEPPS: Fatima Sepps with the
Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I
will be presenting the request for Woodridge of
Ozarks in the place of Cathleen Rosenschein.
Woodridge of the Ozarks is requesting a change
of status to create a doing business as, for
the name of their facility. There's been a
recent change in ownership to Perimeter
Healthcare. Woodridge of the Ozarks has
obtained a doing business as for the facility
located in Springdale, Arkansas. This location
will now be doing business as Perimeter
Behavioral of the Ozarks. The agency has been
operating in substantial compliance of minimum licensing standards and the Placement and Residential Licensing Unit does support the agency's request. I have Robert Marsh with the agency that is present online as well if you should have any questions.

MR. FLYNN: Thank you, Fatima. Does anyone have any questions?

MR. TOLLETTE: No. I'd like to make a motion, Mr. Chairman, that we accept the request.

MR. FLYNN: Motion by Sanford, is there a second?

MS. DOHERTY: I'll second.

MR. FLYNN: Second Sandy. All in favor, say, aye?

THE BODY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: Aye.

MR. FLYNN: Opposed by like sign? Request passed. Thank you, Fatima.

MS. RUSS: And next on the agenda, items five and six belong to Grace Adoptions.

THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. I'm sorry, can you -- can you say that again. I'm sorry, just one second.

MR. RUSS: Say it again?
THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.

MR. RUSS: Are you ready?


I'm sorry.

MS. RUSS: Okay. Next on the agenda, we have Grace Adoptions, items five and six, our Licensing Specialist, Charlotte Galusha.

MS. GALUSHA: Hey, I'm Charlotte Galusha with Placement Residential Licensing and I believe that we — also from Grace Adoptions, we have Mr. Andrew Appler, Ms. Sharon Appler and Ms. Deeann Smith. Our first request is the agency, Grace Adoptions has requested a special consideration for 4.2 that the agency wants social services director who shall supervise placement activities. Ms. Deeann Smith, has been for over two years. She does need the family service part of that work relation and Grace would like to go ahead and bring her on board. She will not actually receive her bachelor's degree, she's pursuing her bachelor's degree in social work and expects to obtain that by December of this year. So they would like to bring her on board permanently as their Social Service Director.
MR. FLYNN: Andrew or Sharon, would one of you like to say some nice things about the Deeann for us? Sharon would you like to say something? I read your letter, very nice letter. I just -- I didn't know if you -- who wanted to kind of present from Grace Adoptions.

I think they're on mute. You're still on mute there. All right. Now you're -- now you're live.

MS. APPLER: Sharon Appler for Grace Adoptions. Deeann has been working with us going on three years. She has done home studies, written home studies and placements. I am not sure if you've come to a board meeting with Ed, we -- she's been a part of Grace Adoptions now for awhile and we're very confident she can do the job and has a heart for kids. She's -- we're really glad to have her.

MR. FLYNN: All right. Thanks. Can I get the --

MS. MCLOUD: Mr. Chairmen?

MR. FLYNN: Yes.

MS. MCLOUD: This is Kay McCloud. I'm an attorney and I do strictly family formation and
I have worked with Grace Adoptions for -- since they were licensed, initially. And since Mr. Appler's passing, I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Smith in carrying on the work that Grace Adoptions does. And as an attorney that practices only in the field of adoption and family formation, I can testify that she has the skill set, the ability to pick up the ball and run with it, she has the ability to be available in emergency placements, since we've had a few of those recently.

And I could recommend that Ms. Smith would carry on the work of Grace Adoptions with admirable skill.

MR. FLYNN: Thank you. I'll need to verify that the court reporter got that name?

THE COURT REPORTER: The name, no.

MS. MCCLOUD: Kay McCloud.

THE COURT REPORTER: Kay McCloud. Thank you.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for those comments. Anyone else have anything they'd like to say? Any board members have any questions for the -- for the --

MR. SANFORD: Sanford Tollettee here,
Charles. And -- and to Sharon, mixed emotions
in the fact that I can't see you. And to Kay,
the attorney, and to Ms. D, as I read, kind of
refers to you in Conway, as Ms. D. What I've
read is that Ms. D is an excellent and superb
human being and dedicated to the cause of our
children in our community. At the same time,
understanding Grace Adoptions and Ed and Sharon
and their work, I, too, want to say that I
think they're one of the flagships of programs
in our State and anybody that brings -- knows
before this Board has met the rigorous
careracter and standards written about you in
the first place. And so, you know, when the
opportunity for me to make a motion is put
forward I'd like to do so but I also hear from
other board members.

