

STATE OF ARKANSAS  
CHILD WELFARE AGENCY REVIEW  
BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

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January 29, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Flynn, Chair  
Beverly Massey Foti  
Sandi Doherty  
Andy Altom  
Sanford Tollette

ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT:

Michelle Bridges-Bell, DCC/ECE Attorney  
Joe West, Assistant Attorney General  
Ebony Russ, PRLU, Program Manager  
Ashelyn Abney, DCC/ECE, Assistant Director  
Rebecca Mitchell, DCC  
Letha Hasten, DCC  
Sharra Singleton Litzey, PRLU, Program Coordinator  
Chelsea Vardell, PRLU, Licensing Specialist  
Fatima Stepps, PRLU, Program Coordinator  
Nicole Tarkington, DCC

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Cantrell, Rite of Passage  
Mark Benning, Rite of Passage  
Jon Steiber, Rite of Passage  
Dr. Martha Whitfield, Rite of Passage  
Marlon Morrow, Rite of Passage  
Tony Tenner, Rite of Passage

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PROCEEDINGS

(THEREUPON, the meeting began at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021.)

MS. EBONY RUSS: The court reporter would like for you to identify yourself on the record. And I'm not sure if she wants us to do that as we speak -- or do you want us to go ahead and introduce ourselves now?

COURT REPORTER: I'd like everyone to identify themselves now.

MS. EBONY RUSS: Okay, I'll go ahead first. My name is Ebony Russ. I am the program manager for the Placement and Residential Licensing Unit.

MR. MARK BENNING: I'm Mark Benning; I'm Business Manager for Rite of Passage, Arkansas Operations.

CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: Charles Flynn, Licensing Board.

BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Sandi Doherty, Licensing Board for DCFS.

BOARD MEMBER ANDY ALTOM: Andy Altom, Licensing Board.

MR. JON STEIBER: Jon Steiber, Controller at Rite of Passage.

BOARD MEMBER BEVERLY MASSEY FOTI: Beverly Foti,

1           Licensing Board.

2                   BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE:   Sanford  
3           Tollette, Licensing Board and director of Camp  
4           Pfeifer.

5                   DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD:   Martha Whitfield, Rite of  
6           Passage District Principal.

7                   MS. SHARRA SINGLETON LITZEY:   Sharra Litzey, I'm  
8           a Program Coordinator with the Placement and  
9           Residential Licensing Unit.

10                   MR. TONY TENNER:   I'm Tony Tenner with Rite of  
11           Passage. I'm the Regional Property Manager for  
12           Facilities.

13                   MR. MARLON MORROW:   Marlon Morrow, Regional  
14           Director, Rite of Passage.

15                   MS. EBONY RUSS:   Chelsea, I see you available.

16                   MS. CHELSEA VARDELL:   Yes. Chelsea Vardell, I'm  
17           a Licensing Specialist with the PRLU.

18                   MS. ASHELYN ABNEY:   Ashelyn Abney, I'm the  
19           Assistant Director of the Division of Childcare in  
20           Early Childhood Education.

21                   MS. EBONY RUSS:   Mr. West?

22                   MR. JOE WEST:   Yes. Joe West, Assistant  
23           Attorney General.

24                   MS. MICHELLE BRIDGES BELL:   Michelle Bridges  
25           Bell, Attorney for DCC/ECE.

1 MS. FATIMA STEPPS: Fatima Stepps, Program  
2 Coordinator with the Placement and Residential  
3 Licensing Unit.

4 MS. EBONY RUSS: Nicole, can you introduce  
5 yourself?

6 MS. NICOLE TARKINGTON: If I unmute myself, I  
7 can. Nicole Tarkington, Division of Child Care.

8 MS. REBECCA MITCHELL: And I'm Becky Mitchell  
9 with the Division of Child Care.

10 MS. EBONY RUSS: I see there is a cell phone  
11 number; it starts with 402. Can you identify  
12 yourself please, 402 area code.

