1		BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING	
2		JULY 17, 2025	
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4	THOSE PRESENT:	Judge Raquel West	
5		Judge Clint Woods	
6		Becky Bertrand	
7		Keith Day	
8		Tim Funchess	
9		Kellie Holmes	
10		Leslie Hughes	
11		Rhonda Brode	
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1	JUDGE WEST: I'm going to call the meeting to	
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3	last meeting. We need to approve those.	
4	MR. FUNCHESS: I move we approve them.	
5	MR. PRICE: I second the motion.	
6	THE COURT: I've got a motion and a second.	
7	Are there any questions or concerns about those minutes? All in	
8	favor of approving them say aye.	
9	(RESPONSES MADE)	
10	THE COURT: Any opposed?	
11	JUDGE WEST: All right. That passes. Before I	
12	do that, do we have enough people?	
13	MR. ROMANO: There is six. I just counted.	
14	MS. BERTRAND: Five. Yes, we do.	
15	JUDGE WEST: Where is everybody? Goodness.	
16	MR. PRICE: It's July, your Honor.	
17	JUDGE WEST: Yeah, I know. All right. Report	
18	from the district attorney's office regarding status of	
19	collections.	
20	MR. PRICE: And that report has been handed out	
21	by Sandra and	
22	JUDGE WEST: Any questions about that report?	
23	Okay. It's just for information.	
24	Are there any applications for agents or	
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1	MS. BERTRAND: Yes. We have one renewal for
2	Derrick Haynes. That was emailed out to all voting members, and
3	everything is in order.
4	JUDGE WEST: All right. We need a motion.
5	JUDGE WOODS: I make a motion.
6	MR. DAY: Second.
7	THE COURT: Got a motion and a second. Are
8	there any questions about that application? All those in favor.
9	(RESPONSES MADE)
10	JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? All right. That is
11	approved.
12	Any complaints?
13	MS. HOLMES: No, ma'am.
14	JUDGE WEST: Treasurer's report.
15	MR. FUNCHESS: I passed it out.
16	JUDGE WEST: Everybody has that. Anything we
17	need to be aware of from the treasurer's office?
18	MR. FUNCHESS: No, ma'am. I just made all the
19	updates, especially with Erika Burge, to reflect what we
20	approved last month.
21	JUDGE WEST: Anybody have any questions of the
22	treasurer? All right.
23	Auditor's office.
24	MS. BRODE: It's been distributed, and I have
25	no comments.

JUDGE WEST: Anybody have any questions that report?

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The next thing that was asked to be placed on the agenda is to discuss why the Bail Bond Board needs a district attorney report regarding the status of collections on judgment.

MR. PRICE: And we put that on there, your Honor. Basically, and everybody has got the report, and I raised it just briefly last meeting. This report is not generated by the Odyssey system. The reason there wasn't a report set up for this, as far as I know, is because nobody in the county needed to use it for anything; and so I'm trying to figure out why do we do a needless report -- do a report if it's not needed. And if it's needed, well then Sandra can do it; but it takes, you know, a fair amount of time because it's not automatically generated. So I don't know whether anybody uses I mean, does anybody look at? I mean, you look at, you know, the grand totals to see what we collect, you know, number of nisi and all of that but those are all done for the various people that need that information, that's already been reported to them. I mean, Sandra has got, you know, new judgment nisi when they're entered. You know, the courts get those, as well. So anyway but basically, bottom line, I'm just trying to figure out whether anybody sees any need in the report.

JUDGE WEST: It's just always been done that

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                     JUDGE WEST: It's my least favorite answer to
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                     MR. PRICE: And that's kind of my question.
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     old system didn't provide nearly the number of reports that we
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                     MR. PRICE: And maybe somebody somewhere --
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     if we ever had a report about final judgments, it would almost
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     be a nice report to have on uncollected funds on final
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                     MR. PRICE: I don't know. I will tell you,
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     frankly, I don't track the nonpayments of the final judgments.
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     is the one that does the collecting. And if they call me and
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1 MR. PRICE: But I don't know how many judgments have not been paid; and, like I said, I don't do anything on 2 those until, you know, it's time to send out discovery for 3 enforcement of a judgment or something along those lines. 4 MS. BRODE: I'll bring this to the auditor and 5 see if she needs it for anything. I've never given it to her. 6 7 MR. DAY: Why do y'all do this report anyway if y'all aren't the ones collecting the money? 8 MR. PRICE: I don't know. 9 MR. DAY: I mean, I think the county clerk's 10 office should have to do it. 11 JUDGE WEST: If anybody is going to do it. 12 MS. BERTRAND: Historically, we were the ones 13 creating the report for the DA's office and, historically, this 14 15 report, to my knowledge, was used back when there was a time that these were not getting done, the filings of the nisi, the 16 statute of limitations was running close so the courts wanted to 17 keep a better idea and handle on what was going on. 18 19 knowledge, that's why these reports were created. MR. PRICE: Okay. 20 MR. DAY: Well, I think the only reason that it 21 22 would ever become a Bail Bond Board issue anyway is, like you 23 said, if it was unpaid, if there was unpaid judgment somewhere which --2.4 25 JUDGE WEST: I mean, it's just a standard item