MR. FLYNN: Any questions?

THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, what was
his name? What was his name?

MR. FLYNN: That was Sanford.

THE COURT REPORTER: Sanford.

MR. FLYNN: I think it looks good too
qualified. Sanford, you can go ahead and make
that motion.
MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, I would like a motion that we accept the recommendation of staff for Grace Adoptions.

MR. FLYNN: All right. Is there a second?

MR. WHATLEY: Second.

MR. FLYNN: Okay, we'll let David Whatley have the second. All in favor say, aye?

THE BODY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: Aye.

MR. FLYNN: Anyone opposed by like sign? And there is none. Thank you. Welcome to the new position and I think we're going to hear from you one more time before you leave, aren't we?

MS. GALUSHA: Yes, the second request for Grace Adoptions is for 104.3, and this to have Ms. Deeann Smith to also serve in the position of case worker before her degree is received which is expected later this year. And I would like to apologize I forgot to include that we did have Ms. Kay McCloud online with us earlier. I had forgotten to mention her name.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. Everything's the same except a different position, does anyone have any questions concerning this request? If not, I'll take a motion to approve?
MR. ALTOM: I make a motion to approve.

MR. FLYNN: Andy approves.

MS. FOTI: I'll second.

MR. FLYNN: And Beverly seconds. All in favor say, aye?

THE BODY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: Aye.

MR. FLYNN: And there's no one opposed.

So, thank you, Sanford. All right. Thank you guys. Thank you. Carry on.

MS. RUSS: Next on the agenda for Zoom, we have Treatment Homes, Inc. The Licensing Specialist is Shannon Rouse. The Provider is Consevella James.

Before you speak, could you please state your first and last name for the reporter. Thank you.

MR. FLYNN: We're ready. Is Shannon there?

MS. ROUSE: Are you there?

MR. FLYNN: Hunts Valley, do you want to present for yourself? Have you been here before? Tell us what that request is, okay?

THE COURT REPORTER: What was that name?

MS. ROUSE: Can y'all hear me now?

MR. FLYNN: Yes.
MR. TOLLETTE: Yes.

THE COURT REPORTER: Which one is that? Which one is -- which one is -- what?

MS. ROUSE: Okay, okay. My mic has been acting up for some reason. I have been --

MS. RUSS: This is Shannon Rouse.

MR. FLYNN: Hang on just a second, Shannon, and let the court reporter catch up.

THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. I'm sorry, I just didn't know which one --

MR. FLYNN: Okay. This is Shannon Rouse now speaking.

THE COURT REPORTER: Shannon? Is her name up there?

MS. RUSS: It's not up --

MS. ROUSE: This is Shannon Rouse with Placement and Residential Licensing. I am presenting on behalf of Treatment Homes, Inc. I should have two for them. And we might want to do this separately. I think the only one listed is 103.2.c. but it's actually two different regulations for the background check, that's what it's for.

MR. FLYNN: It's two separate requests. I guess we should do them separately.
MS. ROUSE: Yes. I'm going to do them separately. And [inaudible]?

MR. FLYNN: She is.

MS. ROUSE: Do you have any further questions?

MR. TOLLETTE: Question, Mr. Chair. It's Sanford Tollette.

MR. FLYNN: Go ahead, Sanford.

MR. TOLLETTE: The first request is 103.2. Shannon, my question, is the second request also 103.2 or is it another reg?

MS. ROUSE: No, sir. It's the other reg. It's 103.5.

MR. TOLLETTE: Okay 103.5. I got my book here.

MR. FLYNN: All right. Go ahead, Shannon.