13 UNKNOWN: That's Mr. Cantrell.

14 MS. EBONY RUSS: It was Mark Cantrell?

15 UNKNOWN: Mike.

16 UNKNOWN: Mike Cantrell.

17 MS. EBONY RUSS: Mike, okay. And there is  
18 another iPhone user. I don't see a phone number for  
19 that, though.

20 LETHA HASTEN: This is Letha Hasten, Division of  
21 Child Care.

22 MS. EBONY RUSS: Thank you. Did we miss anyone?  
23 Okay, I'll go ahead and get started. Before we get  
24 into the Board, and allow you to make your decisions,  
25 I just wanted to give you just a little bit of

1 history on how PRLU, the Placement Residential  
2 Licensing Unit, got involved with the ROAR program  
3 and their request.

4 So, back, in October of 2020, we did receive an  
5 inquiry for what they needed to do to obtain a  
6 residential license. We provided that information to  
7 them, however we did not receive a completed  
8 application by the December 8th Child Welfare Agency  
9 Review Board Meeting. We also received information,  
10 in December, of 2020, that there were expectations of  
11 opening the facility at the beginning of February  
12 2021. So, in between that time, the Placement and  
13 Residential Licensing Unit worked with that agency to  
14 get that application prepared and available. So this  
15 is where we are now. And, Mr. Flynn, I'll go ahead  
16 and turn it over to you.

17 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

18 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: I'll call this meeting  
19 officially to order here. The Child Welfare Agency  
20 Review Board Special Meeting. And who's going to be  
21 presenting today, Ebony?

22 MS. EBONY RUSS: I'm sorry. It will be Shay  
23 Litzey, Sharra Litzey.

24 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. Well let's go ahead  
25 then.

1 PRESENTATION:

2 MS. SHARRA SINGLETON LITZEY: Hi. This is  
3 Sharra Litzey. I'm a Program Coordinator with the  
4 Placement and Residential Licensing Unit.

5 Rite of Passage, the owner of the residential  
6 option, of adolescents in recovery, is requesting a  
7 residential childcare license with the capacity of 24  
8 clients, ages 13 to 18, that will be court ordered  
9 into the program for up to 90 days for substance  
10 abuse treatment. Rites (sic) of Passage has several  
11 contracts with DYS programs throughout the state of  
12 Arkansas. Rite of Passage has a history of meeting  
13 the needs of Arkansas most vulnerable population.  
14 Based on the information received from the agency,  
15 the Licensing Unit recommends that Rites of Passage,  
16 the owner of Louisville Treatment Center, be granted  
17 a provisional residential license, upon meeting the  
18 requirement of submitting the requests from the  
19 Health Department.

20 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. Thank you. Who  
21 will be speaking on behalf of Rite of Passage today?

22 MS. SHARRA SINGLETON LITZEY: Dr. Martha  
23 Whitfield.

24 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: All right. Well let's  
25 just turn the microphone over to her, please, and --

1 Dr. Whitfield. And would you just give us -- you  
2 know, some of us may be more familiar with the Rite  
3 of Passage than others -- just a brief background of  
4 who you are, what you have been doing, and how you  
5 came to this place, how you ended up before us today?

6 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: Okay. Well Rite of  
7 Passage is an organization that's been in business  
8 for over 35 years helping youth all over the country,  
9 with a focus on at risk youth, youth in foster care.  
10 We also have programs that have youth who have been  
11 sex trafficked, so our -- Rite of Passage mission is  
12 to help these kids have better lives. So, back, in  
13 October, we received word that DYS had received a  
14 grant to open a substance abuse treatment facility  
15 and that we were going to partner with them. And,  
16 basically, our goal is to open this facility for 24  
17 young men, who have substance abuse issues, and take  
18 them through a 90-day residential program, where they  
19 will focus on substance abuse treatment, other  
20 treatment, and health and nutrition, and lifestyle  
21 focuses. And they will also attend school to keep up  
22 with their credits and seat-time, so that when they  
23 return back to their homes they won't be behind in  
24 their school.

