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REVIEW BOARD MEETING

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

July 24, 2019  
1:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Charles Flynn, Chairman  
Ms. Sandy Doherty  
Mr. Andy Altom  
Mr. David Whatley  
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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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: I'd like to call to order  
3 the October 28th meeting of the Child Welfare  
4 Agency Review Board. One other matter of  
5 business I'd like to begin with, is welcoming  
6 the new program manager for the unit, Ebony  
7 Russ. This is her first meeting, and my first  
8 time to meet you today too, so Ebony, if we  
9 didn't have such a long agenda today, I'd  
10 probably ask you to tell us a little bit about  
11 you. A lot of these folks, may be down towards  
12 the bottom of the agenda.

13 MS. RUSS: Right.

14 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: And so with that said, you  
15 know, our Board will do a really good job of  
16 reviewing. In fact, we already have been  
17 reviewing information that was sent to us, so  
18 we will make our decisions as quickly as we  
19 can, but we want to make the right decision,  
20 too so I'd just ask for patience, especially  
21 for those of you who are well down the list.

22 First thing I have on the agenda then, is  
23 to approve the minutes from the July 2019  
24 meeting. Does anyone have any comments,  
25 corrections?

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1 MR. ALTOM: I make a motion to approve.

2 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and second to  
4 approve. All in favor, say "Aye."

5 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All opposed by like sign.  
7 No one is opposed, so let's begin with number  
8 one, Lakesha.

9 MS. WHITE: Lakesha White, Placement and  
10 Residential Licensing Unit. I will be  
11 presenting items one through seven. Number one  
12 is regarding a maintaining license for Agape  
13 Children and Family Services. Agape Children  
14 and Family Services Placement Agency is  
15 requesting that its placement license remain  
16 open, but placed on inactive status, effective  
17 October 28, 2019.

18 PRLU visited the agency on 9-23-19, and  
19 reviewed the agency's policies and procedures  
20 and personnel records. The agency is currently  
21 in good standings with the Arkansas Minimum  
22 Licensing Standards. PRLU recommends that the  
23 placement license be granted to remain open,  
24 but on inactive status through October of 2020.

25 We have Ms. Linda Oxford, and Bailey Fuqua  
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1 here, with Agape, if you have any additional  
2 questions.

3 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Thank you for coming today.  
4 Is there anything you'd like to tell us about  
5 what's going on, and what your plans are?

6 MS. OXFORD: Yes. My name is Linda Oxford.  
7 I'm the clinical director at Agape Child and  
8 Family Services. Thank you for giving us the  
9 opportunity to speak with us today. We've been  
10 licensed by the State of Arkansas since 1998,  
11 as a child placement agency, and it's our  
12 desire to simply continue to have the option  
13 available to birth parents, and prospective  
14 adoptive parents, that would like to do  
15 placement in Arkansas, for them to do so  
16 through our agency.

17 So while we don't do certainly a lot of  
18 business, but we're just aware that there are  
19 not many options for adoption agencies in the  
20 eastern Arkansas area, so we do believe that we  
21 fill a gap that makes access to those services  
22 available, that is a benefit to the State of  
23 Arkansas.

24 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Well, thank you for coming  
25 today. Does anybody have any questions?

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1 Motions?

2 MR. WHATLEY: I'd like to make a motion to  
3 approve the request.

4 MS. FOTI: I'll second.

5 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and second. All in  
6 favor, say "Aye."

7 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All opposed by like sign.  
9 (No audible responses given.)

10 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All right. Thank you for  
11 coming in today.

12 MS. OXFORD: Thank you.

13 MS. WHITE: Item number two is a request  
14 from DCFS for space. DCFS is requesting a  
15 special consideration for Regulation 209.2,  
16 which states each bedroom shall have at least  
17 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.  
18 This request is to allow a one-year-old female  
19 to share a bedroom that measures 143 square  
20 feet, with her grandparents. This bedroom is  
21 seven square feet less than the 150 needed for  
22 three people.

23 DCFS would like to place the child in this  
24 home, to allow them to be placed with family.

25 This request is child specific. PRLU granted a  
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1 temporary approval on 7-2-19. A monitored  
2 visit was completed on -- at the home, was  
3 completed on 7-9-19. PRLU supports this  
4 request. Tasha Smith Cook with DCFS is here,  
5 if you have any additional questions.

6 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Does anyone have any  
7 questions?

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

10 MR. WHATLEY: I'll second.

11 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and second. All in  
12 favor, say "Aye."

13 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All opposed?

15 (No audible responses given.)

16 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

17 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS Abstains. Okay.  
18 Thank you.

19 MS. WHITE: Item number three is also a  
20 request from DCFS for space. DCFS is  
21 requesting a special consideration for  
22 Regulation 209.2, which states each bedroom  
23 shall have at least 50 square feet of floor  
24 space per occupant. This request is to allow a  
25 two-year-old female foster child to share a

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1 bedroom that measures 135 square feet, with her  
2 great grandmother, and great aunt. The bedroom  
3 is 15 square feet less than the 150 needed for  
4 three people.

5 DCFS would like to place this child in this  
6 home, because she has a bond with her great  
7 grandmother and great aunt. This child also  
8 frequently stayed at the home, prior to coming  
9 into care. This request is child specific.  
10 PRLU granted a temporary approval on 6-25-19.  
11 A monitored visit was completed at the home on  
12 7-12-19. PRLU supports this request. I have  
13 Yvonne Peeler with DCFS, if you have any  
14 additional questions.

15 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Questions?

16 (No audible responses given.)

17 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: I'll make a motion that we  
18 approve this request.

19 MR. ALTOM: I'll second.

20 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All in favor, say "Aye."

21 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Anyone opposed?

23 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

24 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS Abstains.

25 MS. PEELER: Thank you.

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1 MS. WHITE: Item number four is a request  
2 from DCFS, for sleeping arrangements. DCFS is  
3 requesting a special consideration, for  
4 Regulation 209.10, which states foster  
5 children, except infants under the age of two  
6 years, shall not share a sleeping room with  
7 adults. This age would increase, through age  
8 four, for a grandparent to the child, and a  
9 teen parent in foster care with her child.

10 This request is to allow a two-year-old  
11 female foster child to share a room with her  
12 great aunt, and great-grandmother. The family  
13 currently resides in a two bedroom home, but  
14 the other bedroom is occupied by the foster  
15 child's two brothers. DCFS would like to place  
16 the children in this home, because they already  
17 have a bond with the great aunt and great-  
18 grandmother.

19 The children also frequently stayed at the  
20 home, prior to coming into care. This request  
21 is child specific, and time-limited. PRLU  
22 granted temporary approval 6-25-19. A home  
23 visit was completed on 7-12-19. PRLU supports  
24 this request. Yvonne Peeler, with DCFS.

25 MR. ALTOM: It's time-limited. Can you  
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1 speak about that?

2 MS. WHITE: Time limited until 20 --

3 MR. ALTOM: So it will be reviewed in two  
4 years?

5 MR. WHATLEY: Yeah, it says time-limited,  
6 but it doesn't have a date.

7 MS. WHITE: 2021.

8 MS. FOTI: Aren't three and four the same  
9 family?

10 MS. WHITE: It's the same family, yes.

11 MS. PEELER: And the great aunt is in the  
12 process of getting custody of all three.

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

15 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and second. All in  
17 favor, say "Aye."

18 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

19 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

20 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS Abstains.

21 MS. WHITE: Thank you. Number five, is also  
22 a request from DCFS, for the number of children  
23 in the home. DCFS is requesting a special  
24 consideration for Regulation 211.5, which  
25 states foster home shall not have more than

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1 five foster children in care. A foster home  
2 shall not have more than eight children in  
3 care, including their own children. This  
4 includes placement or respite care.

5 This request is to allow a sixth foster  
6 child to be placed in Tammy's foster home,  
7 along with Tammy's two adopted children, making  
8 a total of eight children in the home. Tammy  
9 is currently fostering a set of -- a sibling  
10 set of males, ages five, two, and 12 years old,  
11 and two females, ages 14 and 18 years old.  
12 DCFS would like to place the 15-year-old  
13 female, who is also the sibling to the 14-year-  
14 old female in the home. Placing this child in  
15 Tammy's home, would allow the siblings to  
16 continue their family connection, and build  
17 closer family ties.

18 This request is specific to the child  
19 listed, and time limited, until October 2021.  
20 A temporary approval was granted on 8-22-19.  
21 PRLU completed a monitored visit on 8-29-19.  
22 PRLU supports this request. Yvonne Peeler is  
23 here with DCFS.

24 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Questions on this?

25 MR. ALTOM: Is space an issue?  
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1 MS. PEELER: No, sir.

2 MR. ALTOM: It's not?

3 MS. PEELER: No, sir.

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

6 MR. FOTI: I'll second.

7 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and second. All in  
8 favor, say "Aye."

9 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

10 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

11 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS Abstains.

12 MS. PEELER: Thank you.

13 MS. WHITE: Number six is also a request  
14 from DCFS for space. DCFS is requesting a  
15 special consideration, for Regulation 209.2  
16 which states each bedroom shall have at least  
17 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.  
18 This request is to allow two females, ages 13  
19 and seven years old, to share a bedroom, that  
20 measures 94 square feet, which is six square  
21 feet less than the 100 needed for two people.

22 DCFS would like to place these children  
23 into this home, because they will be placed  
24 with family that they have a close relationship  
25 with. They will also continue their sibling

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1 bond. This request is child specific to the  
2 children listed. PRLU granted a temporary  
3 approval on 7-15-19. I monitored visit was  
4 completed on 7-22-19. PRLU supports this  
5 request. Yvonne Peeler with DCFS.

6 MR. WHATLEY: So we're only five square feet  
7 short, right?

8 MS. PEELER: Yes, sir.

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

11 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion. We got a second?

12 MR. ALTOM: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and second. All in  
14 favor, say "Aye."

15 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

16 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

17 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS Abstains. There we  
18 go.

19 MS. WHITE: Thank you. Item number seven is  
20 also a request from DCFS for the number of  
21 children in the home. DCFS is requesting a  
22 special considerations for Regulation 211.5,  
23 which states foster home shall not have more  
24 than five foster children in care. A foster  
25 home shall not have more than eight children in

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1 the home, including their own children. This  
2 includes placement or respite care.

3 This request is to allow seven foster  
4 children to be placed in Ms. W's foster home.  
5 Ms. W is currently fostering two sets of female  
6 siblings. The ages of the females are two,  
7 three, five, eight and nine. DCFS would like  
8 to place the brothers of the eight and nine-  
9 year-old females in the home to preserve the  
10 sibling bond. There is enough physical space  
11 in the home, to meet the needs of all children  
12 placed in the home. Ms. W. also has the  
13 support of family members living close by.

14 This request is child specific, to the  
15 children listed, and time-limited, until  
16 October of 2021. A temporary approval was  
17 granted on 9-16-19. PRLU completed a visit to  
18 the home, on 6-24-19. PRLU supports this  
19 request, and I have Patricia Herring, here with  
20 DCFS.

