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THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MR. DAVID GRIFFIN, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
MS. SHIRLEY PRESTON, LICENSING SPECIALIST
MR. CHARLES ARNOLD, LICENSING SPECIALIST
MS. PATTY GLANTON, LICENSING SPECIALIST
MS. RACHEL CARLTON, LICENSING SPECIALIST
MS. SUSAN FANCHER, LICENSING SPECIALIST
MS. CHARLOTTE GALUSHA, LICENSING SPECIALIST
MS. DARLA THOMPSON, LICENSING SPECIALIST
MS. LAKESHA WHITE, LICENSING SPECIALIST
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MS. SKYE MARTIN, ATTORNEY FOR DHS
MS. JULIE CHAVIS, ATTORNEY FOR THE BOARD

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

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

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

MS. CHAVIS: That's fine.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

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

MR. ALTOM: I have no changes.

MR. TOLLETTE: I'll second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.
BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

MS. GLANTON: Good afternoon, Patty Glanton.

Item no. 1, DCFS is requesting special consideration to allow six children placed in a home. This is in order to keep siblings together. It's Regulation P211.5, and I have Casey Tolbert here, the resource worker for the home. This is child specific and time limited for two years.

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

MS. GLANTON: Correct.

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

MS. FOTI: I'll second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same. DCFS abstains.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

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

MR. ALTOM: Second.

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

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries.

MS. GLANTON: Item no. 3, this is also Arkansas
Baptist Children's Homes. I also have Lynn from Arkansas Baptist here to answer any questions. They're asking special consideration for Regulation P211.6, that the -- shall not have more than two children under the age of two. This is in order to -- because of twins that will be turning age two in November. This is child specific and time limited until November 9th of this year.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion. Is there a second?

MS. DOHERTY: Second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries.

MS. CARLTON: Item no. 4. I'm Rachel Carlton. This is -- Youth Bridge is requesting a placement license for a therapeutic foster care to provide foster homes in Northwest Arkansas for children in DCFS custody. A request for a placement license was
received on April 1, 2019. At that time, a licensing study began and was completed on May 1, 2019. Through information obtained through discussions with staff and review of policy, procedures, and forms, the agency has demonstrated the ability to comply with minimum licensing standards. Youth Bridge meets the requirements to support the request for a placement license. Placement and Residential Licensing Unit supports the request and recommends a provisional placement license for a one-year period to provide therapeutic foster care be granted. This is Dr. Michael Flowers and Darrell Rhoda.

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

MS. FOTI: I'll second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

MR. RHODA: Thank you.
MS. CARLTON: This is Item no. 5, Rachel Carlton.

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

MS. CARLTON: Sure.

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

MS. CARLTON: There are a lot.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Here we are. Okay.

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

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

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

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

MR. ALTOM: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any discussion?
BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries, and DCFS abstains.

Remind me when I forget to say that.

MS. DOHERTY: I will.

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: I'll second.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is she in DCFS custody?

MS. FANCHER: She is.

MR. CHAIRMAN: She is, okay.

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

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

MS. PERKINS: Yes.

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: So you have a transitional program?

MS. PERKINS: The -- we're kind of developing it
for her since she's the only one that we're doing this with.

    MR. ALTOM: So it'd be in her treatment plan?
    MS. PERKINS: Yes.

    MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. I noticed she -- yes --
    MS. PRESTON: I was just going to help the Board to understand it. They currently have an emergency license and a residential license. So typically, that child would move over into the residential program. However, due to some funding issues with contract, they're not able to put kids into the residential program, so they're extending their emergency program but applying the residential standards where there would be more involved case planning and different services.

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

    MR. CHAIRMAN: So the plan then is that she stay in the program, continue working at her job, saving money.
    MS. PERKINS: Yes.

    MR. CHAIRMAN: And perhaps go on to college or something.
    MS. PERKINS: Yes.
MR. CHAIRMAN: And that's all handled by your case management folks.

MS. PERKINS: Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

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

MS. FANCHER: Yes.

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

MS. PRESTON: That is correct.

MR. WHATLEY: -- more stringent guidelines.

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Okay.

MR. ALTOM: I would, too.

MS. PRESTON: And we are working to address the issue in coordination with DCFS and our agencies. We
just have not come up with a solution that will allow those kids to remain in those placements and still meet the requirements.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: There was a motion, yes.

MR. TOLLETTE: I second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

MS. FANCHER: Item no. 8 is also a request by Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter for a special consideration for Standard 201.11 for two male siblings, ages 11 and 16, to remain in their emergency program past the 90 days. The request is time limited to June 30, 2019. This request would allow for the children to complete their school year and also remain close in the area with their family. The agency and DCFS feels this placement is in the best interest of the children to remain with Northwest Arkansas
Children's Shelter to complete their current school year and remain close to visit with family, including the children's father, although these children will remain in the emergency placement program, the agency has agreed to meet all the requirements of the regular residential program. This special consideration request is time limited and will expire on June 30, 2019. The Placement and Residential Licensing Unit is in support of this request. Again, this is Sadie Perkins, Case Manager with Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter.