25 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: Thank you. So, I guess,



1 everything is in place for y'all to maybe begin as  
2 soon as this is approved?

3 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: Yes, sir. We are very  
4 close. There are still some ends we need to wrap up  
5 and some things we have to do, but, overall, the site  
6 is ready; our staff is there; they're already being  
7 trained; and we are getting there.

8 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: Okay. Very good. Now, I  
9 know we just received the information last night and  
10 some of you Board Members, like me, have not -- has  
11 not had time today to read -- to just thoroughly  
12 review this, but does any of the board members have  
13 any questions or comments?

14 QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD:

15 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: This is Sanford  
16 Tollette, Mr. Chair.

17 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: Okay.

18 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: To Doc, is there  
19 going to be any kind of career awareness kinds of  
20 curricular you're going to do as a part of this  
21 therapy and, second, where are you located?

22 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: Well, I'll address the  
23 location first. It is in Louisville, Arkansas, about  
24 30 minutes outside of Hope, Arkansas. It used to be  
25 the Louisville Juvenile Treatment Center, which was

1 part of DYS, that housed and provided treatment for  
2 adjudicated youth. So that's where we are now. And,  
3 as far as career, there are some things that we will  
4 be doing with the students. However, it's important  
5 to understand that they will be in treatment for over  
6 -- for 28 hours a week. And that will include both  
7 education, education treatment classes, their groups,  
8 and their individual therapies to deal with their  
9 substance abuse issues, so we are not planning on  
10 offering any career and technical education. We are  
11 going to be offering some online certifications, for  
12 those students that are interested and have time, and  
13 they'll be able to get OSHA certified in any of the  
14 careers that they're interested in while they are  
15 there. But it is only a 90-day program.

16 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Okay. Thank  
17 you.

18 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: Sure.

19 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: Andy, I saw that hand.

20 BOARD MEMBER ANDY ALTOM: Yeah, I have a couple  
21 of questions. The first question is I appreciate  
22 getting an updated budget and I'm assuming that  
23 Louisville, Alaska is actually Louisville, Arkansas?

24 UNKNOWN: I noticed the same thing, Andy.

25 BOARD MEMBER ANDY ALTOM: I wanted to get it on

1 the record, so they don't think we're approving  
2 something in Alaska.

3 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: Good point.

4 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: Yeah, definitely in  
5 Arkansas. I'm not sure what happened there.

6 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: Yeah, AR is the  
7 abbreviation; AK is the abbreviation for Alaska.

8 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: Yes.

9 BOARD MEMBER ANDY ALTOM: The other question I  
10 have is I noticed in your write up -- I actually,  
11 believe it or not, got to read every bit of this  
12 packet, and I'm curious to -- I noticed that you guys  
13 used evidence based programming. Could you tell us a  
14 little bit about that?

15 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: I -- well I am definitely  
16 not a clinical expert; my expertise is in education.  
17 Mr. Morrow, can you provide some insight on the  
18 clinical over there?

19 MR. MARLON MORROW: Yeah, so basically what  
20 we're doing, in terms of evidence based, will be  
21 looking at groups like aggression -- ART -- from  
22 replacement therapy, cognitive groups; positive  
23 skills development; we are a big advocacy of Dr.  
24 Edward Tesla (sic) and Dr. Jeffery Butson's (sic)  
25 social learning theories. So those -- the treatment

1 plan, or the treatment menu, that we're planning for  
2 these youth, center around that. And, then, in terms  
3 of substance abuse, we also partner with the UCCI,  
4 which is out of the University of Cincinnati, with  
5 Dr. Paula Smith, that have built a curriculum around  
6 substance abuse, for us, that we -- typically, we  
7 also use that in our other programs. And all of that  
8 has been researched as far as evidence based.

9 BOARD MEMBER ANDY ALTOM: And my last question  
10 is do you guys fall under ADAP licensing as well,  
11 because you're a substance abuse treatment program?

12 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: Well we are going through  
13 the ODAP (sic) licensing, the Office of Alcohol and  
14 Drug Abuse Prevention, yes, sir.