21 MR. WHATLEY: So there's seven foster  
22 children and was there a biological child?

23 MS. HERRING: No. She has no biological.  
24 It's a sib group of four and a sib group of  
25 three. Initially, she had the sib group of  
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1 three, and then the four came back into care.  
2 She took the two, and then she wanted to put  
3 the sib group back together, and she just  
4 happens to have a really big house.

5 MR. WHATLEY: Yeah. Lots of space.

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

8 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion. Is there a second?  
9 (No audible response given.)

10 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: I'll second. All in favor,  
11 say "Aye."

12 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

13 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All opposed, like sign?  
14 (No audible responses given.)

15 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

16 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS Abstains. All right.

17 MS. WHITE: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Thank you. Pat did you say  
19 eight and nine?

20 MS. GLANTON: No. We're going to do eight.  
21 Nine has been -- nine and 12 have been removed.

22 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Okay. So which one are we  
23 on now?

24 MS. GLANTON: We're on eight.

25 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: We're on eight.  
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1 MS. GLANTON: Ready?

2 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Yes, please.

3 MS. GLANTON: Patty Glanton, PRLU. We're on  
4 item number eight. DCFS is requesting a  
5 special consideration for Regulation 211.5,  
6 foster home shall not have more than five  
7 children in care, and no more than eight  
8 children in the home. This is for the home of  
9 Robert and Amber M. The family has seven of  
10 their own, and two placement. This disagrees  
11 with the packet, due to a recent adoption just  
12 a couple of days ago.

13 The home meets all other standards,  
14 pertaining to sleeping and space. A temporary  
15 approval was granted by Shirley Preston, and I  
16 visited the home July the 15th. PRLU supports  
17 this replay request, in the best interest of  
18 keeping the siblings together. This request is  
19 child specific, and time-limited, to 9-30-21.  
20 We have Casey Tolbert, here with -- DCFS  
21 resource worker, if you have any further  
22 questions.

23 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Do y'all have any questions  
24 specific here?

25 MR. ALTOM: So what's the total amount of  
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1 children?

2 MS. TOLBERT: Nine children total in the  
3 home.

4 MR. WHATLEY: I understand the importance of  
5 keeping the siblings together. That's a lot of  
6 children. Do you feel comfortable, being  
7 there, monitoring the home, that they're able  
8 to handle that many children?

9 MS. TOLBERT: Yes, sir. The family is very  
10 active. They keep the children going. They  
11 want all the siblings together, and the house  
12 is big enough for all of them to be there.

13 MR. ALTOM: I'll make a motion to approve  
14 the request, in light of the fact that this is  
15 in the interest of keeping the siblings  
16 together.

17 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: There's a motion. Second?

18 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All right. All in favor,  
20 say "Aye."

21 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Anyone opposed?

23 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

24 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS Abstains. All right.

25 MS. GLANTON: Patty Glanton, PRLU. Item  
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1 number 10 on the agenda, DCFS is requesting a  
2 special consideration for Regulation 209.2.  
3 Each bedroom should have at least 50 square  
4 feet of floor space per occupant, for the home  
5 of James W. The home is a three bedroom, with  
6 the father occupying one bathroom. The female  
7 child of the parent will occupy the second  
8 bedroom. The third bedroom is occupied by the  
9 two male children of the home, and the placed  
10 male.

11 The room is furnished with one twin bunk,  
12 and another with only the top mattress,  
13 resulting in a loft style bed. This allows  
14 storage of the clothes, in the bottom area of  
15 the bunk. Room measures 128.25 square feet and  
16 has two single windows.

17 The placed child, is a sibling to the other  
18 three children in the home. A temporary  
19 approval was granted 7-9-19 by Shirley Preston,  
20 and I visited the home 7-11-19. PRLU supports  
21 this request in the interest of keeping the  
22 children with family and child specific. Carol  
23 Hart, resource worker with DCFS is here, if you  
24 have any questions.

25 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Any questions? Motions?  
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1 MR. TOLLETTE: Well, I move that we accept  
2 the recommendation of staff.

3 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: We have a motion. Is there  
4 a second?

5 MS. FOTI: I'll second.

6 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All in favor, say "Aye."

7 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All opposed?

9 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

10 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS Abstains. All right.  
11 Thank you.

12 MS. GLANTON: Patty Glanton, PRLU. Item  
13 number 11 on the agenda, DCFS is requesting a  
14 special consideration for Regulation 209.2,  
15 each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet  
16 of floor space per occupant, for the home of  
17 Michael and Christine T. Mr. and Ms. T. are  
18 ICPC for their nephews placed in Arizona. The  
19 home is three bedroom, with the first occupied  
20 by the parents. The second is occupied by  
21 their bio son, and one placed nephew. The  
22 third bedroom is occupied by the other two  
23 placed nephews, measuring 97.5 square feet. A  
24 shortage of only 2.5.

25 The home was visited by myself 8-27-19. It  
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1 also is child specific, and will in 5-31-20,  
2 when the 18-year-old placed child graduates  
3 from high school. PRLU supports this request  
4 in the best interest of keeping the siblings  
5 with family. Casey Tolbert here, resource  
6 worker with DCFS, if you have any further  
7 questions.

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

10 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All in favor, say "Aye."

12 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

13 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All opposed, likewise.

14 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

15 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS Abstains. Skipping  
16 item number 12, and going to 13; is that right?

17 MS. GLANTON: Yes. Patty Glanton, PRLU.  
18 Item number 13 on the agenda, Western Arkansas  
19 Therapeutic Children's Homes, also known as  
20 WATCH, is requesting a special consideration  
21 for Regulation 311.6, the number of children  
22 placed into one therapeutic foster home shall  
23 not exceed two, except to keep a sibling group  
24 together. WATCH is requesting the special  
25 consideration for the home of Candace M.,

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1 allowing placement of sibling male and female.  
2 Currently a 17-year-old male is in the home,  
3 and has been granted trial placement in his bio  
4 mother's home in Florida, beginning the week of  
5 11-25-19. This will decrease the placement to  
6 two children in the home.

7 A temporary approval was granted by Shirley  
8 Preston, 6-28-19, and I visited the home July  
9 22, '19. This request is child specific and  
10 time limited until 11-25-19, when the 17-year-  
11 old leaves the home for child placement. PRLU  
12 supports this request. I have, Paula Riggs  
13 here with WATCH, if you have any further  
14 questions.

15 MR. ALTOM: I motion to approve the request.

16 MS. DOHERTY: I'd like to add something,  
17 because if we're only approving it until 11-25,  
18 that's pretty quick, and if the trial home  
19 visit doesn't work, I would think they'd want  
20 us to bring the child back to the same home?

21 MS. RIGGS: He turns 18 December the 2nd, in  
22 Florida and he plans on staying.

23 MS. DOHERTY: I mean, he could still come  
24 back, I mean, if he wanted to and still be in  
25 foster care. That's just something to think

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1 about.

2 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Okay. So we would  
3 reconsider this at a future --

4 MS. DOHERTY: Real quick.

5 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: -- date? All right.

6 Motion. Do we have a second?

7 MR. TOLLETTE: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All right. Any other  
9 comments, thoughts?

10 (No audible response given.)

11 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All in favor, say "Aye."

12 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

13 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Any opposed?

14 (No audible response given.)

15 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All right. And you get to  
16 vote this time.

17 MS. DOHERTY: I got to vote this time.

18 MS. GLANTON: Patty Glanton, PRLU. Item  
19 number 14 on your agenda, DCFS is requesting a  
20 special consideration for Regulation 209.10,  
21 foster children, except infants under age two,  
22 shall not share a sleeping room with adult, for  
23 the home of Elizabeth H. This is a two bedroom  
24 home, with one son, and placement of a five-  
25 year-old niece, and seven-year-old nephew. One

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1 bedroom, will be occupied by the son and  
2 nephew. The second, occupied by the mother and  
3 niece. It is furnished with a king bed, and  
4 twin bed. It has a single window.

5 A temporary approval was granted by Ebony  
6 Russ, 9-19-19, and I visited the home 10-14-19.  
7 PRLU supports this request, in the best  
8 interest of keeping the children with family.  
9 It's child specific, and time-limited, to 10-  
10 31-21. I have Molly Guidry, resource worker,  
11 DCFS here, if you have any further questions.

12 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Do you have any further  
13 questions.

14 MR. WHATLEY: You did say that was time-  
15 limited to 10 --

16 MS. GLANTON: 31-21.

17 MR. WHATLEY: -- 31-21?

18 MR. TOLLETTE: I make a motion that we  
19 accept the recommendation of staff.

20 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion. Is there a second?

21 MR. ALTOM: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Any other comments? If  
23 not, all in favor, say "Aye."

24 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

25 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.  
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1 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Opposed? And DCFS

2 abstains.

3 MS. GUIDRY: Thank you.

4 MS. CARLTON: I am Rachel Carlton. I will  
5 have items 15 and 17; 16 has been removed.  
6 DCFS is requesting a special consideration, to  
7 allow three occupants in a room that measure  
8 109.4 square feet. The occupants are a 17-  
9 year-old foster female, who was due in August,  
10 and her 19-month-old daughter. The room has a  
11 twin bed for the 17-year-old, a crib for the  
12 19-month-old, and has a bassinet for the  
13 infant, until the baby outgrows it.

14 The children of the foster teen are not in  
15 state custody. The foster parents and child  
16 feel that this is the best arrangement for  
17 their family. They are very supportive of the  
18 young mother, and hope to see her thrive.

19 Licensing visited this home on 7-22-19, and  
20 found it to be neat and tidy, with plenty of  
21 storage for the mother and child's belongings.

22 Temporary approval was granted by Shirley  
23 Preston, on 7-15-19. PRLU supports this  
24 request, as it is child specific, and in the  
25 best interest of the child to keep siblings

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1 together, and to facilitate a bond between  
2 mother and child. Judy Olinger with DCFS is  
3 with me, if you have any questions.

4 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Okay. Any questions?

5 MR. WHATLEY: I make a motion to approve the  
6 request.

7 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: I have a motion. Do I have  
8 a second?

9 MR. TOLLETTE: I second.

10 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: And a second. All in  
11 favor, say "Aye."

12 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

13 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Opposed?

14 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

15 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS abstains. All right.  
16 Thank you.

17 MS. CARLTON: I have item number 17. I am  
18 Rachel Carlton. DCFS is requesting a special  
19 consideration for 209.7, that says children of  
20 the opposite sex shall not share a bedroom, if  
21 either child is four or older, except for a  
22 parent in foster care with their child. They  
23 would like to allow a brother and sister to  
24 share a room. This room would be occupied by  
25 siblings. A five-year-old boy, and a seven-

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1 year-old sister. The children will change  
2 clothes in the bathroom, to ensure privacy.