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

MR. WHATLEY: I'll second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: (Inaudible) in DCFS custody, but
it wasn't DCFS making the request.

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

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

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

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

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

MS. BAKER: 16 and 13.

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

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

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

MR. ALTOM: I second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: DCFS abstains.

MS. GALUSHA: Thank you.

MS. CARLTON: I'm Rachel Carlton. This is Item 10. DCFS is requesting special consideration to allow three people in a bedroom that measures 137 square feet. The occupants of this room would be the foster mother, her 10-year-old special needs daughter, and her 8-month-old nephew. This is the best sleeping arrangement for this family, and it is in the best interest of the child to be close to his foster
mother, who is his aunt, so he can have his needs attended to quickly. This is the largest bedroom in the home. The two other bedrooms are occupied by the foster mother's 16 and 19-year-old daughters, and neither of these rooms measure large enough for two occupants. Temporary approval was granted by Shirley Preston on 4/12/19. PRLU supports this request as it is child specific and in the best interest of the child. With me is Kale Eaton with DCFS to answer any questions.

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

MS. FOTI: I second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

MS. FANCHER: For Item 11, DCFS is requesting special consideration for 209.7 in the same home to allow opposite gender children to share a room. The occupants of the room would be the foster mother, her
10-year-old special needs daughter, and the 8-month-old nephew. This is the best sleeping arrangement for this family and is in the best interest of the child to be close to his who is his aunt. The home was visited on April 29th and was in good standing with licensing regulations.

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

MR. ALTOM: Second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

MS. CARLTON: Okay, this is Item no. 12. DCFS is requesting special consideration for 211.5, "Foster homes shall not have more than five foster children in care. A foster home shall not have more than eight children in their home including their own children. This includes placement or respite care." Licensing visited this home on April 29, 2019, and found adequate sleeping arrangements and a clean and tidy
very spacious home. The foster parents have two children of their own, a five-year-old daughter and a six-year-old son, and are prepared for a sibling group of seven to join their home. With their own children, this totals nine children in the home. There are three bedrooms downstairs for the children and a loft space upstairs. This request is child specific and in the best interest of the children to keep the sibling group together. A temporary approval was granted by Shirley Preston on April 19, 2019. PRLU supports this request and this is Vickie Robinson if you have any questions.

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

MS. CARLTON: That's correct.

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

MS. CARLTON: That is correct.

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

MS. ROBINSON: No, five and six.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry?

MS. ROBINSON: Five and six.

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

MR. WHATLEY: So there's nine in the home, correct?
MS. CARLTON: That's correct.

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

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

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

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

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

MS. CARLTON: Right.

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

MS. CARLTON: No, they are not.
MR. TOLLETTE:  I'd like to see these angels.

MS. CARLTON:  I had a picture

MR. TOLLETTE:  (Inaudible)

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

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

MS. CARLTON:  Right.

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

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

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

MS. ROBINSON:  That's correct.

MS. DOHERTY:  Long summer.

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

MS. ROBINSON:  Absolutely.

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

    MR. TOLLETTE: Okay. (Inaudible)

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

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

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

    MR. ALTOM: I second.

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

Any discussion?

    BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

    BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

    MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

    MS. DOHERTY: I abstain.

    MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

    MS. CARLTON: Thank you.

    MS. THOMPSON: Hi. I'm Darla Thompson with
Placement and Residential Licensing Unit, and I'm here
with Counseling and Education Center, Incorporation
requesting a special consideration for a therapeutic
foster home to P311.6. The Standard states that, "One
therapeutic foster home shall not exceed two children
except for a sibling group." And in that case, it's
the maximum limit is three. Counseling and Education Center is requesting the placement of a 13-year-old non-related therapeutic foster home male in the home with the foster parent who currently has a 13-year-old therapeutic foster child, male and a 14-year-old therapeutic foster child, female in the home. DCFS and Counseling Education Center feels that the TFC home will be the most appropriate to meet the mental health and behavioral health needs for the child. This will be child specific and time limited until May 31, of 2021. Placement and Residential Licensing completed a home visit on 1/15/19 with no violations noted, and Placement and Residential Licensing Unit supports the request. And I have Mr. Solomon with Counseling and Education Center here in case you have any questions.

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: With this setting?
MR. SOLOMON: Yes.

MR. TOLLETTE: Okay, versus the other setting?

MR. SOLOMON: Right, right.

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

MR. WHATLEY: I'll second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

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

MR. ALTOM: Is this a new facility?

MS. JONES: It is.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, it looks new.

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

MR. ALTOM: Congratulations.

MS. JONES: Thank you so much.

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

MR. WHATLEY: And I'll second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. Congratulations.