on the agenda; but it's not anywhere in our bylaws or anything that it has to be done or has to be prepared. And if everyone, it sounds like, agrees that it's not necessary, I don't even think we need a motion or anything to stop doing it. Just stop doing it.

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JUDGE WEST: It's nothing that's approved. I mean, does anybody here have an objection to them stopping this report? Okay.

MR. PRICE: And I would note and along with what Becky was saying as far as like the judgment nisi being filed and not being served, sent, whatever, all the courts are now with that grade card system, every judge is interested in making sure whatever has been filed is, in fact, processed in a timely fashion.

JUDGE WEST: Yeah.

MR. PRICE: You know, to get the numbers resolved. I mean, show the number of cases resolved with the nisi, as I understand, do show that. So I don't -- I don't even know that it would help on the, oh, by the way.

MS. BRODE: So we have a better tool now with Odyssey?

MR. PRICE: We have the State looking over the shoulders.

JUDGE WEST: Yeah. And everybody is closing

out cases right, or hopefully, and making sure that there is nothing open and things like that. So I don't think -- I mean, I've never -- I never worry about what the numbers are on this.

MR. PRICE: I don't even look it.

JUDGE WEST: It kind of means nothing to me.

MR. PRICE: I don't look at it. We'll stop

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JUDGE WEST: Okay. So the last thing on the agenda is to discuss the -- it says entire ankle monitoring procedure. So I know what brought this up was -- and I think y'all didn't talk about it last time because I wasn't here. So we had a couple of forfeitures and I know this has been happening on some different things and Chris came in and asked for some consideration on a couple of forfeitures that had to do with the Court moving up court dates because someone was not complying with a bond condition. And the issue was not -- and make sure if I'm saying this right, Chris, as well -- but the issue really was not that the bonds man didn't get notice of the court date or anything like that. It was that they didn't necessarily -- the bondsmen aren't getting notice always of changes in bond conditions that we're making here in court. Obviously, when they're leaving jail, you know whatever bond conditions are being placed on them. But there is times here in the court where we're either adding or taking away or doing something different with bond conditions and what Chris' -- and

I don't disagree with the concern -- is that if we make a modification and y'all don't know about it, it may be something you want to know about and that way if we know we want them to have a monitoring system -- and I think we put on here ankle monitoring but I think it really should go, we're talking about probably any additional or changes in bond conditions. Ιf somebody shows up in court and they have tested positive for drugs or somebody shows up in court because the D.A. said they're having contact with somebody they shouldn't and we say, "Okay. You're getting a GPS and you're supposed to remain in Jefferson County," or "You tested positive and now you have to have a drug patch," and we don't let y'all know that, then I think -- I don't think it's required anywhere that we let y'all know that but I think it should probably be a good practice that we do because it might change how you monitor and do what y'all want or need with those people. And if they're not following those conditions and I get notice from Johnny's that this person has not charged their GPS or they're not paying for it or they're somewhere they're not supposed to be, I know that but y'all don't, well, maybe like Chris said, you would file an AFRS or you would do something proactively, possibly before a court It still wouldn't matter necessarily if they didn't show up for the court date because there would still be a bond forfeiture that would override it but I think general practice maybe you guys knowing some of those changes would be beneficial

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1 to you. Keith. 2 MR. DAY: Well, I think some of the questions 3 come up, that is part of it but also, too, the number of 4 violations that some people are getting. And I'm not talking 5 about any specific court. I don't think this necessarily goes 6 7 on in your court or anything, but I know it has come up on a number of occasions where you'll have a violation whether 8 they're not paying, whether they're not keeping it charged or 9 10 any other sort of violations and then the courts are notified 11 and the courts don't really care. It -- they don't -- they don't take -- I'm not saying they don't take it seriously but 12 13 nothing is being done about it. JUDGE WEST: Yeah. 14 15 MR. DAY: And so, all of the sudden, it becomes -- it's obviously a violation but they want us to file 16 an AFRS when it's not our order. They might be doing everything 17 they can in our -- for contractually with us --18 19 JUDGE WEST: Right. MR. DAY: -- but the courts want us to do an 20 AFRS on this person and then --21 22 JUDGE WEST: So when you say the courts want 23 you to do an AFRS, have you been told by courts that that's the position? 2.4 MR. DAY: 25 Yes.