3 Licensing visited the home on 9-10-19, and  
4 found the home to be clean, and the room to be  
5 occupied by the siblings to be spacious. There  
6 are two twin beds in the room with plenty of  
7 storage for belongings, for both children. The  
8 home is in good standing. This request is  
9 child specific to these siblings, and is in the  
10 best interest of these children to facilitate a  
11 bond. PRLU supports this request. With me, is  
12 Carrie Bacchus from DCFS.

13 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Any questions on this  
14 request?

15 MR. TOLLETTE: I make a motion that we  
16 accept the recommendation of staff?

17 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion. Is there a second?  
18 (No audible response given.)

19 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: I'll second. All in favor,  
20 say "Aye."

21 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Opposed by like sign.

23 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

24 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS abstains.

25 MS. CARLTON: Thank you.  
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1 MS. ROUSE: Good afternoon. Shannon Rouse,  
2 Placement Residential Licensing. I have items  
3 18 through 20 on the agenda. Item number 18 is  
4 for DCFS. DCFS is requesting a special  
5 consideration, for Regulation 209.2, which  
6 states each bedroom shall have at least 50  
7 square feet of space, per occupant. Three  
8 children with will share a bedroom, measuring  
9 100 feet.

10 A temporary approval was granted 9-17-19.  
11 Home visit was completed on 10-8-19. This  
12 request is child specific, and based on  
13 supporting documentation, PRLU supports this  
14 request, and I have missed Judy Huff here, with  
15 DCFS, if you have any further questions.

16 MR. ALTOM: Is this the -- are these the  
17 only children that are in the -- in the home,  
18 are these 3 children?

19 MS. HUFF: No. She has three children of  
20 her own.

21 MR. TOLLETTE: And these two children are a  
22 sibling group?

23 MS. HUFF: Yes. There's a set of three  
24 children, that are siblings.

25 MR. TOLLETTE: And the total altogether?  
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1 MS. HUFF: Six.

2 MR. ALTOM: What are the sleeping  
3 arrangements for this -- for this group?

4 MS. HUFF: Two of the -- the two girls share  
5 the one bedroom, and three boys share the  
6 second bedroom, and Ms. Concertta's youngest  
7 child, shares sleeping quarters with her.

8 MR. ALTOM: So the room that is 50 square  
9 feet short, that's how many -- it's going to  
10 have three beds in it?

11 MS. HUFF: Three beds.

12 MR. ALTOM: What kind of beds?

13 MS. HUFF: Bunk beds and a twin.

14 MR. ALTOM: Boys ages?

15 MS. HUFF: The boys ages are eight, nine,  
16 and -- let's see.

17 MR. ALTOM: Isn't close to eight and nine?  
18 Are they all somewhere in age?

19 MS. HUGG: Yes, I believe so. Eight and  
20 nine. They are close in ages. And 11, I  
21 think. Yeah, nine, seven, and eight. Nine,  
22 seven, and eight.

23 MR. WHATLEY: This request is child  
24 specific, but it's not time specific.

25 MS. ROUSE: No, it is --  
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1 MR. WHATLEY: The reason I'm asking that --  
2 I mean, that's a big variance on the square  
3 footage. I mean, we're talking about that many  
4 square feet, with the three children in that  
5 room.

6 MS. ROUSE: We were instructed to no longer  
7 make the space requirements time-limited.

8 MR. TOLLETTE: Say that again, please.

9 MS. ROUSE: We were instructed to no longer  
10 make the special requirements time-limited, so  
11 that's why is not time-limited, but it is child  
12 specific.

13 MR. TOLLETTE: Child specific. Is there a  
14 window in the room with the three boys?

15 MS. ROUSE: Yes, sir.

16 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay. For fire, I'm just  
17 thinking safety a little bit. No other  
18 questions, Mr. Chairman.

19 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: So that's a good thought  
20 there, as the boys -- in two years, as they're  
21 older, it may be a different situation, than it  
22 is now, with younger children, so I guess we  
23 could put a two-year on there, if you wanted  
24 to. You feel better about that, David?

25 MR. WHATLEY: Well, the only reason I'm  
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1 making this -- you know, I understand, when we  
2 get requests, and we're keeping sibling groups  
3 together, and we vary from the regulations,  
4 that we put a lot of time and effort into  
5 putting together, thinking that that was in the  
6 best of interest of children, you know, when  
7 they were put together. And certainly, I  
8 understand the alternative compliance, and the  
9 need for it, but sometimes when these get  
10 through, it gives me a little bit of pause when  
11 I see one, when it's not time specific, or it's  
12 not in the interest of keeping the sibling  
13 groups together. It's just that we're off that  
14 many square feet. You understand what I'm  
15 saying?

16 So, yes, to answer your question, I would  
17 feel better, if it was time-specific. It kind  
18 of takes care of itself, probably.

19 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Often times it's a  
20 provisional setting, but this is just a regular  
21 foster home?

22 MS. HUFF: It's a provisional.

23 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Oh, it is provisional?

24 MS. HUFF: Uh-huh.

25 MR. ALTOM: I'll make a motion that we prove  
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1 this, provided that it be time sensitive, and  
2 that we revisit it in two years.

3 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Do I have a second to that?

4 MR. WHATLEY: I'll second that.

5 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Any discussion about that?

6 (No audible response given.)

7 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All in favor, say "Aye."

8 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Opposed?

10 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

11 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS abstains.

12 MS. HUFF: Thank you.

13 MS. ROUSE: Item number 19 is for DCFS, with  
14 a space requirement again. DCFS is requesting  
15 a special consideration for Regulation 209.2,  
16 which states each bedroom shall have at least  
17 50 square feet of space per occupant. Two  
18 children will share a bedroom, measuring 97.3  
19 square feet.

20 A temporary approval was granted 9-26-19.  
21 A home visit was conducted on 8-1-19. This  
22 request is child specific, and based on  
23 supporting documentation, PRLU supports this  
24 request. And I'm sorry, I have Dana Yarbrough  
25 here with DCFS, if you have any further

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1 questions.

2 MR. WHATLEY: I'll make a motion to approve  
3 the request.

4 MR. ALTOM: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and second. All in  
6 favor, say "Aye."

7 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Opposed?

9 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

10 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS Abstains.

11 MS. ROUSE: Item number 20 on the agenda, is  
12 was for Southwest Arkansas Counseling and  
13 Mental Health Center. Southwest Arkansas  
14 Counseling and Mental Health Center is  
15 requesting a special consideration for  
16 Regulation 311.6, to exceed capacity.  
17 Regulation 311.6 states the number of children  
18 placed into a home -- into a foster home, shall  
19 not exceed two, except to keep a sibling group  
20 together. In that case, a maximum of up to  
21 three children, may be placed into the home.  
22 There shall be no more than five total children  
23 in the home, including the foster parents'  
24 children. This includes respite or placement.

25 Southwest Arkansas is requesting to exceed  
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1 capacity by placing a male sibling group, ages  
2 13 and 10, into a foster home that currently  
3 has two foster children. There will be four  
4 total foster children in the home. The 13-  
5 year-old, and the 10-year-old, will have their  
6 own room. The current foster children will  
7 share a bedroom.

8 A temporary approval was granted on 9-19-  
9 19. A home visit was completed on 4-17-19.  
10 This special consideration, is child specific,  
11 and time-limited, until 10-31-21. PRLU  
12 supports this request, and I have Jesse Bodine  
13 here, with Southwest Arkansas if you have any  
14 further questions.

15 MR. TOLLETTE: The total kids, again?

16 MS. ROUSE: Four foster children. I'm  
17 sorry, total number of five in the home. No,  
18 wait a minute.

19 MS. BODINE: Four.

20 MS. ROUSE: Is it four? Okay. Yeah, it's  
21 four.

22 MR. TOLLETTE: A total of four?

23 MS. BODINE: Two sets of brothers, yes.

24 MR. ALTOM: Are all four therapeutic foster  
25 children?

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1 MS. BODINE: Yes, sir.

2 MR. ALTOM: They are?

3 MS. BODINE: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Tell us a little bit about  
5 how you feel about the therapeutic foster  
6 parents' ability to handle this number of  
7 children.

8 MS. BODINE: Yes. The dad is actually going  
9 to take off from traveling, to stay home and  
10 just kind of be there. They've been foster  
11 parents for 30 years, so they have a lot of  
12 experience with kids.

13 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: So if his situation  
14 changes, does your opinion about this placement  
15 change? If he decides to start traveling  
16 again, in the next two years?

17 MS. BODINE: I think it would just depend on  
18 how the boys are doing. The two that have been  
19 in the home, have been there for several years,  
20 so they're pretty stable at this point.

21 MR. TOLLETTE: So is it safe to say, you've  
22 had limited incidents in this scenario?

23 MS. BODINE: With the boys that are there  
24 right now, it has been going really well.

25 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay. Do you know the  
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1 background of the two that are recommended to  
2 go in?

3 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: They are there, right?

4 MS. BODINE: They are there, yes.

5 MR. TOLLETTE: So overall, with the  
6 specifics of this particular care, no red  
7 flags?

8 MS. BODINE: No. We feel pretty confident  
9 in these parents.

10 MR. TOLLETTE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
11 make a recommendation, that we approve the  
12 request of staff.

13 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Recommendation. Is there a  
14 second?

15 MS. DOHERTY: I'll second.

16 MR. TOLLETTE: Or a motion.

17 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Okay. I have a second.  
18 Anymore discussion? Probably, it's just hard  
19 to find enough foster parents and you have  
20 children that need homes.

21 MS. BODINE: It is, yes.

22 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: I know that's difficult.  
23 If there's no more discussion, all in favor,  
24 say "Aye."

25 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.  
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1 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Any opposed?

2 (No audible response given.)

3 MS. ROUSE: Thank you.

4 MS. THOMPSON: I'm Darla Thompson with  
5 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit and  
6 I've got items number 23 and number 24 on the  
7 agenda. 23 is a DCFS request for special  
8 consideration, to Regulation 209.1, each  
9 household occupant shall have a room that  
10 provides privacy. The foster home is relative  
11 placement. The foster children, ages six and  
12 one-year-old.

13 DCFS is requesting a special consideration,  
14 to allow the foster parent to keep the children  
15 together in a relative placement home. The  
16 request is for the foster parent to be allowed  
17 to sleep in the living room, so that the  
18 children can be placed in the bedroom. The  
19 bedroom consists of required square footage for  
20 minimum licensing, and there were two occupants  
21 in that bedroom, which would be the six-year-  
22 old, and the one-year-old. The six-year-old  
23 has a full-size bed. The one-year-old has a  
24 crib.

25 This would be a children specific, and  
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1 time-limited to 10-31-2021. A temporary  
2 approval was granted on 8-21-2019, by the  
3 licensing unit. PRLU completed a visit to the  
4 foster home, on 9-2-19, and there is an  
5 operational window to the outside, and  
6 licensing insured that the smoke alarm was in  
7 working order on that visit, and PRLU supports  
8 the request. I have Nicole Parchman with DCFS  
9 present, if you have any questions.

10 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Got that? Questions?