MS. ROUSE: The first regulates is requesting a special consideration for regulation 103.2.c., which states the following person in a child placement agency shall be checked with Child Maltreatment Central Registry and his state of residence, if available, and any state of residence in which the person has lived for the past five years and the first state of employment, if
different, for records of -- for child
maltreatment.

See the proper adherence of each member of
the household, age 14 years, and older
including children in foster care. These
checks shall be made prior to approval and
shall be repeated every two years after --
thereafter.

They have a child. The foster parent has
a child in the home that has cerebral palsy.
He has seizures and is unable to walk or talk
and he requires a wheelchair and 24-our care.
The Placement and Residential Licensing Unit
supports this requests.

MR. FLYNN: Consaella [sic], you're
welcome to say something. But I bet we're
ready to vote. So I have a motion to approve
this request?

MR. ALTOM: I make the motion.

MR. FLYNN: Motion by Andy.

MR. WHATLEY: Second.

MR. FLYNN: Second by David. All in favor
say, aye?

THE BODY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: Aye.

MR. FLYNN: Any opposed by like sign? All
right. Thank you, Shannon. Now you’ve got another one?

MS. ROUSE: Yes, sir. Shannon Rouse, Placement & Residential Licensing again with another request for Treatment Homes Regulation 103.5.c., which states the persons in a child placement agency shall be checked with the Identification Bureau of the Arkansas State Police for conditions of offenses list in Arkansas Code Ann. 9-28-409(c), the foster parents and each member of the household age 18 years and older, excluding children in foster care, the foster parents shall serve by writing annually whether or not household members age 14 through 17 have criminal records. Again, foster parent has a child in the home that was born with cerebral palsy, he has seizures and is unable to walk or talk, he requires a wheelchair and 24 hour care. PRLU supports this request.

MR. AL TOM: I make a motion to approve.

MR. FLYNN: Motion by Andy, second by David. All in favor say, aye?

THE BODY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: Aye.

MR. FLYNN: Those opposed? The possibility or at least say hello. We didn't
even let near the microphone today, so.

MS. JAMES: Hello to everyone and I was not expecting to hear about James Balcom, and I didn't know about Ed either. So, it was a double whammy for me today. But thanks for your approval of the licensing request.

MR. FLYNN: Thank you, Consevella.

MR. TOLLETTE: This is Sanford Tollette. It's good to hear your voice, Consevella.

MS. JAMES: Thank you.

MR. FLYNN: Nice to see you again. All right. Thank you. All right. Next up?

MS. RUSS: Next on the agenda. We have item 8, Curt, Cliff & Opal Young Children's Home. The Licensing Specialist is Shannon Rouse, Provider is Marla Nelson and Debbie Stripling.

MS. ROUSE: Shannon Rouse, Placement and Residential Licensing. Here for Curt, Cliff & Opal Young Children's Home and I either have Marla Nelson or Debbie Stripling also. If you have any further questions. Young Children's Home is requesting a special consideration for regulation 201.11, which states that the facility should admit children for a maximum on
90 days. Young Children's Home is requesting a foster child be allowed to stay at the facility until placement can be found. Based on supporting documentation the foster child is stable and doing well at the facility. DCFS is attempting to have the child admitted to UAMS PRICU department currently for filing the review and has not been approved for that. PRLU supports this request.

MR. FLYNN: Thanks. So, Marla, are there or is someone else there? Anyone from Young Home online?

MS. RUSS: If you could just ask them to unmute them.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. If you are from Young Home, just unmute your microphone. I see Marla up there but the microphone is muted. I don't know that it's necessary to hear from them. I was going to give them a chance to give us an update. I think Shannon did a good job of presenting the situation. Does anyone have any questions that maybe Shannon could answer? Sounds like DCFS is working on a placement, and so.

MR. ALTOM: I make a motion to approve.
MR. FLYNN: Andy makes a motion to approve. I'll second. All in favor say, aye?
Aye.

MR. FLYNN: Opposed by like sign? And it approves, so. All right. Thank you, Shannon.

MS. RUSS: Item 9 on the agenda, Fostering Change. We have Program Coordinator Sharra Litzsey-Singleton presenting. We should have Marla Nelson by Zoom as well.

