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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,  
Respondent,

v.

Kiera McClinton and "John Doe," Defendants,

Of whom Kiera McClinton is the Appellant.

In the interest of a minor under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2021-000222

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Appeal From Richland County  
Michelle M. Hurley, Family Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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Attorney at Law, of Greenville, for Appellant.

Scarlet Bell Moore, of Greenville, for Respondent.

Angela L. Kohel, of Richland County CASA, of  
Columbia, for the Guardian ad Litem.

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**PER CURIAM:** Kiera McClinton appeals the family court's final order terminating her parental rights to her minor child. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2020). 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. Accordingly, we affirm the family court's ruling and relieve McClinton's counsel.

**AFFIRMED.**<sup>1</sup>

**LOCKEMY, C.J., and WILLIAMS and MCDONALD, JJ., concur.**

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<sup>1</sup> We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.