11 MR. TOLLETTE: They're going to sleep in the  
12 living room, the parents, I understand that?

13 MS. PARCHMAN: The parent, yeah, she's going  
14 to sleep in the living room.

15 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Single-parent?

16 MS. PARCHMAN: Uh-huh.

17 MR. TOLLETTE: Single-parent.

18 MS. PARCHMAN: Single.

19 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay. Is that just a sofa,  
20 or is it a sleeper sofa?

21 MS. PARCHMAN: It's a sofa until she can get  
22 -- she's working with the Housing Authority, on  
23 getting a larger apartment.

24 MR. TOLLETTE: Larger apartment?

25 MS. PARCHMAN: Uh-huh.  
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1 MR. TOLLETTE: So this is time limited also,  
2 right?

3 MS. PARCHMAN: Uh-huh.

4 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Good information. Any  
5 other questions?

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

8 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion. Is there a second?

9 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All in favor, say "Aye."

11 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Opposed?

13 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

14 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS Abstains.

15 MS. PARCHMAN: Thank you.

16 MS. THOMPSON: Hi. I've got number 24 on  
17 the item, and this is a DCFS special request  
18 for consideration for 206.2, a foster family --  
19 parent, shall be at least 21 years of age. The  
20 request is for the foster mother, who is  
21 currently 18 years old be -- she'll be 21 in  
22 November 2021. The foster parent is a relative  
23 placement for the child. The request is to  
24 allow the child, age 7 months old, to remain  
25 with relatives. The request is for the uncle

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1 and his girlfriend, to be the foster parents.  
2 This will be child specific, and time-limited  
3 to 10-31-2021.

4 A temporary approval was granted on 9-11-  
5 2019, by the licensing unit. PRLU completed a  
6 visit of the foster home, on 9-19-19. The  
7 children -- or child's bedroom consists of a  
8 crib, dresser, rocking chairs, and other baby  
9 related items. The bedroom has an operational  
10 window, that opens to the outside of the home.  
11 Licensing ensured that the smoke alarm was in  
12 working order, during the visit. PRLU supports  
13 the request.

14 I'd like to amend this. I found out  
15 information today, that they were married  
16 recently, the uncle and the foster parent  
17 that's being requested today.

18 MR. TOLLETTE: Married the girlfriend?

19 MS. THOMPSON: Yes. And she also obtained a  
20 drivers' license, which that information, was  
21 in there, too. And Melissa Woodward is with  
22 DCFS, if you have any questions.

23 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Any questions?

24 MR. TOLLETTE: I make a motion that we  
25 accept the recommendation of staff.

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1 CHAIRMAN Motion. Do we have a second?

2 MR. ALTOM: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Second. Any other  
4 questions? Let's vote. All in favor, say  
5 "Aye."

6 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Anyone opposed, like sign.

8 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

9 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS Abstains. Sandy, I  
10 think they keep sneaking these in here, just to  
11 see if --

12 MS. DOHERTY: If I'm awake or not. So I'm  
13 going to make sure and listen.

14 MS. WESLEY: Ute Wesley, with the Placement  
15 in Residential Licensing Unit. I have number  
16 25. A Child's Dream Adoption Agency has  
17 requested to continue their license, on  
18 inactive status, for one year. The agency is  
19 based out of Washington State, and has been  
20 unable to higher a qualified representative for  
21 their Arkansas office. The agency has not been  
22 involved in many Arkansas adoption actions,  
23 within the past year, and has no complaints  
24 against it. The licensing unit supports this  
25 request.

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1 MR. WHATLEY: I make a motion to approve the  
2 request.

3 MR. TOLLETTE: I'll second.

4 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Got a second. All in  
5 favor, say I "Aye."

6 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: No one's opposed. Thank  
8 you.

9 MS. WESLEY: Number 26, Ute Wesley, with the  
10 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit,  
11 special consideration is requested by DCFS for  
12 Regulation 209.2, which states that each  
13 bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of  
14 floor space per occupant. DCFS is requesting  
15 that three sisters, ages 13, 14, and 16 be  
16 allowed to share a 126 square foot bedroom. If  
17 approved, this would allow for the siblings to  
18 be placed together in the same home.

19 This request is child specific, and is in  
20 the best interest of the children. Temporary  
21 approval was granted on 8-19-2019. The  
22 licensing unit supports this request. I have  
23 with me the resource worker, Erin Smith, for  
24 any questions.

25 MR. ALTOM: Type and number of beds in the  
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1 room?

2 MS. SMITH: You have a set of bunk beds  
3 along the wall, a dresser, a twin bed, window,  
4 closet, closet.

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

7 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and second. All in  
9 favor, say "Aye."

10 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Anyone opposed? DCFS --

12 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

13 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: -- abstains.

14 MR. ARNOLD: I'm Charles Arnold with the  
15 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit, and I  
16 have item number 27. DCFS is requesting a  
17 special consideration, to Standard 209.2, to  
18 allow each bedroom to have 50 square feet per  
19 occupant. This would allow DCFS to place three  
20 children that share a bedroom that is 115  
21 square feet. In this room, they have a bunk  
22 bed, that has a third mattress as a trundle  
23 underneath the bottom bunk.

24 This will allow siblings to be kept  
25 together, and placed with their grandmother.

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1 The licensing specialist visited the home on  
2 July 18th of this year. This request is child  
3 specific to the children noted in this request  
4 and temporary approval was given to this  
5 request on 7-17-19, and the licensing unit does  
6 support this request. I have Melissa Dennise  
7 with DCFS if you have any other questions.

8 MR. ALTOM: How many total kids?

9 MS. DENNISE: Four total.

10 MR. ALTOM: Four total?

11 MS. DENNISE: Yes.

12 MR. ALTOM: So three would be in this room.  
13 I am familiar with that type of bed, by the  
14 way. I have to be with three boys. I'll make  
15 a motion to approve the request.

16 MR. TOLLETTE: I second.

17 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and second. All in  
18 favor, say "Aye."

19 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All opposed? DCFS --

21 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

22 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: -- abstains.

23 MR. ARNOLD: Thank you very much.

24 MS. GALUSHA: Charlotte Galusha with  
25 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit, and  
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1 items 28 and 29, were previously withdrawn, so  
2 for item 30, DCFS has requested a special  
3 consideration for Regulation 209.2, that each  
4 bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of  
5 floor space per occupant. DCFS has placed a  
6 set of twin boys, ages 13 months, into the  
7 home, that Ms. T. and Mr. M. The twins will be  
8 sharing a bedroom with Ms. T. and with Mr. M.  
9 The bedroom is approximately 179 square feet,  
10 which is less than the required 50 square feet  
11 per occupant. Ms. T., is the aunt to the  
12 children. There are two other children, ages  
13 four and six, living in the home, and they  
14 share a separate bedroom.

15 DCFS feels that it is in the best interest  
16 of the foster children to be placed in the  
17 relative home. A temporary special  
18 consideration was granted on 9-18-19. I  
19 visited the home myself, recently, on 10-16-19,  
20 and there was ample space in the home, and the  
21 licensing unit supports this request. Ms.  
22 O'Shaneia Nelson is here from DCFS, if you have  
23 any questions.

24 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Any questions?

25 MR. TOLLETTE: 13 months?  
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1 MS. NELSON: Yes. Two twin boys.

2 MR. TOLLETTE: Babies?

3 MS. NELSON: Yes.

4 MR. TOLLETTE: They're going to stay in the  
5 room with you?

6 MS. NELSON: No. I'm the resource worker.  
7 No, I don't have any kids.

8 MR. TOLLETTE: Oh, you don't?

9 MS. NELSON: No.

10 MR. TOLLETTE: That's a nice reaction, when  
11 you say that way. I'll make a motion that we  
12 accept the recommendation of staff.

13 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All right. Motion. Is  
14 there a second?

15 MR. ALTOM: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Second. All in favor, say  
17 "Aye."

18 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Opposed?

20 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

21 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS abstains. Thanks.

22 MS. GALUSHA: Charlotte Galusha, with  
23 Placement and Residential Licensing. Alliance  
24 for Children Incorporated has requested a  
25 change of address for their Arkansas license.

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1 It would change to 67 Commentry Drive, here in  
2 Little Rock, and the licensing unit supports  
3 this change of address.

4 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: I move to approve this  
5 request. Is there a second?

6 MS. FOTI: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Second. All in favor, say  
8 "Aye."

9 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Thank you.

11 MS. GALUSHA: Thank you.

12 MS. STEPPS: Good afternoon. Fatima Stepps  
13 with the Placement and Residential Licensing  
14 Unit. I have items number 32, and 33, on your  
15 agenda. The first item on -- item number 32,  
16 is from Woodridge of Forrest City. Woodridge  
17 of Forrest city, has obtained a doing business  
18 as, for the facility located at 603 Kittle Road  
19 in Forrest City, Arkansas. This location will  
20 now be referred to as Perimeter Behavioral of  
21 Forrest City.

22 The agency has been operating in  
23 substantial compliance with minimum licensing  
24 standards, and the Placement and Residential  
25 Licensing Unit supports the agency's request

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1 for this change.

2 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion to approve this  
3 request.

4 MS. DOHERTY: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All in favor, say "Aye."

6 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: No one opposed. All right.  
8 Fatima?

9 MS. STEPPS: Item number 33 is from  
10 Woodridge Northeast. Woodridge Northeast, has  
11 obtained a doing business as, for the facility  
12 located at 600 North 7th Street, in West  
13 Memphis, Arkansas. This location, will now be  
14 referred to as Perimeter Behavioral of West  
15 Memphis.

16 The agency has been operating in  
17 substantial compliance, with minimum licensing  
18 standards, and the placement in residential  
19 licensing unit, does support the agency's  
20 request for this change.

21 MR. WHATLEY: Motion to approve the request.

22 MR. ALTOM: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All in favor, say "Aye."

24 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion carries. Thanks.

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1 MS. FANCHER: Good afternoon. I'm Susan  
2 Fancher with the Placement and Residential  
3 Licensing Unit, and I will have items 34  
4 through 36 on the agenda. Item number 34 is a  
5 request from the United Methodist Children's  
6 Home, for their Springdale girls home. The  
7 Springdale girls home has not been active for a  
8 year. The agency is requesting that their  
9 residential license remain open.

10 PRL Unit supports this request, and here  
11 with me today, is Craig Gammon with the United  
12 Methodist Children's Home, to answer any  
13 questions that you might have.

14 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Any questions?

15 (No audible response given.)

16 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Then, I'll make a motion  
17 that we approve this request.

18 MR. TOLLETTE: I second.

19 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Second. All in favor, say  
20 "Aye."

21 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

22 MR. ALTOM: Abstain.

23 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: And Andy abstains.

24 MS. FANCHER: Item number 35 is also a  
25 request from the United Methodist Children's  
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1 home, for their Fayetteville home. This agency  
2 is requesting a change in ages, that would be  
3 served in their residential family style care  
4 license at their Fayetteville home. The  
5 request is for a change in ages from 12 to 18,  
6 to ages 5 to 18.