MS. SINGLETON: Hi. This is Sharra Singleton-Litzsey. I'm presenting the request for Fostering Change and we should have Abby Rundell for Fostering Change.

MS. RUNDELL: I'm present as well as my Clinical Director XXX Kendrick.

THE COURT REPORTER: Who is that?
(Talking over each other)

MR. FLYNN: Okay. I'm sorry. Let's -- hang on just a second. I want to see if the court reporter is missing something. So, have you got it? All right.

THE COURT REPORTER: No, I didn't.

MR. FLYNN: Thank you. Pam, are we good to go? Okay. So, let's start over. Sharra, you're presenting? Introduce yourself again
for the court reporter.

MS. SINGLETON: This is Sharra Singleton-Litzsey presenting request for Fostering Change, an address change.

MR. FLYNN: And what is the request address?

MS. SINGLETON: Oh. Western Arkansas Counties Center owner of Fostering Change Community Reintegration Program has a residential childcare facility license since 2018 and it's located in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The agency is currently licensed for twelve children. The agency has a residential license for ages 5 - 18 years old. Fostering Change Community Reintegration Program is requesting to move their license from their current address of 3113 South 70th Street in Fort Smith to 418 South 17th Street in Fort Smith. The license will remain the same for residential with a capacity of twelve.

MR. FLYNN: Okay.

MR. TOLLETTE: A Sanford Tollette, question.

MR. FLYNN: Go ahead, Sanford.

MR. TOLLETTE: Is this change a better
facility? Just explain the change of address for clarification for me.

MR. FLYNN: Is someone from the agency there that can answer that question?

MS. RUNDELL: Yes. This is Abby Rundell with Fostering Change, and our new building will have more rooms as far as space goes for the children as well as we will have a fenced in back yard. It's a more home-like environment. In my opinion, I would definitely say that it is an upgrade from our current building for our children.

MR. TOLLETTE: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I just needed clarification and I heard what I wanted to hear. If not other board members have any other questions, I will wait to see when you call for the motion.

MR. FLYNN: I guess on those who had requested it, QRTP which is how we license a client but is that part of your move is to XXX made by the QRTP?

MS. RUNDELL: We will -- we have a community reintegration contract with the department as well as a QRTP contract with the department, however, in our current building
there's no room to grow or expand. When we move, we will have property to build on as well as a house that comes with the property that could potentially be renovated to house QRTPs. So, we wanted to see if QRTP could be added to our current license that way moving forward we can have our community reintegration program as well as QRTP to kind of continue of care for our children.

So, that was community reintegration program that can transition to our QRTP program and still have the same mental health treatment team that they currently have.

MR. FLYNN: The licensing people may have to answer this. But as I understand, QRTP is not a license. It is a residential.

MR. WHATELY: That is correct.

MR. FLYNN: So there is not -- this is for your information. There is not a separate license for QRTP.

But anyway, I'm ready, Sanford, unless anyone else has a question for you to make a motion if that's what you wanted to do?

MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, sir. Then again, I formally make a motion to accept the regulation
of staff.

MR. FLYNN: Is there a second?
MS. DOHERTY: I'll second.
MR. FLYNN: Second by Sandy.
All in favor say aye?
THE BODY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: Aye.
MR. FLYNN: Anyone opposed by like sign?
And that is approved. Thank you. Good luck on that move.

MS. RUNDELL: Thank you so much.

MS. RUSS: Okay. There's a slight change to the agenda. To keep in line with DCFS, we're going to skip item 10 and move it to item 11. DCFS, Richard and Sharyn P, request for additional space. We have Lakesha White as the PRLU Specialist and Kristen Swafford from DCFS.

MS. WHITE: Lakesha White, Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I'm here today regarding a request from DCFS for space. DCFS is requesting a special consideration for Regulation 209.2, which states each family room shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.

This request is to allow three people to share a bedroom that is 130 square feet, which
is 20 square feet less than the 150 needed for three people. This bedroom will be shared by the foster parents who's also the grandparents and a one year old foster child. This bedroom consist of a king bed and a crib. DCFS feels that this is the best home for siblings in the order -- in order to support reunification. The siblings will also continue their sibling bond.