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

MS. WHITE: Item no. 16. I'm Lakesha White, Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I'm here today regarding a special consideration. DCFS is requesting a special consideration for Regulation 209.2 which state, "Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant." DCFS is
requesting this special consideration to allow three boys, ages 14, 11, and 4 to share a room that is 129 square feet, which is 21 square feet less than the 150 needed for three people. DCFS would like to place the three boys in this bedroom to allow Ms. B's son and daughter-in-law to move into the home to help her care for her great-grandchildren that came into care in November of 2018. Placing the children in this home will also help them continue to bond with their grandmother, aunt, and uncle. This special consideration is child specific to the children listed. PRLU granted a temporary approval on 3/12 of '19. PRLU completed a monitor visit on 3/20 of '19. PRLU supports this request. I have Jennifer Watkins with DCFS if you have any additional questions.

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

MR. TOLLETTE: I second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.
MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Which one?

MS. WHITE: Excuse me?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Did you say 17?

MS. WHITE: 17.

MS. PRESTON: Item 15 was postponed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Right, okay.

MS. WHITE: Lakesha White, Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I'm here today regarding a special consideration from DCFS. DCFS is requesting a special consideration for regulation 209.10 which states, "Foster Children except infants under the age of two years shall not share a sleeping room with adults. This age would increase to age 4 for grandparents of a child and a teen parent in foster care with her child." DCFS is requesting this special consideration to allow 14-year-old Cheyenne to share a room with her maternal grandmother. The bedroom that the two will share measures 153 square feet. Cheyenne will sleep in the twin bed, and her grandmother will sleep in her own bed. The family have cleared the necessary background checks and participated in in-home consultation to open as a provisional foster home. The benefits of placing these children in this
home is that they will be placed with family. They will also be able to maintain in their same school district and participate in school activities. A temporary approval was granted on 4/8 of '19. A monitored visit was completed on 4/25/19. This request is child specific and will expire on 5/30 of 2021. PRLU supports this request, and I have Jennifer Watkins with DCFS if you have any additional questions.

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

MR. ALTOM: I second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

MS. WHITE: Item no. 18. Lakesha White, Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I'm here today regarding a special consideration for DCFS. DCFS is requesting a special consideration for Regulation 209.2 which states, "Each bedroom shall
have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant." DCFS is requesting this special consideration to allow a sibling group of three boys, ages 2, 6, and 10 to share a room that is 105 square feet, which is 45 square feet less than the 150 needed for three people. DCFS would like to place the children in this home to allow them to maintain their sibling bond. This special consideration is child specific to the children listed. PRLU granted a temporary approval on 4/9 of '19. PRLU completed a home visit on 4/16 of '19, and the bedroom consists of a set of bunk beds and a crib. PRLU supports this request. Jennifer Watkins with DCFS if you have any additional questions.

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

MS. FOTI: I'll second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second.

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

MS. WATKINS: They're nice people.

MR. TOLLETTE: Pretty good place?

MS. WATKINS: Uh-huh, yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion?

MR. TOLLETTE: No, sir, Mr. Chair.
MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor signify by saying, aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

MS. WHITE: Okay, Item no. 19. Lakesha White, Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. DCFS is requesting a special consideration for Regulation 209.1 which states, "Each household occupant shall have a bedroom that provides privacy." DCFS is requesting this special consideration to allow G.B.'s four grandchildren to be placed in her home. G.B. currently resides in a three-bedroom home. G.B. is willing to allow her grandchildren to occupy the bedroom and she will sleep on the couch. G.B. stated she prefers to sleep on the couch since her husband passed away. G.B. has been cleared of all background checks and participated in in-home consultation to be open as a provisional foster home. The benefits of placing the children in this home is that they will be placed with a relative. The children will also be placed together to continue their sibling bond. PRLU granted a temporary request on 4/9 of '19. A monitor visit was completed on 4/25 of '19. The request is
child specific and will expire on 5/30 of '21. PRLU supports this request. Jennifer Watkins with DCFS if you have additional questions.

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Have you seen the couch?

MS. WATKINS: I have.

MR. TOLLETTE: Is it a nice couch?

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

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

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

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, sir, well, I think I need to make a motion to accept the request, Mr. Chair, if I may.
MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes. And there's a second to that, right.

MR. WHATLEY: I'll second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries and DCFS abstains.

MS. WATKINS: Thank you.

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

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

MS. HILL: Yes, sir.

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

MS. HILL: No, ma'am.

MR. ALTOM: Or sexual abuse?

MS. HILL: No.

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

MS. FOTI: I'll second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

MS. ROUSE: Thank you.

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

MS. WHITE: Item no. 23. Lakesha White, Placement and Residential Licensing Unit here today
regarding -- DCFS is requesting a special consideration for Regulation 209.2 which states, "Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant." DCFS is requesting this special consideration to allow a sibling group of three girls. Ages 5, 8, and 9 to share a room that is 129 square feet, which is 21 square feet less than the 150 needed for three people. DCFS would like to place the children in this home to allow a sibling group to be reunited. Placing the children in this home is also in the best interest of the children. This special consideration is child specific to the children listed. PRLU granted a temporary approval on 3/27 of '19. PRLU completed a monitor visit on -- that's a typo -- 3/12 of '19. PRLU supports this request. Patricia Herring with DCFS is here if you have any additional questions.

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

MR. TOLLETTE: I'll second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Good.

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

MS. WHITE: Yes, God bless them.

