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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.

Alicia Johnson, James Johnson, Bernard Val, Kevin  
Davis, and Aaron Jason Bailey, Defendants,

Of whom James Johnson is the Appellant

and

Alicia Johnson, Bernard Val, Kevin Davis, and Aaron  
Jason Bailey are Respondents.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2020-000455

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Appeal From Oconee County  
Karen F. Ballenger, Family Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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Thomas Harper Collins, of Harper Collins LLC, of Anderson, for Respondent Alicia Johnson.

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Kevin Davis, of Asbury Park, New Jersey, pro se.

Kimberly Welchel Pease, of Seneca, for the Guardian ad Litem.

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**PER CURIAM:** James Johnson appeals the family court's final order terminating his parental rights to his minor children. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (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. Accordingly, we affirm the family court's ruling and relieve Johnson's counsel.

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

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

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