This request is child-specific and time limited until the July of 2022. PR -- PRLU granted a temporary approval on March the 11th, 2020. A virtual monitor visit was completed on July the 16th of 2020. PRLU supports this request. We have Kristen Swafford with DCFS available if you have any questions.

MR. FLYNN: Does anyone have any questions? Motion?

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

MR. FLYNN: Motion has been made. I'll second it. All in favor say, aye?

THE BODY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: Aye.

MR. FLYNN: Opposed by like sign? There is none. Thank you. It is approved.
MS. WHITE: Thank you.

MS. RUSS: Okay. So, now we'll be -- we will follow on with item ten on the agenda. We did have a question coming from licensing. Normally we would read each item into the record, however, we are requesting that we enter this item as if it is one.

It's up to you. It's fine. I have no problem with reading each item into the record.

MR. FLYNN: I will approve it if you don't tell Charlie after he read that in past times.

MS. RUSS: It was actually Charlie's recommendation, so...

MR. ALTOM: I'll make a motion that we -- we adopt this as Exhibit 1 and forego the reading into the record.

(Exhibit Number 1 was marked for identification.)

MR. FLYNN: Well, Andy recommends that we approve this as Exhibit 1.

MR. WHATLEY: Second.

MR. FLYNN: And the second from David. We don't want to hear it anymore than you want to read it, by the way, because we've already read it, so... All in favor say, aye?
THE BODY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: Aye.

MR. FLYNN: And I know there's no one opposed to that.

MR. RUSS: Okay. Thank you so much.

Okay, now we're -- for item twelve, Report of Temporary Approvals/Actions (Logs Presented) May, June and July 2020.

MR. FLYNN: Does anyone want to see those? If not, some of them are not necessary or...

MR. RUSS: Okay. Moving to item 13, Other Business. There are a couple of items that we need to discuss. Item A has recently come to our attention. There have been a couple facilities that are requesting to use unused facilities on their properties to quarantine new admissions. And so, Licensing was needing to check with the Board to see if we can get temporary approval to go ahead and do that?

MR. FLYNN: That is something that the Licensing Specialist will actually go out to the property and, of course, go see.

MS. RUSS: Correct. But before they accept any children into the building, a licensed specialist would need to monitor that facility doing.
MR. FLYNN: Have we -- I think -- what I would guess is that a lot of these Licensing Specialists have been in that some of the buildings already. The Specialist who's worked with these programs have been in and out of these campuses, and for have for years. And it seems like maybe even in some of those buildings it would be possible to do a video. Have y'all considered that or FaceTime or Zoom situation to check on fire extinguisher codes, you know, and that type of thing.

MS. RUSS: Yes. We are currently using that process as well for certain issues.

MR. FLYNN: So --

MS. DOHERTY: I have a question.

MR. FLYNN: I was going to say Ebony had contacted about this last week and I just wanted us to give them some guidance. So, please, Sandy?

MS. DOHERTY: Can you hear?

MR. FLYNN: Yes.

MS. DOHERTY: I motioned because you just said for new admissions. I thought it was needed to move them to quarantine? So, is it just new admissions?
MS. RUSS: I mean, it wouldn't have to be singular to new admissions. If there are any residents happen to test positive, they will also be moved over to that quarantine unit.

MR. TOLLETTE: Very good. This is Sanford Tollette. That's very good. I'm listening very carefully. I might have a comment but I wanted to let everybody finish.

MR. ALTOM: This came out of --

MS. STEPPS: This is Fatima. I wanted to --

MR. RUSS: Fatima, hold on just a second.

I think Andy Altom had the -- just a second, Fatima.

MS. STEPPS: Okay.

MR. TOLLETTE: I really can't hear Andy or anybody --

MR. ALTOM: Can you hear me now?

MR. TOLLETTE: -- or Charles. Yeah, I can hear you now.

MR. ALTOM: This came out of, I believe, a request from The Children's Home, Baptist Children's Home. One of the issues that they're having is you have a 14-day quarantine on a new admission. This is where this came up, was the question.
So I know the question was on new admissions but at, you know, if it's approved it'll also be used for, let's say, you have somebody that tests positive and you can isolate them to another facility, you don't run the risk of -- some of our facilities have -- don't have single rooms, things like that so that -- having that option, it's not an addition of beds, as long as the facility meets, you know, the licensing guidelines.