MR. TOLLETTE: I've got daughters.

MS. WHITE: Item no. 24. Lakesha White, Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I'm here regarding DCFS is requesting a special consideration for Regulation 209.2 which states "Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant." DCFS is requesting this special consideration to allow three girls, ages 9, 14, and 16 to share a room that is 116 square feet, which is 34 square feet less than the 150 square feet needed for three people. DCFS would like to place the children in this home to allow them to be placed together with family and maintain their sibling bond. The girls would also be able to stay in their same school district and participate in school activities. PRLU
granted a temporary approval on 4/11/19. A monitor visit was completed on 4/26 of '19. PRLU supports this request. Jennifer Watkins with DCFS is here if you have any additional questions.

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

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

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

MS. WATKINS: Okay.

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

MS. WATKINS: To him, okay.

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there bunk beds?

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

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

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

MS. WHITE: There's four children. There's three girls and a boy.
MR. ALTOM: Okay, so there's a boy's bedroom and then the girls' bedroom obviously.

MS. WATKINS: Yes.

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

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

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Okay.

MS. PRESTON: Only the home management.

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Yeah, it may be out of the ball park, but I -- for me, it would be -- if we're doing this for them to maintain a continuity, then in some way, if they're doing good academically, they're
getting along, then it's wholesome in some ways, if that makes sense. So I was just kind of curious about that.

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

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

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

   MS. WATKINS: They are 18 and 13.

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

   MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.

   MR. TOLLETTE: And you visited the home?

   MS. WHITE: I did.

   MR. TOLLETTE: And you stand on it?

   MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.

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

   MR. ALTOM: I second.

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

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

   MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, we did cautiously.
MR. TOLLETTE: This was cautiously done. I agree with what the (Inaudible) was.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, so any further discussion?

MR. TOLLETTE: No, sir.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

MS. WATKINS: Thank you.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Back to the end, okay.

MS. DOHERTY: She's 15 miles away.

MS. PRESTON: Oh, someone's here for her, okay. Then never mind. Someone -- another --

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are we on 25 now?

MS. PRESTON: Yes, we are on 25.

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

MS. DOHERTY: Actually, now she's behind another
second wreck, and she's 15 miles from here now. She's having a hard time getting here.

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

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

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

MS. HERRING: I'm not sure if they're cousins. I'm going to assume they're -- I think they're
brothers, aren't they? I'm not totally sure about that. The county that these children are in is Mississippi County, so it's a poor county. So I -- Tarsha, who's in traffic, actually got this case. I used to be the case manager for Mississippi County, so I can just talk in general. Well, I have a lot of grandparents that are stepping up and taking my babies out of Mississippi County and a lot of them just aren't financially as, you know, they don't have the money. And so they're still willing to take these kids, and that's kind of what we have here, a grandma who was willing to take the children but just don't have the space, so.

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

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

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: I came from Lowell, Arkansas. I
understand. I ran barefoot down the dirt roads, so.
Let me ask you this -- oh, go ahead. Go ahead.

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

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

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

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Right, three.

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

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

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

MS. HERRING: I have.

MR. TOLLETTE: A lot of love?

MS. HERRING: Yes.

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

MR. ALTOM: I'll second.
MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second. Any further discussion?

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

MS. HERRING: Thank you.

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

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

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

MR. WATSON: Doing very well, no problems at all. He adjusted to the ranch very well, and he's just a playful two-year-old. And the other thing is, is that while Mom was incarcerated, we were taking him twice a month to West Memphis for those visits. She's currently in a place called Cornerstone. It's in Newport, and we went to Cornerstone, looked around, asked a lot of questions to make sure that this was a
good next step for Mom. We were confident that that was a good next step for Mom, so their social worker person is working with our social worker. We're working together to try to unite this family, and this child gets visits with Mom while at Cornerstone. She's in the first phase right now, so there's no overnight visits, but what will happen when this child enters -- or excuse me, when Mom enters the second phase is, is that he will be able to go periodically and stay the weekend with Mom.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Cornerstone is a transitional program?

MR. WATSON: It is, yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

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

MR. WATSON: No dad in the picture.

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

MR. WATSON: You know, I wish I had the answer to that but it may be -- I mean, she may be there for a year. I don't know. But we at least wanted to ask for six months because we know -- we know it's going to take her at least six months. But I may have to come back to you guys and ask for a longer time, but if I do, it is because this is a successful thing that
is continuing. And it was out desire that once they're reunited that that's it, that they're together from now on and he's not needing to come back to us in the future.

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

MR. WATSON: That is absolutely --

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

MR. WATSON: Yes, yes.

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: How do we do that?

MS. CHAVIS: Amend it.

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

MS. CHAVIS: They can amend their request.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So are you amending your request?

MR. WATSON: I am amending the request.

MR. CHAIRMAN: To 12 months?

MR. WATSON: Yes, sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, we have an amended request
to 12 months.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Huh?

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, sir.

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

MR. WHATLEY: Second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries for 12 months.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, we're good.
MR. WATSON: -- the little kiddo indefinitely, so anyway.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We're good.

