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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.

Angel Higgins, Antonio Higgins, and Kevin Pierce,  
Defendants,

Of whom Angel Higgins is the Appellant.

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

Appellate Case No. 2022-000798

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Appeal From Beaufort County  
Douglas L. Novak, Family Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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Charleston, as Guardian ad Litem for Appellant.

William Evan Reynolds, of Kingtree, for Respondent.

Riley Augustus Bradham, of Bradham Law Firm, of Charleston, for the Guardian ad Litem for the minor child.

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**PER CURIAM:** Angel Higgins appeals the family court's final order terminating her parental rights to her minor child. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2022). 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 Higgins's counsel.

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

**GEATHERS, MCDONALD, and HILL, JJ., concur.**

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