7 A temporary approval was granted on July  
8 19, 2019, by Shirley Preston, and the Placement  
9 and Residential Licensing unit is in support of  
10 this request. Again, I have Mr. Gammon here to  
11 answer any questions that you might have.

12 MR. WHATLEY: Motion to approve the request.

13 MR. TOLLETTE: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and second. All in  
15 favor say "Aye."

16 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

17 MR. ALTOM: Abstain.

18 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Ed Abstains.

19 MS. FANCHER: For item number 36, you should  
20 have a request before you for Soaring Wings  
21 Ranch. Soaring Wings Ranch is requesting a  
22 change in status, for a voluntary reduction,  
23 incapacity, 36 children, to 24 children, and a  
24 change in license type, from the emergency and  
25 residential license type, to the emergency and

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1 residential family style care license type.

2 This license type would be specific for  
3 their Love, Atkinson, and Writeout homes. PRLU  
4 Unit is in support of this request, for a  
5 voluntary reduction in capacity, and changes to  
6 the license type. And here with me today, from  
7 Soaring Wings Ranch, is Andrew Watson and Jason  
8 Bollinger to answer any questions that you  
9 might have.

10 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Any questions?

11 MR. TOLLETTE: Yeah, just the rationale in  
12 the change. I'd just like to -- anybody to  
13 articulate briefly.

14 MR. WATSON: We're opening up -- the home  
15 that we're going to be closing, we're opening  
16 up as a foster home, on our campus.

17 MR. TOLLETTE: And drop it down to 20?

18 MR. WATSON: Yes, on the family style side,  
19 24.

20 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: I got a motion?

21 MR. ALTOM: Motion to approve.

22 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Second. All in favor, say  
24 "Aye."

25 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.  
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1 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Opposed? All right.

2 Thanks.

3 MR. ARNOLD: These next items, the Board has  
4 not seen any of the packet. Beforehand,  
5 they've been able to review those packets. So  
6 as your item is called, just be patient with  
7 them, as they review the packet, and the  
8 information that's being given to them.

9 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All right. Susan, while  
10 you're passing those out, we're going take a  
11 brief break here, about five minutes, to get a  
12 chance to stand up, and slip out of the room.  
13 Thank you.

14 Just so everyone will know, the Board is  
15 going to carefully review these. We're going  
16 to ask the questions that we need to ask, to  
17 protect your privacy, but we'll do a thorough  
18 examination of reviewing the documents that  
19 we're given. So we'll get started on this, as  
20 soon as we re-adjourn in five minutes.

21 (OFF THE RECORD)

22 (ON THE RECORD)

23 MS. FANCHER: Susan Fancher with the  
24 Placement in Residential Licensing Unit. You  
25 should have before you, a request from Teen  
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1 Challenge Ranch, for a special consideration,  
2 for permission to work, for Mr. R. And here  
3 with me today, is Justin Smith, and staff, Mr.  
4 R., to answer any questions you might have.

5 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Tell us a little bit about  
6 the position that we're considering. The  
7 position.

8 MR. SMITH: We're looking at, what we call  
9 direct care, hall pastor position, is what we  
10 title it. It's a direct care position, over a  
11 hall of students. Eight students live in that  
12 hall, or reside in that hall. Overseeing the  
13 evening and weekend activities.

14 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: When was this? I think I  
15 just saw it. When did this occur?

16 MR. SMITH: We hired Jefferson, in early  
17 June of this year. We received great  
18 references, great application process. We were  
19 confident that he had the potential to be a  
20 great fit for our ministry, for our program,  
21 and then we received word over the summer, that  
22 there was a -- you know, I knew about his  
23 background, but that we needed to come before  
24 y'all.

25 So he graciously was moved into a kitchen  
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1 position, a non direct care position, until we  
2 could come to this meeting. He's served  
3 incredibly faithfully during that time.

4 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: And when was the incident?

5 MR. R: Over three years ago. Well, over  
6 three years.

7 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: So why don't you tell us  
8 what has happened in your life since the  
9 incident.

10 MR. R: So much. Since the incident, I have  
11 been forming a closer relationship with God,  
12 really. It was really kind of that incident  
13 there, that brought me further into my  
14 salvation, if you will. I've been, you know --  
15 of course, I've been completely clean and  
16 sober, since that day. I don't know how to put  
17 it exactly, but feeling God move into my life,  
18 like he did that night, and like he has since  
19 that day, has -- like I said, it has really  
20 opened me up more to form a closer and better  
21 relationship with God to sort of work on  
22 myself, to express the love of Christ more, and  
23 to...

24 MR. DOHERTY: What kind of classes have you  
25 had? Did you say you've taken some kind of

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1 classes since then?

2 MR. R: Since then? Classes?

3 MS. DOHERTY: For domestic battery?

4 MR. R.: No, there was no classes. I'm a  
5 leader in the Celebrate Recovery Program. You  
6 know, I'm currently working on my facilitators  
7 license, for the Lifeline Program. This has  
8 kind of like spurred me on to -- I'm in  
9 classes, at SAGU NWA, for addictions  
10 counseling, you know. This is kind of really  
11 like spurred me on to pursue those things in,  
12 you know, my life, to kind of go out and help  
13 other people, you know, kind of be that  
14 overflowing vessel.

15 MR. TOLLETTE: You know, I read this  
16 briefly, so I don't want details of that, you  
17 know. We all make mistakes, and sometimes,  
18 since we are talking spiritually God provides  
19 that impotence, and for the people you work  
20 with, to step up to the plate, and go to bat  
21 for you. I know the Chairman said, we would  
22 review, and ask questions, differently than how  
23 we do it, but I feel a sense of honesty from  
24 you, remorse, and then in a funny kind of way,  
25 from what I read, unjustly in my opinion, put

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1 in this situation. By what I've read, the  
2 comments of both parties. I wasn't there, you  
3 know, but it just seems that way by my reading.  
4 And so if that injustice, made justice happen,  
5 and what you just said to us, then you know, we  
6 would call that a miracle, if you hold true to  
7 what you just said.

8 MR. R: Well, I truly look at it as a  
9 miracle, in a sense. I mean, necessarily, I  
10 was saved month before that incident, but I  
11 didn't really actually get to experience the  
12 powerful -- moving powers of God, until that  
13 night, and you know, God became even more real  
14 to me, if you will. And I have learned to --  
15 I've learned repentance of course, but  
16 forgiveness as well.

17 You know, I'm kind of grateful for this  
18 situation right here, because, you know, my  
19 wife and I, we left town, pretty much -- well,  
20 we have plans on leaving town, you know, for  
21 jobs. And a couple of days later, you know, we  
22 ended up moving out of town, and stuff, and I  
23 tried to kind of bury this incident, in a way,  
24 but, you know, now that I'm back, and I'm, you  
25 know, working with Teen Challenge, I'm actually

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1 very grateful for that opportunity, and then  
2 the situation coming back up.

3 You know, I was kind of talking to my wife  
4 about it, and kind of having to relive it, and  
5 go through it again, and everything like that,  
6 and she asked me -- she was like, "Well, have  
7 you forgiven?" And it may me kind of stop, and  
8 it may me kind of, you know, seriously consider  
9 it, and think about it, and pray over it and  
10 stuff like that. I guess I really hadn't, but  
11 since then I have. You know, I've put myself  
12 in that position for, you know, forgiving  
13 myself, and forgiving other people involved,  
14 you know, and letting go of that kind of  
15 bitterness, or resentment, or just kind of bury  
16 it, and forget about it, you know, and try to  
17 move on with my life. So I'm grateful for this  
18 opportunity.

19 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Any other questions?

20 MR. TOLLETTE: Other than this incident,  
21 there's been nothing else?

22 MR. R: No.

23 MR. WHATLEY: Do you feel like the life  
24 experiences that you've had, has kind of lead  
25 you towards being a part of Teen Challenge?

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1 Did I understand you to say that, or allude to  
2 that?

3 MR. R.: Yes, absolutely. I don't know if I  
4 can explain how, you know, exactly without  
5 maybe sounding, just kind of generic, but yeah,  
6 by all means my life experiences, you know, has  
7 brought me back around, and has brought me back  
8 down to Arkansas, and different circumstances  
9 in my life. I had some family get sick,  
10 basically, and I was living up in Missouri, and  
11 I came back to help in that scenario. Before I  
12 came back, I put in some applications. Teen  
13 Challenge came up.

14 I knew I've always kind of wanted to work  
15 in this sort of ministry, especially with the  
16 drug and rehab sort of side of things, you  
17 know, because I know how God has worked in my  
18 life, and has moved through me, put me you  
19 know, where I'm at today. And if I can just  
20 kind of help usher somebody else along, in  
21 those respects, then you know, that means --  
22 and so, when Teen Challenge, you know, called  
23 me for the interview, you know, I jumped on it.  
24 And when they offered me the job, I definitely  
25 accepted. And like I said, I'm in college now,

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1 for -- to finish my degree in drug and alcohol  
2 addictions counseling. By all means, I'm kind  
3 of one of those, where like if God opens doors,  
4 I walk through them. You know, I don't really  
5 ask too much from God, other than to just open  
6 doors and guide me along my path.

7 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All right. It's helpful to  
8 have your wife's account here to, so any other  
9 comments, questions, or a motion?

10 MR. TOLLETTE: I make a motion that we  
11 accept the recommendation of staff.

12 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All right. This is  
13 actually not a staff recommendation, on this  
14 one I think.

15 MR. TOLLETTE: Then I stand corrected.

16 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: They did not say this, but  
17 this is -- you're free to make this motion on  
18 your behalf, to approve the request from Teen  
19 Challenge.

20 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay. I'd like to make the  
21 motion on behalf of Teen Quest Challenge -- I  
22 mean Teen Quest request. Is that okay?

23 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: We got it. There's a  
24 motion. Is there a second?

25 MR. TOLLETTE: I make a motion that we  
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1 approve. I'll keep it simple.

2 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Is there a second?

3 MR. ALTOM: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: There's a second. Any  
5 other discussion?

6 (No audible response given.)

7 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All in favor, say "Aye."

8 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Is anyone oppose?

10 (No audible response given.)

11 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All right. Thanks for  
12 coming in.

13 MR. R: Thank you.

14 MS. STEPPS: Would you like me to give you a  
15 few moments to review the packet?

16 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Yeah, let's take a minute.

17 (Brief pause in proceedings.)

18 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Okay. Let's get started.

19 MS. STEPPS: Fatima Stepps, with the  
20 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. This  
21 request is for Ouachita Children's Center.  
22 Ouachita Children's Center is requesting a  
23 special consideration on licensing standard  
24 103.11, which states no person guilty of an  
25 excluded criminal offense, pursuant to ACA 9-

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1 28-409, shall be permitted to have direct and  
2 unsupervised contact with children, except as  
3 provided in the statute. This request would  
4 grant staff, Ms. S., the permission to work  
5 with children.