MR. WATSON: Thank y'all so much.

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

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

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

MR. WHATLEY: Got you.

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

MS. FOTI: I'll second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion and a second has been made.
Any further discussion?

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries.

MR. ALTOM: I abstain.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And Andy abstains.

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: And I second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.
BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And Mr. Altom abstains.

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

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

MS. DOHERTY: I'll second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Andy you abstain. Motion Carries.

MR. ARNOLD: Mr. Chairman, I'm Charles Arnold with the Licensing Unit. I'm here with Ms. Beth Stevens from Counseling Associates, and they are requesting a special consideration to Standard number
311.6, that the number of children in a therapeutic foster home shall not exceed two except in the case of a sibling group. In that case, a maximum of three. And then that there'll be no more than five total in the home. Counseling Associates is requesting to have a total of six children in this particular therapeutic foster home of Mark and Lacey. They have four children of their own and two therapeutic children placed in the home already. And they are requesting -- excuse me, they have one therapeutic child placed already, and they're asking for her sister to be added to this home to make a total number of six in the home. This is time limited to 3/31 of 2021 -- excuse me, 5/31 of 2021. A temporary approval was given in February of 2019, and the Placement and Residential Licensing Unit supports this request.

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

MR. TOLLETTE: I second.

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

MS. STEVENS: 10 and 11.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 10 and 11, okay.
MS. STEVENS: They are girls.
MR. CHAIRMAN: Male, female?
MS. STEVENS: Both girls. Both girls, and they share a room.
MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We've got a motion and a second. Any further discussion?
BOARD MEMBERS: No response.
MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor signify by saying, aye.
BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.
BOARD MEMBERS: No response.
MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. Thank you.
MR. ARNOLD: Mr. Chairman, Charles Arnold again. This is Item no. 31 on the agenda. I'm here with Ms. Theresa Hamilton from Community Services, and they are requesting a special consideration to Standard 309.10, "Foster children except infants under the age of two years old shall not share a sleeping room with adults. This age would increase to age 4 for grandparents or a teen parent with her child." Community Services is requesting this special consideration to allow the child who is now two years old to stay in the master bedroom. He was born on 3/2 of '17 and just turned two. He is a non-therapeutic child placed in this
home with his brother that is there for therapeutic placement. This request is due to the possibility of aggression towards his little brother, and this will allow the siblings to stay together but, also, protect the smaller of the children. A temporary approval was given on 3/15 of '19. This is a child specific request and is time limited to May 31st of 2021. The Placement Unit supports this request.

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

MR. WHATLEY: Second.

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

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

MS. HAMILTON: He just turned 4 in April.

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

MS. HAMILTON: He turned 2 in March.

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: So how many hours, would you say, he gets of, you know, counseling for aggression?
MS. HAMILTON: He's probably -- he is seen at least three times a week right now.

MR. TOLLETTE: Three times a week.

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

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries.

MS. HAMILTON: Thank you.

MS. ROUSE: Good afternoon. Shannon Rouse, Placement and Residential Licensing Unit with Item no. 32. Arbor House has been inactive since 2011. They've requested in writing for the TFC placement license to remain open. PRLU recommends the agency's TFC license be granted to remain open until June 30,
2020.

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

MR. JACKSON: No.

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

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: I second.

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

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

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

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

MR. JACKSON: Correct. And they do already.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. ALTOM: How can it not be active?

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

MR. TOLLETTE: I just got confused.

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

MR. TOLLETTE: So my second was to go to approve the license?
MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, to keep it open.

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

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

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

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is an educational meeting.

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

MR. JACKSON: Yes, yes.

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

MR. JACKSON: For residential I do.

MR. TOLLETTE: Okay, for residential.

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

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

MR. JACKSON: for residential.

MR. TOLLETTE: They're on the payroll?

MR. JACKSON: Yes, yes, sir.
MS. PRESTON: The agency could not accept a therapeutic placement at this time.

MR. ALTOM: Because they have no homes.

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Okay.

MS. PRESTON: Due to no activity.

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

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

MR. JACKSON: We did in the beginning.

MR. ALTOM: Okay, yes. But then they're like we are. We don't have a currently have a TFC program, but we perceive maybe further down the road that we would want to. That would be why we would request to keep it open. But my question is, though, they had to have something that we looked at, that Licensing looked at, right?
MS. PRESTON: They had policies and procedures, and they had staff in place at the time.

MR. WHATLEY: They would have had financial --

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

MS. PRESTON: Staff for TFC.

MS. DOHERTY: Okay. Like parents.

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

MS. DOHERTY: Therapeutic foster home.

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

MS. DOHERTY: Not a house with parents.

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

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

MS. PRESTON: Yes.

MR. WHATLEY: Okay.

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

MR. TOLLETTE: And I'm going to let you know, this is not personal.
MR. JACKSON: Sure. Sure, absolutely.

MR. TOLLETTE: This is us trying to --

MR. JACKSON: I totally understand.

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

MR. JACKSON: I totally understand.

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Comments, ma'am?

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

MR. ALTOM: There's no review of it other than
they have to submit in writing every year --

MS. CHAVIS: Correct.

