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CITED OR RELIED ON AS PRECEDENT IN ANY PROCEEDING  
EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY RULE 268(d)(2), SCACR.**

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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,  
Respondent,

v.

Ericka James, Terrell Edwards, Anthony Dandy, Michael  
Martin, Danny Wofford, Shannon Shippy, Cecile  
Brannon, Eyvonne Lynch, Allen Lynch, and Cornelia  
Smith, Defendants,

Of whom Ericka James is the Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2020-000151

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Appeal From Spartanburg County  
Phillip K. Sinclair, Family Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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Greenville, for Appellant.

Robert C. Rhoden, III, of the South Carolina Department  
of Social Services, of Spartanburg, for Respondent.

Wendy Nicole Griffith, of Talley Law Firm, P.A., of  
Spartanburg, for the Guardians ad Litem.

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**PER CURIAM:** Ericka James appeals a permanency planning order concerning her minor children. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-1700 (Supp. 2019). Upon a thorough review of the record and the family court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to *Ex parte Cauthen*, 291 S.C. 465, 354 S.E.2d 381 (1987), we find no meritorious issues warrant briefing.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, we affirm the family court's ruling and relieve James's counsel.

**AFFIRMED.**<sup>2</sup>

**HUFF, WILLIAMS, and GEATHERS, JJ., concur.**

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<sup>1</sup> *See also* S.C. Dep't of Soc. Servs. v. Downer, S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated Feb. 2, 2005 (expanding the Cauthen procedure to situations when "an indigent person appeals from an order imposing other measures short of termination of parental rights").

<sup>2</sup> We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.