15 BOARD MEMBER ANDY ALTOM: Will that be a  
16 conflict with the licensure with us?

17 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: Not to my knowledge.  
18 There were some minor differences. For example, in  
19 room size, your requirement was different that ODAP  
20 (sic), so we went with the largest room size  
21 requirement. So there were a few adjustments that we  
22 had to make, but all of the requirements should be  
23 met with both entities.

24 BOARD MEMBER ANDY ALTOM: Thank you.

25 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: Sure.

1 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: Any other questions from  
2 Board Members.

3 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Sanford, here.  
4 I didn't get a chance to read it, so I apologize, and  
5 I won't act like I did, when I didn't. I believe in  
6 being honest. I was born in Hope, Arkansas, so,  
7 counter to my colleague, I kinda knew what you were  
8 talking about in terms of the area, not Alaska.  
9 That's happened to me before. But how many staff are  
10 you going to have and, you know, break down the  
11 qualification of staff.

12 MR. MARLON MORROW: Okay. So, currently, the  
13 total number of staff is 44. The program director is  
14 Dr. Deidra Hamen (sic). So she's a doctorate level  
15 care -- actually, she's a doctorate level in  
16 psychology. Then we have a clinical director, as  
17 well, her name is Veronica White. She is licenced --  
18 actually, both of them are licensed out of Arkansas.  
19 We will have two additional therapists, obviously,  
20 that would meet the licensing requirement for  
21 Arkansas. And then, we do have, in terms of just  
22 direct care, our ratio is going to be, like, 1:4, so,  
23 when you look at that in terms of the two units,  
24 we'll have two shift supervisors, along with the  
25 senior staff, and then, along with what we call kinda

1 first tier staff. So that ratio of 3 on that 12, you  
2 know, is a plus ratio for us. And then, of course,  
3 we have ancillary that's made up of, you know, three  
4 staff there. We do have two medical personnel, which  
5 will have a ART on both of our ends. And then we  
6 also have a staff trainer, who is a past lawyer.  
7 Most of her experience is in the legal side of  
8 things. And then we have the maintenance department.  
9 And then human resources. So, with all of that, I  
10 think it totals to 43 to 44 people. And then our  
11 overnight staff is just as rich, in terms of ratio.  
12 I think there's 10 of them. And what I like about  
13 the night staff, with the ratio, there's no shift  
14 differential. So their expectation is to learn all  
15 the program addicts, as they would during the day.

16 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: All right.  
17 Thank you.

18 MR. MARLON MORROW: Welcome.

19 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: Is there any aftercare,  
20 follow up, for the gentlemen that graduate your  
21 program?

22 MR. MARLON MORROW: Yeah, and I apologize. We  
23 do have three peer supports. Those peer supports  
24 will follow those youth for 6 months, after they  
25 graduate this program. And so then we'll also -- the

1 beauty of that, also, is that, being that our ROP is  
2 within Arkansas, we can utilize other resources from  
3 -- for example, if the youth is from North Little  
4 Rock, we do have people that are down there that can  
5 help with that kind of what we call wrap around  
6 services. But we do have three peer -- what they  
7 call peer supports, who will be responsible for  
8 following the youth, after their graduation day over  
9 the program. And, quite frankly, will actually meet  
10 them prior to them leaving, so they'll kind of go  
11 through the program along with, and then as they are  
12 setting up the resources, and then setting up things,  
13 once they graduate, so there will be a easier  
14 transition, once they're here, and able to return  
15 back to the community. That aftercare or peer  
16 support person would know that youth from day one,  
17 moving them all the way through, and then as they  
18 follow through. So, quite frankly, they'll have an  
19 additional -- it'll be nine months to almost a year.

20 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: Very good.

21 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Sanford Tollette  
22 again. My last question. Are you familiar -- and  
23 I've been an opponent of this for a long time -- and,  
24 early on, when I was young and full of energy, back  
25 in the 70's, I did a lot of alcohol, tobacco, and

1 drug awareness programs for youth. Are you familiar  
2 with the concept of experiential learning, as it  
3 relates to your mission, for substance abuse, and, if  
4 you have any kind of concepts of program ideas, that  
5 give me a flavor of what the students or clients will  
6 be exposed to. Just briefly, there.