MR. ALTOM: -- to keep it open.

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

MR. ALTOM: No.

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh, okay.

MR. ALTOM: Yeah.

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Make a motion.

MR. TOLLETTE: No, I think Andy did.

MR. ALTOM: I made the motion.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh.

MR. TOLLETTE: Are you good with your motion,
Andy?

MR. ALTOM: Yeah, yeah.

MR. TOLLETTE: Okay, I still second then.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. Thank you, sir. I'm sorry to --

MR. JACKSON: Thank you, appreciate it.

MR. TOLLETTE: Congratulations.

MR. JACKSON: Thank you, sir.

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

MR. WHATLEY: I'll tackle this difficult one and
make a motion to approve the request.

MS. DOHERTY: I'll second it.

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

Any discussion? I have some. So Marion is still the social services director?

MS. HUDSON: Yes.

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor say, aye.

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Adoption.

MR. TOLLETTE: Adoption?

MS. HUDSON: We do international adoptions.

MR. TOLLETTE: Okay.

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So is there a motion?

MS. DOHERTY: We already did.
MR. WHATLEY: Yeah, I made the motion.

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

MS. DOHERTY: I seconded.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. Thank you.

MS. HUDSON: Thank you.

MR. ARNOLD: Mr. Chairman, this is Item no. 34 on the agenda. My name is Charles Arnold with the Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. I am here with Caitlyn Brown from Searcy Children's Homes. Searcy Children's Homes is requesting special consideration for Standard 212.3, that "Each foster parent shall maintain a current certificate of successful completion of hands-on skilled based CPR First Aid Training." Searcy Children's Home is requesting this special consideration due to Brian, the foster parent, foster dad, not being able to
complete this CPR and First Aid Training due to his physical condition. The children are not being left alone with him according to the safety plan that is in place, and this is requested child specific to the children currently placed in this home. A temporary approval was granted on 4/22 of '19, and the Placement and Residential Licensing Unit supports this request.

 MR. CHAIRMAN: What is the physical condition?

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

 MR. CHAIRMAN: So his wife does have CPR?

 MS. BROWN: Uh-huh.

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

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

 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

 MR. WHATLEY: I'll make a motion to approve the
request. I believe it meets the intent of regulations if somebody's there with proper training.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Uh-huh, yeah.

MR. ALTOM: I'll second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. Thank you.

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

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

MS. FOTI: I'll second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries.

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

MS. GALUSHA: I'm Charlotte Galusha, Placement and Residential Licensing. DCFS is requesting a special consideration for Regulation 211.6, that "Foster homes shall not have more than two children under the age of two including the foster parents' own children." And DCFS had previously placed a set of twins. They're male and female twins, and they are 1-year-old, into the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Since then, they have also now placed the infant sister to the twins into this same home. The home has adequate space. DCFS feels that the H. home is the best placement for the children. A temporary request was granted on 4/18/19. The request is specific to the children currently placed and will expire on 4/18/2020 when the twins turn two years old. And the Licensing
unit supports this request. Marla Isaac from DCFS is here with me in case you have any questions.

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

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

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

MS. ISAAC: Huh-uh.

MR. CHAIRMAN: -- of anything?

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

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

MR. TOLLETTE: And I'll second it.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.
MR. CHAIRMAN: If none, all in favor signify by saying, aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries. DCFS abstains.

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

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

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

MR. GAMMON: Yeah.

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

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

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

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

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

MS. FOTI: I have a question.

MR. GAMMON: Yes, ma'am.

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

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

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

MR. WHATLEY: Second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.
MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion Carries.

MR. ALTOM: I abstain.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And Andy Altom abstains.

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

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

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

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

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

MS. REED: Yes.

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

MS. REED: Interestingly, they said they only consider themselves a gateway, so --
MR. ALTOM: So do those beds still go into the count?

MS. REED: Right.

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

MS. REED: I don't know.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

MS. FOTI: I abstain.

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

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

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

MS. FANCHER: Susan Fancher with the Placement and Residential Licensing Unit. Item no. 39 is a request from Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranches. Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranches is requesting an alternative compliance for Standard 509.4 to utilize their large event center and Chapel for other activities since these buildings are not currently being utilized for the residential program. PRLU is not in support of this agency's request. PRLU management in consultation with the legal counsel reached the decision after determining that the
request is not in the best interest of children served by the agency. The request is not related to the practice or action that pertains to the program mission or care of residents. Here with me today is Chief Operating Officer Philip Ives to answer any questions that you might have.

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

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

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

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

MS. CHAVIS: You can waive.

MR. ALTOM: Well, no, I'm saying our -- the way I
read that regulation shouldn't apply to what they're asking for.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I mean, a facility --

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, what --

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

MS. CHAVIS: Then you say no.

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

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

MR. ALTOM: But I'm saying the regulation shouldn't even apply to these guys the way they're -- why are they even here? I mean, that --
MS. CHAVIS: So you don't think they should be here at all?