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MR. ROMANO: Yeah, and that's part of the deal
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                     MR. DAY: No, no, no. And that's why I
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                     JUDGE WEST: And I think Judge Woods has the
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     same look on his face right now.
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                     MR. DAY: We don't get very many ankle monitors
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    out of the misdemeanor courts. That's not usually an issue.
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                     JUDGE WEST: Okay. So that tells us who we're
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MR. DAY: There is just no -- it doesn't seem to be -- it just seems so scattered. For instance, if somebody posts bond on an accusation and one of the JPs or whoever arraigns him, has an ankle monitor on there. So now they're on -- they have an ankle monitor. Nobody is monitoring it. I mean, who is keeping up with it at that point if it's an accusation?

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JUDGE WEST: So if it's an accusation, we've been working on -- and Judge Derouen is working on, has supposed to be working on how to be the one that -- we did some research on him, if they order it, his office and Rachel being able to get that information from Johnny's or whoever and then making sure that he had -- there was a big issue, and we talked about this awhile back; so I need to talk to Derouen again, about whether or not he has the authority to issue warrants and things like that. We believe he does. We also -- but there also was some research done and we talked to him about if we really have a concern with that, just let one of us know, we'll issue a warrant. I mean, if somebody is not following a rule while they're out on accusation. So I will meet with him again because that's something that was in the works, actually a long time ago and then I think it kind of got put on the back burner for some reason. So I'll talk to him about accusation. once it's indicted and it's in a court, there is no rule, there is no law, there is no procedure that can tell a judge how to do

that and so everybody is going to do it how they do it and all we can do, I guess with our respective judges that we work with, is explain to them the issue that we have learned here from you guys, get them to hopefully try to understand the importance and maybe at least even their staff to understand because their staff can easily give this information to you guys and -- because the judge may or may not be thinking about that or worry about it.

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MR. DAY: I'll give you two quick examples that Tamara texted me. So the first one was a client by the name of Riley Holmes. This was one of Ronnie's clients. He wasn't paying for his monitor through Johnny. They end up -- I don't think they cut it off. They deactivated the monitor.

MR. PELTIER: That's the deal. We'll deactivate them and notify the bondsmen and the courts in hopes that, you know, something happens. But at that point, they still have our monitor. Sometimes we'll get it back; sometimes we won't. Sometimes they'll go to court and, you know, be told, "Well, okay, you just don't have to have that anymore," and we might -- we still might not get the monitor back. Or, you know, if we deactivate them over nonpayment, you know, then they are just -- that's just null and void. We just have to eat that, you know; but all of this reported, you know, ahead of time or while it's happening. You know, if they set a court date two months out, you know, for a hearing for it, well, that's, you

know, two more months and then we still don't get monitors back. 1 JUDGE WEST: Right. 2 MR. PELTIER: Or if they're violating, you 3 know, and we have reported that, you know --4 JUDGE WEST: I know here what we do typically 5 is if I get those notifications and their court date is set a 6 7 month or so out, I bump it up to the next week and we have some type of hearing where if they're not going to follow the rules, 8 they might go into custody or they're given you take care of 9 this by such and such date and that's all we can do but I can't 10 make other judges do that. 11 MR. DAY: Right. 12 MR. ROMANO: But what you're just saying there, 13 the court date got bumped up for a violation of a bond condition 14 15 that wasn't ours and we're the ones getting hammered on it. That's part of the issue. 16 JUDGE WEST: You're getting notice of the court 17 date. 18 19 MR. ROMANO: Correct. 20 JUDGE WEST: So, I mean, court dates change for all kinds of different reasons. And so I'm not going to not 21 22 move up a court date. The second we do that, notice goes out to 23 the bondsmen; and while it may not be ideal, if we want them following their rules, you just got to them to whenever the 2.4 court date is. 25

MR. DAY: Well, this particular guy I was talking about, so he's obviously in violation with his ankle monitor. His court date, so they wanted to have a hearing. The Court wanted to have a hearing on this. They set it for two months out; so that's two months that this guy evidently is required to have an ankle monitor is out doing whatever they want to do for two months.