I think it's just a matter of you have to staff two facilities versus one facility to make sure that the kids are safe, but it allows the safety for the rest of the population and workers.

MR. WHATLEY: And I also have a --

MR. TOLLETTE: Andy, it sounds like we need a new reg for the new normal for what we're facing right now.

MR. FLYNN: Sanford, let's have a retreat and talk about it.

MR. WHATLEY: One of the questions is how long will they be quarantined? Are we going to talk about that?

And then the other is how long would we
approve for this to go on?

MS. RUSS: Well, the agencies will be following the recommendations of the Arkansas Department of Health. Typically, it's 14 days quarantined and we --

MR. WHATLEY: It just changes hourly.

MS. RUSS: -- right. I can't give you a specific date on how long it will last.

MR. FLYNN: I'm assuming that there's already good communication between the unit and I would imagine just emails going back and forth keeping the Licensing Specialists aware of the population and the changes?

MS. RUSS: Correct. The facilities are required to inform Licensing Specialist of any positives either residential or staff that they have in their facility.

MR. FLYNN: That's a different question I've got. Go ahead, Andy.

MR. ALTOM: Once again, this is not additional beds. This is just basically being able to count beds at the facility versus that at --

MR. TOLLETTE: I can't hear you.

MR. ALTOM: This would not be an
additional bed to any provider. This would just be allowing the provider to move the additional bed to a different facility for a temporary period and then bringing it back into their facility with the population. So, it's not an issue of --

MR. TOLLETTE: Andy, it's very clear to me. Very clear. I understand.

MR. FLYNN: And the question I have, Ebony, you said that the provider is to let Licensing know about a positive test of a resident or an employee.

MS. RUSS: Uh-huh. Yes.

MR. FLYNN: Are we aware of that?

MS. RUSS: I'm sorry?

MR. FLYNN: Are we aware that we need to let you know about positive test results?

MS. RUSS: Well, Licensing Specialists are --

MR. FLYNN: They are? Okay. That's -- I don't work with Licensing Specialists in my position, so I just need to make sure that what I was aware that they need to be informing you, because --

MS. RUSS: Okay. Well, we definitely need
that information back. I'll just make sure
that everyone has that information.

MR. FLYNN: -- yes.

MR. WHATLEY: I think one of the things
that they're getting, Charles, I think the
Licensing Specialists are checking in with the
facilities and just asking questions if they're
any positive tests.

MR. ALTOM: Yes.

MR. FLYNN: Any other suggestions for
licensing as we go forward in this new way?
Something that we'll just review from time to
time and see how it's going.

MS. RUSS: Correct.

MR. TOLLETTE: Well, Sanford Tollette,
again, Mr. Chair, just a comment, from
facilities that have the extra buildings for
this, it's a blessing but do we have any
facilities out there that any of the
specialists know that they don't have an
isolation place or spot in case something
happens, that a License -- us as a Board?

MS. STEPPS: This is Fatima. Precisely
what I was going to bring up. Charles, you
said that. Was it only buildings that are on
site? I've recently had a facility to ask me about obtaining a building that is across the street from their residential facility to utilize as a temporary quarantine. So, it would be some agencies that may not have that capability but may fall into that range so we would need to know if that would be considered a temporary, maybe emergency preparedness situation that would be acceptable for the Board as well.

MR. FLYNN: Thank you, Fatima.

MR. TOLLETTE: And to Andy's point, this situation will be increasing beds within their current license; am I correct?

MS. FATIMA: This is Sanford Tollette.

MR. WHATLEY: That's correct.

MR. FLYNN: So Fatima, that was a question I kind of had and I was wondering how far do we go? Is the building across the street? Is it someone's home?

So, Andy, what were you about to say?

MR. ALTOM: What I was going to say is those facilities, because we've got the facility, we don't have facility beds to use and in those cases, you know, we've ended up
moving beds into the gymnasium and using that as a quarantine area and those type of offerings.