7 MR. MARLON MORROW: Yes. And we do have  
8 experience in that and, actually, that's kind of what  
9 we build our menu on, as well. And, in particular,  
10 we have some curricula that addresses that. For an  
11 example, we have eight manuals out -- I'll be happy  
12 to get to you, if you want to see those -- that are  
13 all based on really when -- how the youth answer  
14 those questions. And then the other piece of that is  
15 that, when they when we take them through those  
16 actual manuals, the thing that we also want to do is  
17 that the strengths and weaknesses that they are  
18 developing here at program, for an example, we have a  
19 greenhouse that is here. That greenhouse is going to  
20 be utilized to help grow, and help nurture, and, you  
21 know, in them working that, and they see how that  
22 goes back. Well we want to take it to an additional  
23 step, which is go down on the corner and then have a  
24 little fruit stand, or a vegetable stand, and then  
25 they actually get to partake in that. And then they



1 will be able to exchange those funds and see how that  
2 real world works, how you feed yourself, and how you  
3 can give back to the community, and then work that  
4 same, back. So we -- that's what were excited about,  
5 because it gives these young men an opportunity to  
6 kind of reap what you sow, so to speak, through  
7 positive experiences, and all those things like that.  
8 So were big fans of that.

9 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: And that gets  
10 into marketing and learning how to make money a  
11 different way than selling some other products.

12 MR. MARLON MORROW: Exactly, yes, sir.

13 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: I'm feeling you.  
14 I'm feeling you. That's entrepreneurial skills.  
15 That's career awareness, to me.

16 MR. MARLON MORROW: Yes, sir.

17 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: That's  
18 opportunity. So, thank you, so much, for answering  
19 my question. I didn't read it, so I don't want to  
20 belabor my curiosity, but, thank you.

21 MR. MARLON MORROW: No problem.

22 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: Andy, you have a question?

23 BOARD MEMBER ANDY ALTOM: I do. I have a  
24 question about the -- this is just a DYS program? Is  
25 that correct? Am I reading --

1 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: No, it is not a DYS  
2 program. It is a grant through DHS. So -- but we  
3 are working in both partnership with both DYS and  
4 DHS.

5 BOARD MEMBER ANDY ALTOM: Okay. So -- but does  
6 it require a court order for a child to be  
7 (INAUDIBLE)?

8 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: No, sir. Students can be  
9 placed, from court, but it's a program where they --  
10 the families can sign them up; a judge can request  
11 that they go; but the kids will not be adjudicated.

12 BOARD MEMBER ANDY ALTOM: Okay. And then my --  
13 and this truly is my last question. This is for a  
14 24-bed license, correct?

15 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: Yes, sir.

16 BOARD MEMBER ANDY ALTOM: Okay.

17 MS. EBONY RUSS: Mr. Flynn, there is a question  
18 from the court reporter in the chat box that says,  
19 "Should anyone be administered the oath?"

20 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: I've never seen anyone  
21 administered an oath in 20 years on this board, so --  
22 Sandi?

23 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: I guess I was just  
24 trying to --

25 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: Or are you swearing in? I

1 saw your hand; were you swearing in?

2 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Both. I swear. I  
3 swear. One question. I guess I misread it, because  
4 I thought they were all court ordered youth, when I  
5 read this.

6 MR. MARLON MORROW: No, ma'am.

7 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: And that's pretty  
8 much what it says, "court ordered." But now your  
9 saying, "No, a family can contact and sign the kids  
10 up; they don't have to be court ordered?"

11 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: Yes, ma'am.

12 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Y'all may want to  
13 look at the packet, because I may have read it wrong,  
14 but it reads --

15 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: You did not.

16 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: -- as if they're  
17 court ordered.

18 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: Which part of the packet?

