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**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES,**

**Petitioner,
v.**

**CASE NO. 20-3810
RENDITION NO. DCF-20-251-FO**

LEAPIN LIZARDS ACADEMY, LLC,

Respondent.

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FINAL ORDER CLOSING FILE

THIS CAUSE is before me for entry of a final order. The Order Closing File and Relinquishing Jurisdiction, dated October 29, 2020, indicated Respondent's hearing request is deemed withdrawn. There are no further issues between the parties. This matter is closed.

DONE AND ORDERED in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 17th day of November, 2020.



Chad Poppell, Secretary

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION AND MAY BE APPEALED BY A PARTY PUSUANT TO SECTION 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND RULES 9.110 AND 9.190, FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE. SUCH APPEAL IS INSTITUTED BY FILING ONE COPY OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT 1317 WINEWOOD BOULEVARD, BUILDING 2, ROOM 204, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0700, AND A SECOND COPY ALONG WITH THE FILING FEE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW, IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL WHERE THE PARTY RESIDES OR IN THE FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE FILED (RECEIVED) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RENDITION OF THIS ORDER.¹

Copies furnished to the following via Electronic Mail on date of Rendition of this Order.¹

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¹ The date of the "rendition" of this Order is the date that is stamped on its first page.

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES,

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Case No. 20-3810

LEAPIN LIZARDS ACADEMY, LLC,

Respondent.

ORDER CLOSING FILE AND RELINQUISHING JURISDICTION

This cause comes before the undersigned on Petitioner's Motion to Relinquish Jurisdiction. An email to Petitioner's counsel from Respondent's owner, who proceeds without counsel in this matter, expressing despair about the sanction process, was attached to the motion. Respondent, however, did not file a pleading stating that it desired to withdraw the hearing request. The email also did not state that Respondent authorized counsel for Petitioner to represent that Respondent wished to withdraw its request for hearing. The email stated, "If you could just send me what I need to end this process."

On October 21, 2020, the undersigned issued an Order to Respond to Motion to Relinquish. The Order required Respondent to file a response, no later than October 28, 2020, stating whether it wishes to withdraw the request for hearing. The Order stated: "If Leapin Lizards Academy, LLC, does not file a response, that will be taken as a statement that Leapin Lizards wishes to withdraw its request for a hearing, and jurisdiction of the case will be relinquished to the Department of Children and Families."

Respondent has not filed a response as ordered. Consequently the Formal Administrative Hearing Request is deemed withdrawn. It is ordered that:

1. The hearing scheduled for October 30, 2020, is canceled.
2. The file of the Division of Administrative Hearings for this matter is closed.
3. Jurisdiction of this matter is relinquished to the Department of Children and Families.

DONE AND ORDERED this 29th day of October, 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



JOHN D. C. NEWTON, II
Administrative Law Judge
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Filed with the Clerk of the
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this 29th day of October, 2020.

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