But I would realistically see if I were provided with a home across the street that I can rent, and it would pass licensing guidelines. That would be a much better environment for that child to spend two weeks in that having to live out in the gymnasium or cafeteria or some other part.

So I think that we ought to use some common sense here and just say, "Look, if it passes the standards for the facility and it's not an additional beds, it really shouldn't matter. I mean, it's just -- it could be listed as a temporary address and it comes back and gets reviewed mainly on an annual basis.

MR. WHATLEY: This is David. I just wanted to add onto what Andy just said, if they are meeting minimum standards anyway, that -- they are being monitored so the minimum standards are being met whether it's across the street or on campus or somewhere else; is that correct?

MS. RUSS: That would be correct.
MR. TOLLETTE: I could hear again.

MR. FLYNN: Go ahead, Sanford.

MR. TOLLETTE: Go ahead. I didn't hear the other person. I'm sorry.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. And Andy, what I was going to ask, for a new building, do we want the Licensing Specialist to walk through that building first or do a video?

MR. ALTOM: I think that -- I think that if they've never seen it, it should probably be a walk through.

MR. FLYNN: That's what -- I agree with that. So is that giving you some direction there, Ebony, do you have any questions for the Board about anything we've said?

MS. RUSS: No, sir. I do not. I understand that the Licensing Specialist has not seen that facility building before that they should be required to do a walk through.

MR. FLYNN: Any other comments? Beverly, go ahead.

MS. FOTI: I just have a follow-up question, not about this, but about something from the last board meeting.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. All right. We'll get
to that in just a minute. So, all right, are we good with that?

MS. RUSS: Yes, sir.

MR. FLYNN: I think Ebony has one more item, but let's let Beverly go ahead with her question from a previous board meeting.

MS. FOTI: Well, Ebony maybe addressing my question but --

MR. FLYNN: I don't think so.

MS. FOTI: Okay. So --

MS. RUSS: Is it about POAs?

MS. FOTI: -- yes.

MR. FLYNN: Oh, okay. That's another -- okay, so...

MS. RUSS: So from our last board meeting there was a question about the POAs and, I believe, Mr. Joe West was -- so, our attorney, Joe West, was going to follow up on that and I believe he has some more work to do on that and I'll let you speak on that.

MR. WEST: Yes, I started researching on that ended and up getting a road block. I need to get some more information from Ebony this week.

I don't have the final answer today but
I'm working with my counterpart who is -- or our office's attorney for the board.

THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. I'm kind of not being able to hear because of masks. So just do it a little bit slower.

MR. WEST: Okay. I'll start over.

THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry.

MR. WEST: I have reached out to my colleague, who represents [inaudible] services agencies for -- I need to get some more information from Ebony sometime this week to continue it. I'm hoping to have an answer on that by the next board meeting so I -- with everything else going on in the world, I have started researching, but I don't have a final answer today.

MS. RUSS: All right. Thank you.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. So there is one more item then, I believe.

MS. RUSS: There is. So a update for licensing, there have been some updates. Some things have been changing in the Licensing Unit. For one, we're down five staff, however, we can approve to hire three new positions and we're in the process of doing it currently. So
you may be unfamiliar with some Licensing
Specialist that may reach out to you.

Of course, we have [inaudible] and Fatima
who just needs some verification, or that you
think could be received from them. It's not
odd for them to reach out to me as well.

So, there's one thing. Due to Covid-19,
and the fact that we do have some at risk
staff, our agency has around some staff to do
virtual visits. Of course, we call ahead and
determine the schedule with providers and say,
"Hey, you know, we have at risk staff that
aren't able to come into your facility, may we
please go ahead and do a virtual visit?" That
has been working. We haven't had any issues so
far with that. So that may come across your
agency as well. So, just to let you know.

Also, it's still in process. I think the
next steps are for us to have those public
hearings in the next month or so, month or two,
October, for the public hearings to start. Of
course, we'll keep you updated on that as well.

And that was recently we've received some
information. It's DCFS but the Licensing Unit
will be requesting alternative compliances for
agencies requesting to open transitional living programs.

The new MLS no longer requires transitional live license to have a residential formative license or an independent living license won't be in effect yet.