19 MR. MIKE CANTRELL: The referrals will come  
20 through the court.

21 DR. MARTHA WHITFIELD: Yes.

22 MR. MIKE CANTRELL: But the court -- the  
23 referrals will come through the court, ma'am, but  
24 these will be non-adjudicated youth and it won't be  
25 court ordered. So, if we get a young man who comes

1           into our program, that, for whatever reason, decides  
2           he doesn't want to work the program, whatever the  
3           case may be, then, obviously, you know, since it's  
4           not court ordered, and it's not adjudicated, we have  
5           the opportunity to remove that student, if he's not  
6           willing to work the program or having problems  
7           struggling with the program. But the way DHS has set  
8           this up is that they have educated each of the  
9           courts, in the state of Arkansas, about the program,  
10          and about the referral process, and they understand  
11          the criteria of the young man that can be referred.  
12          As we are focusing on the ASAM Level 3.5 kids. So  
13          that would be non-adjudicated kids.

14                 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: But they will have  
15          all had court involvement, just not adjudicated?

16                 MR. MARLON MORROW: That's correct.

17                 BOARD MEMBER SANDI DOHERTY: Okay.

18                 MR. MIKE CANTRELL: That's correct.

19                 MS. EBONY RUSS: Mr. Cantrell, just for the  
20          court reporter, I just want to make sure that's you  
21          talking.

22                 MR. MIKE CANTRELL: Yes, that's Mike Cantrell,  
23          Executive Director.

24                 MS. EBONY RUSS: Thank you.

25                 MR. MIKE CANTRELL: Uh-huh.

1                   CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN:  Anyone else?  All right.  
2                   If no one else has a question, I would entertain a  
3                   motion from the board.

4                   MS. SHARRA SINGLETON LITZEY:  This is Sharra  
5                   Litzey, Program Coordinator.  I have not made the  
6                   recommendation yet.

7                   CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN:  Oh, that's -- well -- I  
8                   thought I heard that y'all recommended it, but go  
9                   ahead.

10                  MS. SHARRA SINGLETON LITZEY:  The Rite of  
11                  Passage, Louisville Treatment Center, appears to be  
12                  able to operate in full compliance with licensing  
13                  standards.  The Placement and Residential Licensing  
14                  Unit is in support of the agency being granted a new  
15                  provisional residential child care facility license  
16                  contingent upon the approval of the health  
17                  inspections from Arkansas Department of Health.

18  MOTIONS AND VOTES:

19                  CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN:  Thank you.  Now, Andy, I  
20                  believe I saw your hand, you make a recommendation  
21                  that you approve this request.  Is there a second?

22                  BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE:  I second,  
23                  Sanford Tollette.

24                  CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN:  And a second by Sanford.  
25                  I don't think there's anymore discussion.  If there

1 is you better talk quick, because all in favor raise  
2 your hand.

3 (MEMBERS RAISE HANDS).

4 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: And anyone opposed, by  
5 like sign?

6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: And there is no one  
8 opposed. So this request is approved.  
9 Congratulations. Look forward to hearing some good  
10 reports from y'all and look forward to seeing you  
11 next year, when you come back to convert this into a  
12 regular license.

13 MR. MARLON MORROW: Thank you.

14 MR. MIKE CANTRELL: Thank you, very much.

15 UNKNOWN: Thank you, very much; we appreciate  
16 it.

17 DR. MARSHA WHITFIELD: Thank you.

18 MR. TONY TENNER: Please come visit.

19 MR. MARLON MORROW: Yes.

20 CHAIR CHARLES FLYNN: Maybe when I drive through  
21 and pick up a ham at Bart's I'll come see you guys.

22 BOARD MEMBER SANFORD TOLLETTE: Congratulations.

23 (THEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58  
24 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021.)

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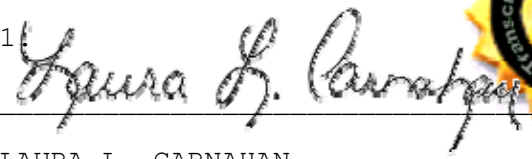

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