

EMANUEL PANTIERE

v.

TIFFANY WHITAKER

Submitted on Briefs November 18, 2021

Decided November 30, 2021

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, JABAR, HUMPHREY, HORTON, and
CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Emanuel Pantiere appeals from a judgment entered by the District Court (Lewiston, *Oram, J.*) making an award of parental rights and responsibilities regarding his two children with Tiffany Whitaker. Although Pantiere ordered a transcript of the hearing, the hearing was not recorded, and therefore no transcript could be prepared. Pantiere failed to file a proper statement of the evidence for approval by the trial court in lieu of a transcript. See M.R. App. P. 5(d). Because there is no transcript of the proceedings or proper statement of the evidence, we infer that the record supports the findings of fact and discretionary rulings on evidence and procedure made by the trial court. See *Boggs v. Berthiaume*, 2008 ME 169, ¶ 2, 959 A.2d 739. Applying this standard to the trial court's findings, we discern no abuse of discretion in the trial court's award of parental rights and responsibilities. See 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(3) (2021); *Pearson v. Wendell*, 2015 ME 136, ¶ 29, 125 A.3d 1149; *Grant v. Hamm*, 2012 ME 79, ¶ 6, 48 A.3d 789.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

Emanuel Pantiere, appellant pro se

Tiffany Whitaker did not file a brief

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