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And then the other one I was going tell you about was, this guy's name was John Guillory. He actually -- this was -- we -- Johnny's office, explain what happened on that.

MR. PELTIER: We called him actually to change out his monitor. He was getting some weird readings on it. We wanted to change it out. So he comes in and we take that one off of him. While we have that one off, you know, he's arguing not wanting it back on. And he finally just runs out of the office without it on. You know, of course, we contact the bonds man and the courts and all of that.

MR. DAY: And we were told to file an AFRS on that one.

MR. PELTIER: Yeah, you know, and it's really a court order deal; so the court should have done something, you know, in my opinion.

JUDGE WEST: I don't disagree. I don't disagree with anything y'all are saying.

MR. DAY: I have requirements sometimes on my bonds and I don't know if Chris and Lisa and others do but we have requirements on some of our bonds that if the courts or whoever doesn't require them to have a GPS, we do. JUDGE WEST: Right. MR. DAY: And so if they're not paying or if they go somewhere and we know that, we immediately file an AFRS. Well, contractually that was part of -- we required it; so but if the courts are requiring it, it's kind of a different deal. JUDGE WEST: One of the things I mentioned I think -- I can't remember if I was talking to Chris or if I was just thinking about this but is there a way -- would it be helpful or can y'all change your contracts to say that part of your contract with them is that they also are required to follow all or any current or future or whatever bond conditions that the Court imposes so then it is contractual if they're not violating and y'all can do an AFRS, if that helps you? Well, the only problem with that is MR. DAY: where does that end? So if this person doesn't hire an attorney, are we responsible? You know, are we -- I just don't know where that would end. JUDGE WEST: Hiring an attorney is not a bond condition. It's not. MR. DAY: Well, yeah. So it's worded very carefully by I JUDGE WEST:

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know Judge Stevens and I because it cannot be a bond condition so while they're out on bond, we order them to do certain things, not as condition of their bond but just as you're a defendant in the court. I'm ordering you before the next court date to try to hire a lawyer. If you can't, go visit with some, blah, blah, everybody knows the words. So if they don't do that and I raise their bond, it's for not following a court order. I say those words out loud. It is not a bond condition. So I think the only things that are bond conditions -- we call them bond conditions -- I'm requiring as a condition of your bond, you X, Y and Z. And so I don't think you need to worry if the worry is the lawyer thing and I get the semantics on that but the semantics are very specific for a lot of reasons.

They're not bond conditions.

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MR. DAY: That's a Roger Moore question.

MR. ROMANO: Yeah, that's going to have to be Roger because like our bail bond agreement is statute.

JUDGE WEST: Right. And if you can't, you can't. I just was just thinking that maybe that is something that would be beneficial. If we change a condition, we can get you guys the best we can -- I'm going to try to work with all the clerks and all the courts to explain to them why it's important that y'all know those conditions and hopefully they'll send them to you. I can't force them to do that; but if it's not going to matter, I guess, necessarily if even if y'all know

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    this guy is on an ankle monitor for a reason, you know.
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MR. DAY: I knew it wasn't a Bail Bond Board 1 issue, but I don't think I brought it up. I think somebody else 2 3 must have brought it up before the board but it's good that --JUDGE WEST: No. We can talk about and -- I 4 don't mind and I know Judge Woods doesn't mind -- we'll go have 5 conversations with the other judges about it and explain to them 6 7 because they're not here listening to this, what we're hearing and what the problems are and we can, like I said, encourage 8 strongly them and their staffs to make those changes and to 9 understand it but --10 MR. PELTIER: Just some way that it's handled 11 every time across the board. 12 JUDGE WEST: It's never going to be that way. 13 MR. PELTIER: I know it's not. 14 15 JUDGE WEST: It's never going to be that way. 16 MR. PELTIER: Judge Derouen at one time, you know, was going to try to be over all the ankle monitors and 17 drug patches and things. 18 19 JUDGE WEST: He can only be over the ones that are on accusation. Once they are indicted, he can't do 20 anything. And nothing personal against him, we don't want him 21 22 doing anything with our cases at that point. They're ours, you 23 know. MR. PELTIER: I understand. 2.4 25 JUDGE WEST: I mean, we don't want anybody

coming in and doing anything that we don't know about on the cases in our court. So those are just the limited ones.

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MR. PELTIER: And I guess he might not have even known that originally when we started discussing all of it, you know, but that was, you know.

