

Superior Court of Washington, County of King

In re Parenting and Support of:
E.L.R., A.W.R., and R.S.R.,
Minors.

Petitioner:

VERONIKA GOODNIGHT,

And Respondent:

MATHEW RALIDAK.

No. 20-3-03830-3 SEA

**Final Order and Findings on Petition to
Change a Parenting Plan or Custody
Order**

(ORMDD/ORDYMT)

[] Clerk's action required: 11

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a Parenting Plan or Custody Order**

1. This Order is based on:

- The *Petition to Change a Parenting Plan or Custody Order*,
- The children's best interest,
- The Court's decision that there were valid reasons to hear the *Petition* in the *Sub. no. 304, "Order on Adequate Cause to Change a Parenting/Custody Order," pp. 1-2 (entered 07/14/2023)*.

And (check one):

[X] the court hearing or trial on (date): 06/04/2024.

The following people were at the hearing or trial (*list parties, lawyers, and any guardians*):

[x] these people testified (name/s):

Petitioner Veronika Goodnight, and

Respondent Mathew Ralidak.

[x] see also, "Order of the Court: Supplemental Findings and Conclusions" entered today.

➤ **Findings & Conclusions**

2. Jurisdiction (RCW 26.27.201–.221, .231, .261, .271).

☒ The court **can** decide this case for the children because *(check all that apply; if a box applies to all of the children, you may write "the children" instead of listing names)*:

☒ **Washington order/exclusive, continuing jurisdiction** – The parenting/custody order was made by a Washington state court, and the court still has authority to make other orders for *(children's names)*: Elora L. Ralidak, Aidan W. Ralidak, and Raina S. Ralidak.

AND *(check one)*:

☒ **Home state jurisdiction** – Washington is the children's home state because *(check all that apply)*:

☒ *(Children's names)*: Elora L. Ralidak, Aidan W. Ralidak, and Raina S. Ralidak lived in Washington with a parent or someone acting as a parent for at least the 6 months just before this case was filed, or if the children were less than 6 months old when the case was filed, they had lived in Washington with a parent or someone acting as a parent since birth.

3. Major change *(RCW 26.09.260(1) and (2))*.

☒ **Approved** – The court approves a major change to the parenting order. The major change is approved because:

- The requested change is in the children's best interest, and
- There has been a substantial change in the children's situation or in the situation of the parent who did not request the major change. *(Describe how the situation has changed, or describe a situation that the court did not know about when it made its order)*:

Father has moved from Everett to Duvall, now is less than 20 minutes away from mother's/children's home, and children's school. Initial parenting plan indicated that if either parent were to move, it would be a substantial change in circumstances warranting a change to the residential schedule. In addition, children have had health complications and struggles in school arise since the last parenting plan. See details in "Order of the Court: Supplemental Findings and Conclusions" entered today, incorporated here by reference.

Check reason/s for this change:

☒ The children's current living situation is harmful to their physical, mental, or emotional health. It would be better for the children to change the order.

4. Minor change *(RCW 26.09.260(5), (7), and (9))*.

☒ Does not apply. No one requested a minor change.

5. Restrictions on the parent with less parenting time

☒ Does not apply.

6. Other Changes *(RCW 26.09.260(10))*

☐ Does not apply.

☒ Because of a substantial change in one parent's/child's situation, the court approves changes to the following parts of the *Parenting Plan* or *Residential Schedule* that are in the children's best interest *(check all that apply)*:

☒ dispute resolution

- ☒ decision-making
☐ transportation arrangements
☒ other (*specify*): See details in "Order of the Court: Supplemental Findings and Conclusions" entered today, incorporated herein by reference.

7. Child Support

- ☒ Does not apply. No one asked to change child support.
- ☒ Other findings: Although the change to a 50/50 parenting represents a substantial change of circumstances from the previous residential schedule wherein the children resided primarily with the Petitioner Ms. Goodnight, neither party presented the Court with updated financial information at the modification trial, and Mr. Ralidak's petition to modify the parenting plan specifically stated "Child Support ... No request. I am not asking the court to adjust or change child support." "Petition to Change a Parenting Plan or Other Custody Order," p. 3 (filed 06/15/2023). As the result, the Court is not modifying the child support.
- The Child Support Order entered 03/03/2022 is MAINTAINED.

8. Protection Order

- ☒ Does not apply. No one requested a *Protection Order* in this case.

9. Restraining Order

- ☒ Does not apply. No one requested a *Restraining Order* in this case.

10. Other Findings (if any)

See "Court Order: Supplemental Findings and Conclusions" entered today, incorporated herein by reference.

➤ **Court Orders**

11. Decision (*check all that apply*):

- ☒ **Approved** – The court approves the *Petition*. All temporary orders are ended. The court signed the following orders filed separately today.
- ☒ *Parenting Plan/Residential Schedule*

12. Other Orders (if any)

See "Court Order: Supplemental Findings and Conclusions" entered today, incorporated herein by reference.

Ordered.

06/24/2024
Date

➤ eSignature to follow
Judge E. Rania Rampersad

Petitioner and Respondent or their lawyers fill out below.

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Date: June 25, 2024



Judge: Rania Rampersad

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