6 The agency has shown a history of  
7 operational and substantial compliance with  
8 minimum licensing standards, and the Placement  
9 and Residential Licensing Unit supports the  
10 agency's request. I have Amy Higgins with  
11 Ouachita Children's Center present, and Ms. S.

12 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Tell us a little bit about  
13 the care you're providing, and what the  
14 position is, and the responsibility of the  
15 position.

16 MS. HIGGINS: Okay. The position that she  
17 holds is a client engagement specialist, and  
18 what that is, is that is our case manager for  
19 the children that reside in the shelter. So  
20 she does case plans, schedules visits, passes,  
21 works with them to correct their behaviors,  
22 works with them to make sure their mental  
23 health needs are being met, works very closely  
24 with the juvenile probation office, and the  
25 court system, as well as with all DCFS workers,  
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1 which the kids -- that are in foster care. She  
2 provides weekly contact with them.

3 MR. TOLLETTE: So what's kind of done in the  
4 dark, it comes to the light, and then wow,  
5 things happen. Is that safe to say?

6 MS. S.: Yes, sir.

7 MR. TOLLETTE: And it just hits you, and  
8 it's like, oh gosh. It's horrible, and then it  
9 was help in another kind of way.

10 MS. S: Yes, sir.

11 MR. TOLLETTE: So based on this, this is  
12 like 2007? '11?

13 MS. S: 2008 AND 2009, where the original.  
14 My records were sealed in 2013.

15 MR. TOLLETTE: And I don't want to get into  
16 detail, and relive it, because I'm talking like  
17 in third person, because we all can read, and I  
18 want you to keep your dignity. And I would  
19 rather do it in a metaphoric kind of approach,  
20 that way, I feel like I'm connecting, and  
21 hopefully, you feel the honor and respect, for  
22 you standing here, which is pretty powerful.  
23 We all make mistakes.

24 MS. S: Thank you.

25 MR. TOLLETTE: You're doing some pretty  
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1 amazing things. And I look at the references  
2 that you've got, and you've got a lot of people  
3 in your corner.

4 MS. S: I do.

5 MR. TOLLETTE: I know Ms. Fatima, and she  
6 doesn't come up here unless the I's are dotted  
7 and the T's are crossed, because she monitors  
8 my organization, too. I'm scared of her. But  
9 that's all I have to say.

10 MR. WHATLEY: I would also like to say  
11 congratulations on your recovery.

12 MS. R.: Thank you.

13 MR. TOLLETTE: Yes. That's all I'm saying.  
14 I'll leave it to my colleagues, if anybody else  
15 has a comment.

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

18 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All in favor, say "Aye."

20 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

21 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: And no one opposed.

22 MS. S: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Just give us about a minute  
24 to skim it.

25 (Brief pause in proceedings.)  
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1 MS. PARCHMAN: I'm Nicole Parchman, resource  
2 worker, and I'm here with the providers. We  
3 are asking for special permission, and  
4 consideration to work with children, due to  
5 background check results. I have Mr. Louis  
6 here, if you have any questions.

7 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Is it a grandchild?

8 MR. T.: Yes, sir.

9 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Who is this grandchild?  
10 How old is she?

11 MR. T.: Six.

12 MR. WHATLEY: No other incidents since 1989?

13 MR. T.: No, sir.

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

16 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: I have a motion and a  
18 second. All in favor, say "Aye."

19 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

20 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

21 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS will abstain.

22 MS. PARCHMAN: Thank you.

23 (Brief pause in proceedings.)

24 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Why don't you go ahead and  
25 tell us a little bit.

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1 MS. PEELER: I'm social worker, Yvonne  
2 Peeler, and I'm here for special consideration,  
3 for Ms. Melissa M., to be able to work with  
4 children. I have Ms. Melissa here, if you have  
5 any questions.

6 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: I'm always interested in  
7 the ones, when I see fit of kin, because that  
8 always impresses me, that someone would want to  
9 step up, especially in a situation like this.  
10 So I learned a little bit about this while I  
11 was on vacation, because Sandy couldn't reach  
12 anybody, so it was 3 o'clock in the morning in  
13 Malaysia, where I was, and we were having a  
14 phone call, because I had to get up. I had a  
15 message. So tell me a little bit about why you  
16 chose to be a fit of kin for this child.

17 MS. M.: Well, nobody else really would step  
18 up. His mom wouldn't. And he's special. He  
19 wasn't vocal at the time. He needed somebody  
20 that could understand him. No one else could.  
21 I was worried no one else could. My heart was  
22 broken, whenever they first got taken.

23 MS. PEELER: And just to be clear, the  
24 applicant -- this is the applicant's daughter.

25 MS. M.: Yeah, it was my mother.  
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1 MS. PEELER: And they live in the same home.

2 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Okay. I may be thinking of  
3 a different one, then.

4 MS. DOHERTY: No, this is the one.

5 MR. TOLLETTE: Nothing else since 2010?

6 MS. M.: No, Sir.

7 MR. TOLLETTE: I make a motion we approve.

8 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: I have a motion.

9 MR. ALTOM: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Second. All in favor, say  
11 "Aye."

12 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

13 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All opposed?

14 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

15 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS abstains.

16 MS. M: Thank you.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Patricia for Joyce.

18 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Give us just a minute.

19 (Brief pause in proceedings.)

20 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Okay. Let's get a little  
21 introduction here.

22 MS. HERRING: My name is Patricia Herring.

23 I'm the resource worker in Craighead County,

24 and we are here today, requesting that Mrs.

25 Joyce, be allowed to care for her young three  
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1 relatives.

2 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Who are the relatives?

3 MS. S.: My two nieces, and nephew.

4 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Okay. What are their ages?

5 MS. S.: Three -- he just turned three.

6 She's a year. She'll be two in January. And  
7 my baby is just four months old. She'll be one  
8 in June.

9 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Thank you for coming in  
10 today, so we can review all of this. Does  
11 anyone have any questions?

12 MR. TOLLETTE: Do they kind of stay around  
13 you now?

14 MS. S.: I've practically raised them.  
15 They've been with me all their lives. Yes.

16 MR. TOLLETTE: And this stuff popped up and  
17 '97, '98?

18 MS. S.: That's okay. We're not going to go  
19 into it, but it just stuck?

20 MS. S.: Yes.

21 MR. TOLLETTE: It hurt doesn't it?

22 MS. S.: Yes.

23 MR. TOLLETTE: You know what? There's a  
24 power greater than all of us.

25 MR. S.: Yes it is.  
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1 MR. TOLLETTE: Now, do they make -- do good  
2 in school? Do they talk back to you, these  
3 kids?

4 MS. S.: They're just three and four.

5 MR. TOLLETTE: Just three and four. Okay.  
6 They don't talk back to you?

7 MS. S.: No. Except for my one. She thinks  
8 she's the boss.

9 MR. TOLLETTE: She does?

10 MS. S.: Yes.

11 MR. ALTOM: Is she?

12 MS. S.: Huh?

13 MR. ALTOM: Is she?

14 MS. S.: Yes.

15 MR. TOLLETTE: Does she get there from that  
16 from anywhere in the family?

17 MS. S.: Yes.

18 MR. TOLLETTE: Mr. Chairman, I have finished  
19 all of my questions.

20 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Any other questions?

21 MR. TOLLETTE: I make a motion that we  
22 accept, or approve.

23 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: I have a motion to  
24 approved.

25 MR. ALTOM: Second.  
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1 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: And a second. All in favor,  
2 say "Aye."

3 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: No one is opposed. DCFS  
5 abstains. Okay thank you for coming in.

6 MS. S.: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Have fun with those kids.

8 MS. S.: Thank you.

9 (Brief pause in proceedings.)

10 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Tell us a little bit?

11 MS. OLINGER: I'm Judy Olinger, Area One  
12 Resource Unit. I have Dionna here. She would  
13 like to open her home for special consideration  
14 of her grandchildren.

15 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Tell us a little bit about  
16 the children.

17 MS. R.: My grandchildren?

18 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Yes.

19 MS. R.: One just turned four two weeks ago,  
20 and the other one is five months.

21 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: It takes a minute to go  
22 through all this.

23 MR. ALTOM: Haven't had any problems, since  
24 '09?

25 MS. R.: No, Sir.  
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1 MR. ALTOM: I make a motion to approve the  
2 request.

3 MR. TOLLETTE: I second.

4 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and a second. All  
5 in favor say "Aye."

6 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion passes. DCFS  
8 abstains. Thank you for coming in.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ms. Nelson, for  
10 Christopher.

11 (Brief pause in proceedings.)

12 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Okay. Go ahead.

13 MS. NELSON: I'm O'Shaneia Nelson, resource  
14 worker, in Area Three. Here, I have Mr. C.,  
15 and we're requesting a special consideration  
16 for him to work with children, and also for him  
17 and his wife, to consider -- to finish the  
18 foster and adoption process. Mr. C is here, if  
19 you have any questions for him, and this is his  
20 wife, Mrs. C.

21 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: So what do you plan to do  
22 with a masters in clinical mental health?

23 MR. C.: Well, after I get back, it will be  
24 2022. I'm going to continue to get a PhD, and  
25 I'm looking at clinical psychology. In the

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1 meantime, I will acquire an LPC, and maybe open  
2 a private practice, you know, just kind of go  
3 wherever the road takes me, I guess, but I  
4 really want a PhD.

5 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Okay. You'd like to be a  
6 counselor?

7 MR. C.: Sir?

8 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: You said you like to be an  
9 LPC to do counseling?

10 MR. C.: Yes. I've been in the counseling  
11 field for about 12 years now, so it's kind of  
12 something that I've enjoyed to do.

13 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: So who's idea was it to  
14 foster?

15 MR. C.: Well, it's -- it's not really a  
16 funny story, but my wife and I have what's  
17 called --

18 MS. C.: We were a respite family.

19 MR. C.: Unexplained infertility, so we were  
20 trying to conceive. It's been going on three  
21 years now. And you know, we were working with  
22 a kid with special needs, during a respite  
23 period type thing, for five years. We would  
24 have him on the weekends. We just fell in love  
25 with him. And so, when we found out this time

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1 last year, that we weren't able to have kids,  
2 for some unexplained reason, you know, my wife  
3 was adopted, so we thought, maybe we can look  
4 into adoption or fostering. So that's kind of  
5 what started the process.

6 MR. WHATLEY: Thank you for what you're  
7 doing. I make a motion to approve the request.

8 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: I have a motion. Do I have  
9 a second?

10 MR. TOLLETTE: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and a second. All  
12 in favor, say "Aye."

13 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

14 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

15 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: No one is opposed, but DCFS  
16 abstains.

17 MS. S.: Thank you.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Melissa, for Parker.

19 (Brief pause in proceedings.)

20 MR. ALTOM: Have you had any problems, since  
21 1968?

22 MS. WOODARD: No, sir. He was 39 years old,  
23 when this happened.

24 MR. ALTOM: I make a motion we approve this  
25 request.

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1 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and second. All in  
3 favor, say "Aye."