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

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

MR. ALTOM: Then we've expanded the definition --
MR. CHAIRMAN: Of a facility.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: So now a facility is acreage.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah.

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

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

MR. ALTOM: So that means --

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

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

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

MR. ALTOM: So you're saying that I could take a
bed and go put it in a gymnasium and it wouldn't matter to you.

MS. PRESTON: It would matter to us.

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

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

MS. DOHERTY: It wasn't a Chapel.

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

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

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

MR. ALTOM: Right.

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

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

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

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

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

MR. ALTOM: Yes.

MS. CHAVIS: -- because --

MR. ALTOM: I'm saying we applied the standard
too strictly to this organization.

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

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

MR. IVES: These are the children's houses, and up here is the event center. It's several miles even
straight. It's even longer to go through the --

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

MR. IVES: Right.

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, do what you do.

MS. DOHERTY: -- until that, yeah.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Right.

MR. ALTOM: I agree. I just don't -- I'm not ready to say -- I don't want to be up here asking for
a waiver, either. I'll be honest with you. And when I read this, I thought oh, my gosh. To me, this looks -- I'd interpret this to be pretty far reaching. And these are minimum licensing standards, and in light of the fact that congregate for providers like us and them, where there's pressure not to do congregate care and this is a means for you to be able to supplement operations to be able to keep doing your mission, I just think today's society this is going to be more the norm for providers like this that do have campuses.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah.

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

    MS. DOHERTY: Yes.

    MR. CHAIRMAN: Uh-huh.

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

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

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

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

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

    MS. FULTON: This is important to us.

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

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

    MR. TOLLETTE: I believe that.

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

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

    MS. PRESTON: Yes.
MR. IVES: Correct. We were told by Licensing that we could not rent out vacant buildings.

MR. TOLLETTE: Yeah.

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

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

MR. IVES: Yeah, because we -

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Yeah.

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

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

MR. IVES: Well, that's okay.

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

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nice meeting you guys. See you later. We've got other items on the agenda.
MR. IVES: Okay. Thank you all.

MR. ALTOM: And you can have your weddings.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, that was interesting.

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

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

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

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

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

(A short break was taken)

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: The first name again, how do you
MS. PATRICIA: Patricia.

MR. TOLLETTE: Patricia?

MS. PATRICIA: Yes.

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

MS. PATRICIA: Yes, it is.

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

MS. PATRICIA: Yes, I am.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You still have dogs?

MS. PATRICIA: Dogs?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Dogs.

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Have you been to the house?

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

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

MS. WATKINS: I am.

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

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

MS. PATRICIA: There should be.

MS. WATKINS: If not --

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

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

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Okay.

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Is he clean now?

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Twenty-two grandchildren?

MS. CHAVIS: Twenty-three.

MR. TOLLETTE: Twenty-three?

MS. CHAVIS: Twenty-three natural grandchildren.

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

MS. WATKINS: Yes, and she was negative.

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

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Well, you can add one more to the
number. You know, Mr. Chairman, I'm waiting on the other Board members to read --

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, sir.

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Right.

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

MR. ALTOM: I make a motion the request.

MR. TOLLETTE: Second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.
BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

MS. PATRICIA: Thank you.

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

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

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

MS. CARTER: Two. Two girls.

MR. TOLLETTE: Two girls.

MS. CARTER: Yes.

MR. TOLLETTE: Age?

MS. CARTER: Their ages are 3 and 4.

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

MS. CARTER: Yes.

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

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

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

MR. STEVIE: I did.

MS. CHAVIS: Okay.

MR. STEVIE: It was expunged --

MS. CHAVIS: Okay.

MR. STEVIE: -- several years ago.

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

MR. STEVIE: Which one, sir?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The felony.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. And that was when?


MR. STEVIE: '88.

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

MR. WHATLEY: But that's been expunged, correct?
MS. DOHERTY: It's been sealed. It has not been expunged. It's been sealed. I think the -- I mean, that's one because it is a felony, but even though it's a misdemeanor and it was older, it was a battery charge that still has to come before the Board. It was battery on a neighbor's child.

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

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

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

MR. STEVIE: Baby kids.

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

MR. STEVIE: My girls were babies then.

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

MR. STEVIE: They did, yes.

MR. TOLLETTE: That you just bought.

MR. STEVIE: Yes.

MR. TOLLETTE: And it ticked you off.

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

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

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

MR. STEVIE: Knocking on the windows --

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

MR. STEVIE: After dark.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. STEVIE: Right, right.

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

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

MS. CHAVIS: Yes.

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

MR. ALTOM: I'll second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

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

MR. STEVIE: Thank you, sir. Y'all have a good evening.
MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, sir.