JUDGE WEST: But I've made a note, I'm going to talk to Derouen about the accusation at least to see if we can get that monitored and not just monitored but some --

MR. PELTIER: Follow through.

JUDGE WEST: -- some follow through on those. That's probably the easiest conversation I'll have, and then we'll go talk to the other judges, maybe together, about those, the other issues. That's all we can do.

MR. PELTIER: So everything else that we report, we still need to report to the courts like we always have and the bonds man --

JUDGE WEST: For sure.

MR. PELTIER: -- will be on the bonds man side to try to file to get off their bond or get them back in or whatever? I'm just trying to understand.

JUDGE WEST: I mean, I guess it depends on whether or not they can make it part of their contract. If it's not part of the initial contract, then it's on the courts to do whatever we need to do, and because they can't file an AFRS on something that is not in their contract.

MR. PELTIER: Right.

JUDGE WEST: So, I mean, it would be great if y'all could put it that they have to follow the Court's bond conditions, just that word. But if not, it's just up to the court and you're just dealing with a lot of different ways that people handle things up here.

MR. PELTIER: Right.

JUDGE WEST: Anything else on that? Yes,

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MS. MASON: I was just wondering since y'all were already talking about how this reacts to the drug patches, too?

JUDGE WEST: I think it's everything. I mean, on the agenda, it was we were talking about GPS's; but when I first started mentioning it, I think this goes for any bond condition. It's the same issue for all of them; if they're testing positive, if they're not where they're supposed to be, if they're not charging, whatever it is, if it's a bond condition that the Court changes or adds after they're out, I'm going to do my best to get with the clerks for them to get y'all that information. What you can do with the information, I don't know other than having it; but we'll at least try to get it to you and then we'll try to talk to -- I mean, I move cases up. I don't move them back when there's an issue. And that's just something that you've got, again, different courts doing

different things. 1 MS. MASON: Yeah. And when they do not pass 2 the drug patch, repeatedly or any time, the courts are notified? 3 MR. PELTIER: Yes, the courts are notified. 4 JUDGE WEST: Yeah. 5 MR. PELTIER: We generally get results every 6 7 two weeks and we send them to the courts. Whether they're positive or negative, we always send them. 8 JUDGE WEST: Or untestable. 9 MR. PELTIER: Or untestable. 10 JUDGE WEST: Or they fall off because they 11 12 sweat. MR. PELTIER: Or they just didn't come in, you 13 know, they might not show up; but it's always reported to the 14 15 courts so, you know, that's really as far as we can go. JUDGE WEST: No. 16 MR. PELTIER: It's up to the courts to do 17 something. 18 19 JUDGE WEST: Every docket I have, every Monday my docket, I mean, Ana checks the e-mails and I have that 20 information for everybody, if there is any issues and typically 21 22 the case's set and moved up if there is an issue and so it's set 23 just for a bond condition review sometimes but that's just how I do it, you know. And I think most of these probably are felony 2.4 25 issues so I don't know -- I don't know how many issues, I guess

the drug patch would be the bigger issue in drug court, not 1 necessarily the GPS. Are y'all having a lot of issues with drug 2 court, or is it primarily the issues with the other felony 3 courts? 4 MR. DAY: No, I don't know off the top of my 5 head but --6 7 JUDGE WEST: Okay. All right. Okay. I'll do what I can do. That's all I can do. You know, I can talk to 8 them and see if we can get -- get y'all that information. I 9 just can't require it of anybody except my staff and that's it 10 but I can get -- now, I can get drug court. You know, I can 11 make that staff, I can make sure that they get that information 12 to you guys; but we'll talk to the other ones. 13 Anything else? 14 15 MR. DAY: Yeah, I was brought up one thing. was hoping Tom or Dustin might be here today to see is there --16 what is the procedure if a bonding company wants to change its 17 name? 18 19 JUDGE WEST: I have no idea. That would have to be some research that we would have to look into. I don't 20 know. 21 22 MR. DAY: Okay. I'll call Tom and ask him 23 about it. MS. BERTRAND: Don't call him today because 24 he's taking care of a medical issue. 25

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MR. DAY: I'll call him after the meeting.
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                      JUDGE WEST: You want to put him on speaker
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     right now? All right. Okay.
                      Any other business that anybody wants to bring
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    up or talk about at the next meeting?
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                      Is there a motion to adjourn?
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                      MR. FUNCHESS: I so move.
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                      JUDGE WEST: All right. We're adjourned.
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     Thanks, y'all.
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