4 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

5 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Anyone opposed?

6 MS. DOHERTY: (Unintelligible.)

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ginger for Paul.

8 (Brief pause in proceedings.)

9 MS. HEWETT: Good evening. My name is  
10 Ginger Hewett. I'm a resource worker from Area  
11 Eight, Grant County, and we're here requesting  
12 special permission for Mr. Paul to work with  
13 his niece. He's here with his wife, if you  
14 have any questions.

15 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Anyone have any questions.

16 MR. TOLLETTE: I've been talking a lot so --  
17 I didn't see anything -- did it say how long  
18 you been married?

19 MS. A.: We've been married eight. We've  
20 been together almost 20.

21 MR. A.: We've been together since I was 16;  
22 she was 13.

23 MR. TOLLETTE: Don't mess that up. You'll  
24 be in a lot of trouble. So you want to work  
25 with kids; is that --

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1 MR. A.: We've got four of our own. We just  
2 raised my younger sister. She just went to  
3 college in April, and now we're trying to  
4 foster my niece.

5 MR. TOLLETTE: Was this 19 years ago? This  
6 situation.

7 MR. A.: No. It was 13 years ago.

8 MR. TOLLETTE: Okay. I was trying to read.

9 MR. A.: My handwriting is bad.

10 MR. TOLLETTE: It was a that was a long time  
11 ago.

12 MS. A.: '06, yes, Sir.

13 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Any questions from anybody?

14 MR. TOLLETTE: I'll make a motion to  
15 approve.

16 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion to approve this  
17 request. Is there a second?

18 MS. FOTI: I'll second.

19 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and a second. All  
20 in favor, say "Aye."

21 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Any opposed? DCFS  
23 abstains. Thank you guys for coming in.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Stacey for Manning.

25 (Brief pause in proceedings.)  
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1 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Why don't you give us a  
2 little introduction here.

3 MS. JONES: I'm Stacey Jones. I'm from Area  
4 Eight. I do resource and adoptions. I'm here  
5 with Ashley and John Manning, asking for  
6 special consideration for John to work with  
7 children.

8 MR. TOLLETTE: I'm trying to read this fast,  
9 so --

10 MR. M.: That's fine.

11 MR. TOLLETTE: '13 was the end of  
12 everything?

13 MR. M.: Yes, sir.

14 MR. TOLLETTE: Nothing else since '13?

15 MR. M.: No, sir.

16 MR. TOLLETTE: Just paid the consequences,  
17 the prices, misery and the pain?

18 MR. M.: Misery and pain and everything --

19 MR. TOLLETTE: Humiliation?

20 MR. M.: Yes, sir.

21 MR. TOLLETTE: Sorry?

22 MR. M.: Sorry.

23 MR. TOLLETTE: Did you go to Jesus?

24 MR. M.: Yes, sir.

25 MR. TOLLETTE: I'm sorry. I'm not going to  
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1 do this again. I understand. You know, for  
2 me, and I know for this Board, everything is  
3 really serious. You know, I'm just the  
4 lagarius one sometimes, because I just imagine,  
5 if I took a different path, and I was on the  
6 other side, and standing here in front of a  
7 group of people that hold the fate of your  
8 dreams and wishes in their hands. So I just  
9 try to do my part to make it as pleasurable as  
10 possible, but I'm also serious about it.

11 MR. M.: Yes, sir.

12 MR. TOLLETTE: Because I think about every  
13 motion I make, even though I can't get them  
14 right sometimes, but my name goes on that piece  
15 of paper, that I'm stepping up to the plate, on  
16 behalf of the Governor, and the State, saying  
17 "Give these people these opportunities." So,  
18 you know I'm just trying to break it down. I  
19 don't know if any of my colleagues have -- I  
20 talk too much sometimes, but I just -- I'm  
21 impressed.

22 MR. M.: Thank you, sir.

23 MR. TOLLETTE: Mr. Chairman, I'll pass it  
24 back to you.

25 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All right. Any other  
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1 questions.

2 MR. WHATLEY: I make a motion to approve the  
3 request.

4 MR. ALTOM: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and a second. All  
6 in favor, say "Aye."

7 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

8 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

9 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Thank you guys.

10 (Brief pause in proceedings.)

11 MS. OLINGER: Area One Resource Unit. I'm  
12 here with Mr. Edward and his wife who would  
13 like to open their home for their  
14 grandchildren. They've been fostering their  
15 grandchildren, provisionally placed in relative  
16 foster, for a while. They've completed all of  
17 their foster/adopt PRIDE training, their CPR,  
18 and the adoption has been set for November, if  
19 approved.

20 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Grandchildren?

21 MR. B.: Yes, sir.

22 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Where are they now?

23 MR. B.: They're with us.

24 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: They're with you, but have  
25 you been a part of their lives?

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1 MR. B.: Yes, sir. Ever since they've been  
2 born, yes, sir.

3 MR. TOLLETTE: They've got a great bowling  
4 alley in Rogers.

5 MR. B.: Yes, sir.

6 MR. TOLLETTE: You've been there?

7 MR. B.: Yeah, Fast Lanes. We were just  
8 there, for the first day.

9 MR. TOLLETTE: Are you pretty good?

10 MR. B.: No, I'm not, no, sir. My  
11 granddaughters probably do better than I do.

12 MR. TOLLETTE: You take them bowling?

13 MR. B.: Pardon?

14 MR. TOLLETTE: You take your granddaughters  
15 bowling?

16 MR. B.: Yeah. It was one of the youngest  
17 ones third birthday. They're both three at the  
18 moment. The other one turns four next month.

19 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Thanks for the good  
20 explanation and description of your life in  
21 recent years. Does anyone have any -- else  
22 have any other questions?

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

25 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Is there a second?

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1 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All in favor, say "Aye."

3 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: No one opposed. DCFS  
5 abstains.

6 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

7 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Thanks for coming in.  
8 Congratulations.

9 MR. B.: Thank you.

10 (Brief pause in proceedings.)

11 MR. TOLLETTE: Is this is 1999?

12 MS. SHARP: Yes, sir.

13 MR. TOLLETTE: Nothing else?

14 MR. T: No, sir.

15 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Let's get a little  
16 introduction, and we'll get to this pretty  
17 quick.

18 MR. TOLLETTE: Oh, I'm sorry.

19 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: We'll find out -- make sure  
20 we didn't miss anything. Go ahead.

21 MS. SHARP: I'm Debra Sharp. I'm resource  
22 specialist for Area Eight. I'm sorry, I  
23 apologize for my voice. I lost it this  
24 weekend. I'm out of Craighead County, asking  
25 special permission, for Marvin -- he goes by

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1 Frank -- Trustee, to work with his significant  
2 other's grandson. He's in care, in  
3 Connecticut, through ICDC.

4 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Connecticut, huh?

5 MR. T: Yeah. Long way off. I've never  
6 been there.

7 CHAIRMAN Any other questions for anyone?

8 MR. TOLLETTE: So nothing since 1999?

9 MR. T: No, sir.

10 MR. TOLLETTE: Now I'm in order.

11 MR. T: No, nothing since then.

12 MR. TOLLETTE: Yeah, I was up in Connecticut  
13 a couple of months ago. My daughter is up in  
14 that area, and went on up to Maine. It's a  
15 pretty country. And, you know, I guess I'm the  
16 verbal one. I'm kind of like a diesel. I  
17 start slow and then they can't cut me off.

18 MR. T.: That's fine.

19 MR. TOLLETTE: But, you know -- what made  
20 you decide this is what you want to do?

21 MR. T.: What made me decide to do that?

22 MR. TOLLETTE: No, not that. We don't have  
23 to talk about that. That's done.

24 MR. T.: Yeah, that was done. I tell you  
25 what, that put me on the straight path. Not

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1 like I was real far off of it. It put me on a  
2 straight path, and I chose to live life right,  
3 and not go back there again.

4 MR. TOLLETTE: And you got babies involved.

5 MR. T.: It was a bad decision.

6 MR. TOLLETTE: Got babies involved.

7 MR. T.: Yeah, uh-huh.

8 MR. TOLLETTE: You got a soft heart.

9 MR. T.: Yes, I do.

10 MR. TOLLETTE: And who is that in the blue  
11 over there?

12 MR. T.: That's my fiancé.

13 MR. TOLLETTE: I make a motion that we  
14 approve.

15 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion. Is there a second?

16 MR. WHATLEY: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Ready to vote? All right.  
18 All in favor, say "Aye."

19 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Anyone opposed?

21 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

22 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS abstains. Thank you  
23 guys.

24 MR. T.: Thank y'all. Thank everybody.

25 (Brief pause in proceedings.)  
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1 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All right. Tell us what's  
2 going on.

3 MS. SWAFFORD: Hi my name is Kristen  
4 Swafford, Area Two resource worker, Sebastian  
5 County. I am here with Josh S., and his wife,  
6 April, requesting special consideration for  
7 Josh to be able to work with children,  
8 specifically his niece, and great nephews.

9 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Niece and three nephews?

10 MR. S.: Yes, sir.

11 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Are y'all ready for those  
12 three boys? Part of your life already, I  
13 guess?

14 MR. S.: They was, until situations changed.

15 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Thanks for stepping up for  
16 them now, being willing to come down and do  
17 this.

18 MR. S.: Yes, sir.

19 MR. TOLLETTE: Nothing since 2001?

20 MR. S.: No, sir.

21 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: I'm getting to that part of  
22 your story now, so -- difficult time. These  
23 children need a good home and good --

24 MR. S.: Yes, sir.

25 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: -- security right now.  
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1 MR. ALTOM: I make a motion to approve the  
2 request.

3 MR. WHATLEY: I'll second.

4 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Motion and a second. All  
5 in favor, say "Aye."

6 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

7 MR. S.: No on opposed?

8 MS. DOHERTY: Abstain.

9 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: DCFS abstains. Thank  
10 y'all.

11 MR. ARNOLD: I think we're at that point for  
12 the temporary approvals. All of those were  
13 sent to you in your packets, and everything  
14 that was on there was resolved today.

15 MR. GRIFFIN: You guys have had a full  
16 agenda, so I'll be pretty brief. I'm actually  
17 amazed that you managed to work through things  
18 as quickly as you did. I thought we'd be here  
19 until 6 o'clock tonight. So my hats off to you  
20 on that.

21 You should have something in your packet  
22 that looks like this. It's titled "Proposal  
23 for Consideration, Regarding Temporary  
24 Approvals". This could be a way, if the Board  
25 is comfortable with it, to shorten somewhat

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1 some future meetings. I think the most  
2 important thing to understand, this applies to  
3 alternative compliance and special  
4 consideration requests, and only those items  
5 that we've given temporary approval for, before  
6 they come to the Board. And if you'll look at  
7 the bottom, that's listed. It also says, "All  
8 requests for (indiscernible) offenses would  
9 continue to have full Board approval, agency  
10 requests for all status changes to a license,  
11 would also have full Board approval.