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

MS. NORRIS: Hi. I'm Janet Norris, Supervisor here in Pulaski County for Children and Family Services. I have Tawanna Nelson. She's the case worker. I have Jolanda Terry. She's the person that we're presenting. Ms. Jolanda approached the agency about December 2018 with an interest to be considered for her great nephews. So there's a provisional referral made. These two little fellows are in foster care. Ms. Terry has basically just been right in DHS office doing everything we have asked her to do. In early '90's, she was committed to Arkansas Department of Correction for about five years. She got out in '97. There was a charge of theft of property. When we started addressing this, Ms. Terry herself made numerous trips to Pulaski County Little Rock Police to get this taken care of, and you will see in there she has paid her fines. Everything is clear. Since that time, Ms. Terry, on her own, she's -- before we go to court, we would have to get a clearance anyway -- the judge has to give an okay for the placement, but in anticipation that she'll get the boys, she has purchased beds for the two little boys. Her apartment
is beautiful. Y'all see pictures in the back there. She paid her own drug test because she is in dialysis, she was up front and she paid for that herself. She did not ask DHS to reimburse her or anything. So for that reason and all this, we ask that the Board consider Ms. Terry and --

MR. TOLLETTE: For her grandchildren.

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

MS. NORRIS: Ten and nine.

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Do you live in Little Rock?

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

MR. TOLLETTE: College Station?

MS. TERRY: Uh-huh.

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

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

MS. NORRIS: '97.

MS. TERRY: It was in '97.

MR. TOLLETTE: '97.

MS. TERRY: Uh-huh.

MR. ALTOM: Well, I'm impressed with the pictures
in the back, and I don't read these criminal -- some of these criminal reports as well as others do, but I can tell you that if '97 was the last time you were in trouble, and all the stuff that they say you've done so far to take care of your family, I'd be proud to make a motion to accept your request.

MR. WHATLEY: And I will to second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All opposed the same.

BOARD MEMBERS: No response.

MR. CHAIRMAN: DCFS abstains. Motion Carries.

Thank you, ma'am.

MR. TOLLETTE: Amen.

MS. TERRY: Thank you very much.

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

MS. PRESTON: There is a report we just handed out to you all, but it was mailed to you all, and they have all been resolved with the exception of Southwest Arkansas Mental Health Clinic. There were extenuating
circumstances that they couldn't appear today, so we
extended the temporary, and we expect it to expire
before the next Board meeting.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

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

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

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

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Has it always been that way?

MR. ALTOM: No, it didn't use to be that way.
MS. PRESTON: It didn't used to be that way. In the old days, it was not that way. Yeah, when we formed the new unit, it became that way. But it does present a lot of monitoring challenges. It will present issues of when we do go to a new computer system. There are some challenges that we just wanted to ask the Board's direction on that, you know. Now, there are some truly combined programs. They will have the emergency and residential --

MR. ALTOM: Right. That makes sense.

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Do you have idea --

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

MS. PRESTON: Yes.

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

MS. PRESTON: Yes.
MR. ALTOM: And so to me, it makes sense if you just issue the license or if you could transfer the license to a different building, like a different address or something.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MS. CHAVIS: What does the statue say?

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

MS. CHAVIS: It sounds like something you can probably do administratively then.
MS. PRESTON: And that's what we were thinking, that maybe it could be --

MS. CHAVIS: If the statute is silent --

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

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

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

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

MR. ALTOM: It wouldn't bother me.

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

MS. CHAVIS: You can.

MS. PRESTON: -- (Inaudible).

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

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

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

MR. WHATLEY: Since we combined them years ago at some point, whether that was by a Board action or
administratively, I don't know. I don't recall. I don't see why we --

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

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm thinking.

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

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

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

MS. PRESTON: Yes, per program.

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

MR. TOLLETTE: And that would be easier for
monitoring.

MS. PRESTON: Yes.

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

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

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

MS. DOHERTY: Yes.

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Huh?

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

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: I mean, the meetings are longer,
but so what, you know?

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

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

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

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Words were put in my mouth.

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

MS. DOHERTY: I was pretty impressed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, I --

MS. PRESTON: It really does take a lot because when there are that many, my system alone will not allow me to send very many at a time. And that's why you got them broken up. And sometimes, if I send
large ones as well, I know that Sanford's email will
kick back and say that it didn't take it and then I
just try and divide it up.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Right.

MR. TOLLETTE: So everybody liked it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: So proposed dates for this fall
are September 26th, which is a Thursday and December
10, which is a Tuesday. That's because this room is available?

MS. PRESTON: Yes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. All right. Well, let's tentatively, then, plan on these dates. Go ahead and
put it in the calendars --

MR. TOLLETTE: Yes, sir.

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

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

MS. PRESTON: We do have a vacancy.

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

MR. WHATLEY: Public at large.

MS. PRESTON: Public at large, yes.

MR. ALTOM: I tried to call Greg.

MR. WHATLEY: I talked to him.

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

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

MR. WHATLEY: Well, yes, he does.

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

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

MR. TOLLETTE: Is the meeting adjourned?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The meeting is adjourned.

THEREUPON, the Child Welfare Agency Review Board meeting was concluded at 3:30 p.m. on May 22, 2019.
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I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither counsel for, related to, nor employed by any of the parties to the action in which these proceedings were taken; and further, that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the parties hereto, nor financially interested, or otherwise, in the outcome of this action.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 22nd day of May, 2019.

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DAWN CRAWFORD
Certified Court Reporter #536
My Commission Expires: 05/15/23