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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals**

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent,

v.

Katie Booker and Jermaine Booker, Defendants,

Of whom Katie Booker is the Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2016-000696

Appeal From Greenville County
W. Marsh Robertson, Family Court Judge

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AFFIRMED

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Respondent.

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of Greenville, for the Guardian ad Litem.

PER CURIAM: Katie Booker appeals the family court's merits hearing order removing her three minor children. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-1660 (2010 & Supp. 2015). Upon a thorough review of the record and the family court's findings of facts and conclusions of law pursuant to *Ex parte Cauthen*, 291 S.C. 465, 354 S.E.2d 381 (1987), we find no meritorious issues that warrant briefing. *See also* *S.C. Dep't of Soc. Servs. v. Frederick Downer, Sr.*, S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated Feb. 2, 2005 ("[W]e expand the procedure set forth in *Cauthen* to situations . . . where an indigent person appeals from an order imposing other measures short of termination of parental rights, such as removal, based on child abuse and neglect."). Accordingly, we affirm the family court's ruling and relieve Booker's counsel.

AFFIRMED.¹

HUFF, KONDUROS, and GEATHERS, JJ., concur.

¹ We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.