12 So again, this is just something for your  
13 consideration. I asked Charles earlier, if  
14 this would take a vote. He thinks it can be  
15 done just by the Board's consensus, but I will  
16 leave that to -- to your discretion, and any  
17 discussion or changes that you might want to  
18 recommend, or how you feel on this.

19 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: I have any questions about  
20 this, and how this would work. So we would  
21 still have the ability to notify you, that --  
22 as an individual board member, not necessarily  
23 --

24 MR. GRIFFIN: So here's how I envision this  
25 working. April and some of the other staff can  
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1 help me on this, if I miss anything. In the  
2 packet that comes to you, would be a group of  
3 these, that would basically say, "These are the  
4 things that we've given temporary approval for,  
5 at your guidance, and we would ask you to give  
6 block approval, rather than looking at these  
7 individually." If there is any that give us  
8 any heartburn, we're going to pull those out  
9 individually.

10 If you as a board get that, and it comes  
11 time for the board meeting, or if you -- if you  
12 have some concerns before the board meeting,  
13 and say, "No, we think this person may need to  
14 come," then you let us know, and we would have  
15 been there. Or if you didn't catch it until  
16 the board meeting, then we could have them  
17 there the following board meeting, to address  
18 whatever the concerns were. It's just a way of  
19 shortening those, in that particular group, if  
20 that's what the Board is comfortable with.

21 MS. DOHERTY: Now, the Board will still get  
22 the packets, like through the email, so --

23 MR. GRIFFIN: Yes.

24 MS. DOHERTY: -- like, you could block,  
25 approve, 12 of the 15, and say, "But we want a  
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1 -- I want a discussion on A, B, and C"?

2 MR. GRIFFIN: Yes.

3 MS. DOHERTY: So you'll still get them all.  
4 You know, we'd each get them all, but I'm  
5 saying y'all, because most are DCFS, that we --  
6 you know, with it. But any of them, then, like  
7 if you had questions about the sleeping  
8 arrangements, you know, whatever it is, those  
9 would be not --

10 MR. GRIFFIN: And another option --

11 MS. DOHERTY: -- block voted.

12 MR. GRIFFIN: -- would be for you guys to  
13 try it for a board meeting or two, to see if it  
14 works, if you're comfortable with it, if you  
15 need to tweak the process, or if you want to go  
16 back to the way we've been doing it. That  
17 might be another option for you to consider.

18 MR. WHATLEY: I think it's a good idea and  
19 would expedite things, so I'd be in favor it.

20 MR. ALTOM: Yeah, I'm in favor of it.

21 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: In practice, have we ever  
22 -- have we overturned anything that had been  
23 requested?

24 MS. DOHERTY: I think there's been a few  
25 questions, especially like today, if the space

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1 is a lot off, or the sleeping, if it's a boy  
2 and a girl, and some of those. So I could  
3 certainly see not voting on -- you know, say  
4 we'd like more discussion on these three, or  
5 these two, and then block approve all the rest,  
6 but 6, 17, and 20.

7 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: But any board member who  
8 has a concern, could request --

9 MR. GRIFFIN: Yes.

10 MR. ALTOM: Some of the things that I look  
11 at, is while you'll see a request for -- you  
12 know, to be able to put three kids in a room.  
13 Well, I'd like to know how many other kids are  
14 in that home. And sometimes that's not -- so  
15 that's one of those that I want to ask that  
16 question, because I feel like I like to get all  
17 the information, then we can move on it rather  
18 quickly.

19 When it feels like it's very scarce, you  
20 know -- and we wanted to disregard a total of  
21 50 square feet, and we didn't think we needed  
22 to have a time on it. You know, it's like -- I  
23 think those type things are kind of worrisome,  
24 but I think we can comb through those and find  
25 those.

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1           You know, some of the staff give an  
2           incredible amount of good information, working  
3           windows, fire, you know, tested the fire  
4           alarms, those type of things. That's great.  
5           And then some are -- you know, we need a little  
6           more information, and so that would be the only  
7           reason I would say we'd probably want to  
8           question, is what are you thinking here, when  
9           -- you know.

10           MR. GRIFFIN: Well, I agree, and I think  
11           maybe this process will help us sort things  
12           out, and learn more about what you really need  
13           in those reports. Ebony is getting very  
14           engaged, and I think she has been listening,  
15           and hopefully taking some mental notes with  
16           this, as is April, and I think we'll use those  
17           comments, Andy, to maybe train staff on what  
18           needs to come in.

19           And as you look at those, and we see the  
20           ones that you want to look at individually,  
21           that's also going to give us some guidance on  
22           where we need to give you more information.

23           MR. ALTOM: Yeah, I think it's a great idea.  
24           I really do.

25           CHAIRMAN FLYNN: So are we okay by  
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1 consensus? I don't know that --

2 MR. WHATLEY: I think it's fine, personally.

3 MR. TOLLETTE: Let's try it out.

4 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All right. Sounds good.

5 MR. GRIFFIN: So you give us your guidance  
6 as we go through, are we doing a good job, is  
7 it okay, or do we need to tweak it, and we'll  
8 try it out.

9 The other thing I wanted to talk with you  
10 briefly about, is transitional living, some  
11 proposed changes there, that I think you guys  
12 had been given at a previous board meeting to  
13 review. This is one of the things that --  
14 Shirley stepped out a little sooner than I  
15 thought she was going to retire, so this is one  
16 of the things that we didn't get wrapped up,  
17 before she stepped out. So I wanted to bring  
18 that back to you today.

19 And I also wanted to tell you -- and  
20 Charles had asked about this earlier. I want  
21 to give you an update on where we are with the  
22 placement licensing revisions. We are doing  
23 some final cleanup work. Ebony and her crew  
24 have been working on those. The process now,  
25 is that we have to have a clean copy of

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1 everything, with those embedded. The markup  
2 copy and quite a bit of paperwork that goes  
3 upstairs to our internal review, and then it  
4 goes to the Governor's Office for their staff  
5 to review, and then they'll give it back to us,  
6 to go through the public hearing comment  
7 period. If we got anything out of that  
8 significant, we bring it back to you. If not,  
9 then will go forward with promulgation and meet  
10 with the legislative committees.

11 So we're at the point now, of pushing that  
12 forward. So if there's anything like this,  
13 that you guys are comfortable with, that we  
14 want to go ahead and add to that packet, this  
15 would be a good time to do that. I will just  
16 say I'm open to comments. We're open to  
17 comments on this piece.

18 It's really just reformatting some word  
19 changing on transitional living, and I would  
20 defer to you. You guys are probably more  
21 familiar with this than I am. This is what  
22 Shirley had developed, I think, and had handed  
23 back out to you guys a while back, to look at.  
24 So any guidance for us, on proceeding with  
25 this, at this point, or not, or do we need to

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1 look at additional changes?

2 MS. DOHERTY: I might could answer some  
3 questions for y'all. I think the premise of  
4 this, and what's behind this, is of course our  
5 kids are older now. They can stay in care  
6 until they're 21. And, the way it's written,  
7 if they could benefit from a transitional  
8 living program, they have to have already been  
9 with that particular provider, when they turn  
10 18 and go into that program. They can't be 19,  
11 and then go into the transitional. They have  
12 to transition from the same program up through.

13 This way, as long as they're coming from a  
14 child licensed placement, which is us, they  
15 have to be in our custody, to do this. Then,  
16 they could be placed in a transitional living  
17 program, without having been -- prior to 18, be  
18 in some form of that agency's program, and go  
19 on up through there.

20 MR. GRIFFIN: It does open that up, because  
21 instead of saying "the agency," it says, "a  
22 licensed or exempt program". And, you know, I  
23 think the concern is, Sandy correct me if I'm  
24 wrong, some programs may not offer the  
25 services, so we would -- but we would hate to

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1 deprive someone turning 18 of those transition  
2 services, just because the particular program  
3 they're in, didn't offer that, if we've got  
4 other options.

5 MS. DOHERTY: Correct.

6 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: And I think a lot of the  
7 programs that do have that, prefer to work with  
8 children who they've had for a year or two, and  
9 not admit someone that had no --

10 MS. DOHERTY: Well, certainly --

11 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: -- no history.

12 MS. DOHERTY: -- they could, but this also  
13 gives the option of older children, who like  
14 you said, didn't have the advantage of being in  
15 that kind of program, when they turned 18, and  
16 now they could use that kind of program, but we  
17 can't place them in that kind of program.

18 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: And as part of Families  
19 First, there would be a need in the future for  
20 more of this, and there's --

21 MS. DOHERTY: Absolutely.

22 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: This would make it possible  
23 for people just do this kind of work.

24 MR. GRIFFIN: So if the Board is  
25 comfortable, we will add these -- it's just

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1 subtle changes to the language there, but we'll  
2 add that to the packet we're currently getting  
3 ready to promulgate.

4 MR. ALTOM: Do you need a motion for that?

5 MR. GRIFFIN: We do need a motion and a  
6 vote.

7 MR. ALTOM: I make a motion that this be  
8 included in the packet.

9 MR. WHATLEY: And I'll second that.

10 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Any other questions about  
11 these changes?

12 (No audible response given.)

13 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: All right. All in favor,  
14 say, "Aye."

15 BOARD MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Anyone opposed?

17 (No audible response given.)

18 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Thank you for getting that  
19 rolling.

20 MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. You're welcome, and  
21 Sandy, appreciate the clarification. The only  
22 other thing I wanted to do, because I don't  
23 think we've done it formally, is recognize your  
24 new attorney, Joe West.

25 Joe, is this a -- we hope a permanent  
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1 assignment for you?

2 MR. WEST: As far as I know, it is.

3 MR. GRIFFIN: We appreciate having you here,  
4 and look forward to working with you.

5 MR. WEST: Look forward to working with  
6 y'all as well.

7 MR. TOLLETTE: Has Ed approved him?

8 MR. GRIFFIN: Pardon?

9 MR. TOLLETTE: Has Ed Appler approved him?

10 MR. GRIFFIN: You know, I don't know that.  
11 We'll have to find that out.

12 MR. TOLLETTE: Has Ed met him?

13 MR. GRIFFIN: So you've got one more hurdle  
14 to clear, before you're official.

15 MR. WEST: All right.

16 MR. GRIFFIN: Thank you. Did we announce  
17 the next meeting date to you guys?

18 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: It's on the agenda here.

19 MR. GRIFFIN: Good deal.

20 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: December 10th. And I will

21 --

22 MR. GRIFFIN: We'll be getting more  
23 information out to you. That's the meeting  
24 that we will do some appreciation things for  
25 the Board, so we'll let you know the schedule

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1 and all of that as we get closer.

2 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: Well, thanks to AETN. I'll  
3 be home recovering from a knee replacement. I  
4 can watch y'all next time.

5 MR. ALTOM: If we have a quorum.

6 CHAIRMAN FLYNN: If we have a quorum. We  
7 are adjourned.

8 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings were concluded  
9 in this matter at 3:38 p.m.)

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