Excuse me. And so, therefore, to comply with the MLS to be a transitional life license, they will need an AC to exempt them from the requirement to have a residential program license or an independent living license. Part of the justification for an AC being that within a few months we won't be required anyway. So that may be coming up on the horizon that licensing may be asking for alternative compliances for those.

MR. TOLLETTE: Sanford Tollette here, Mr. Chairman. That sounded like she was submitting a recommendation for both. This is just information or do we need to take action, is that a request?

MR. FLYNN: This information. We will handle these individually as agencies approach us.

MR. TOLLETTE: Okay.
MR. FLYNN: We had this discussion, I think, we had a little discussion last year about this and it got in with a lot of other stuff to be propagated and, in the meantime, this need is arising for transitional living and so these contracts are out and so we will be approached, I imagine, by each individual agency to approve.

MR. TOLLETTE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Sanford Tollette again. Thank you, Mr. Chair, for -- for clarification.

MS. RUSS: And so, for Licensing, if there's anything that you ever feel like that you're not getting enough information on, please reach out to me. I have no problem with discussing or sharing information with you. We like to keep it the next time for the Board, and the Licensing Unit. That's all I have.

MR. FLYNN: Okay. One more thing though that you and I corresponded about yesterday was the criminal justice information system, you know, I think you could explain all that in email but I thought maybe you could just say a word about that to the Board today.

MS. RUSS: Yes, it was brought to our
attention -- our attention from the Privacy Office that the board members are required to have -- it's called speeches or the Criminal Justice Institute's --

MR. FLYNN: Criminal Justice and Relations System's.

MS. RUSS: -- training and so what I'll do is I'll email you the information the reason why it's required and who do we need to contact and the deadline for you to complete that training, which commonly lasts about an hour or two, just depends on how many answer your question.

MR. FLYNN: Online training.

MS. RUSS: Online training.

MR. FLYNN: All right. Any questions from the Board about anything else? If not, I will say we are adjourned.

MS. MARY: This is Mary with Ozark Guidance. We had a special consideration that was supposed to be on the agenda for today that we submitted in May with Fatima.

THE COURT REPORTER: Do what now?

MR. FLYNN: Fatima, are you still there?

MS. MARY: Yes, I am here. Mary, what
special consideration you submitted it to me or your Licensing Specialist?

MS. MARY: It was to Rachel Carlton but she's out this week so she said that you would be the one helping with it. It was for --

MS. MARY: A foster home?

MS. MARY: Yes.

MS. MARY: You're -- that request was a part of the bundled requests that were voted on for the Board. They were not presented individually because you--all received the temporary approval for [audible].

MS. MARY: Okay.

(Exhibit Number 1 was marked for identification.)

MR. FLYNN: Exhibit 1, it was approved.

MS. MARY: Okay. Thank you.

MS. BULLARD: Hello .this is Ariel Bullard. I was just checking to make sure maybe my --

THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Can you get her name?

MS. MARY: Ariel Bullard.

THE COURT REPORTER: Ariel Bullard. Thank you.
MR. FLYNN: Okay. Who was the Specialist?

MS. BULLARD: In making sleeping arrangements?

MR. FLYNN: So Pamela -- y'all need to help us figure out if that's included. It's included. I'm getting a thumbs-up over here. So we're good. That was approved in the bundle that we called Exhibit 1. The Board considered all of these individually and before the meeting we voted them at one time.

MS. BULLARD: Okay. Thank you so much.

MS. PENCE: It could be, Charles, I think perhaps. I mean, we sat and viewed that as a bundle, but if audible, and they don't know that they're in the bundle.

MR. FLYNN: We may need to re-tune -- or the -- I think it'll be an education process with a specialist to contact them and let them know it's included in the bundle.

Yeah, I know. We have one included too and the Director asked me today if he needed to be here and I said, "Well, no, not [audible] bundle."

All right. Anybody else out there that wants to ask us a question?
MS. RUSS: Just for the record, licensing will be letting the resource workers know that their items are included in the exhibit.

MR. FLYNN: Thank you. The meeting is concluded. Thank you. We're adjourned again.

(Meeting was concluded at 2:06 p.m.)
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