



2. The settlement provided for in the BSA is preliminarily approved pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1A-1, Rule 23, subject to the terms of this order;

3. The form of the notice to the class attached as Exhibit 2 to the Supporting Memorandum is approved;

4. The method of dissemination of notice to the class provided for in Sections 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 and the other provisions of the BSA, including the exhibits thereto, is approved, and dissemination of notice shall be made in accordance with such provisions and applicable orders of the Court;

5. Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc. is appointed Settlement Administrator and as such shall disseminate notice to the class, receive and process proof of claim forms and opt outs, and carry out all other functions of the Settlement Administrator as set forth in Section 12 and the other provisions of the BSA, including the Proof of Claims Processing Protocol, the Common Settlement Fund Disbursement Protocol, and the other exhibits to the BSA, and applicable orders of the court;

6. If a Special Master is required by the Settlement Administrator for the review and settlement of special cases, the Court hereby orders that the Parties confer about the selection of a Special Master, and be prepared to submit their agreed selection to the Court for its approval.

7. Any member of the class who elects to opt out of the class must do so no later than April 24, 2026 (30 days after the date of publication of the notice to the class as provided in Section 6.1.1 of the BSA) by following the procedures set forth in the notice and Section 6.2.2 of the BSA;

8. Any member of the class who elects to object to the settlement in any

respect, including any payments provided for in the BSA, must do so no later than April 24, 2026 (30 days after the date of publication of the notice to the class as provided in Section 6.1.1 of the BSA) by following the procedures set forth in the approved notice and Section 6.2.2 of the BSA;

9. The Final Hearing shall be held on May 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Forsyth County Courthouse, 175 N. Chestnut St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101 by the Honorable Edwin G. Wilson, Jr.

10. The parties shall file a motion for final approval of the settlement before the date scheduled for the Final Fairness Hearing.

11. Class Counsel shall file a Motion for Final Approval of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses asking for the appropriate fee with the required substantiation for the Court's review, once all of the attorney time required for the completion of this case has been completed.

12. (a) No later than 14 business days before the date scheduled for the fairness hearing, counsel for the parties shall file a pre-hearing statement which describes all documents and other evidence they intend to offer at the fairness hearing, identifies by name and address all witnesses they intend to call at the hearing, summarizes the testimony each witness is expected to give, and includes as attachments copies of all documents and other evidence not identified in the statement;

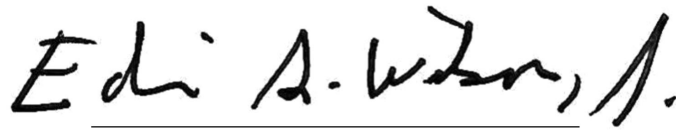
(b) by the same date, counsel for the parties shall deliver to the Settlement Administrator a copy of the pre-hearing statement and copies of all exhibits they intend to offer; and

(c) beginning no later than 14 business days before the date scheduled for the fairness hearing, the Settlement Administrator shall make the pre-hearing statement and all the

exhibits counsel for the parties intend to offer available on the Settlement Administrator's website and, upon request, shall provide paper copies of the statement and exhibits to any person to whom class notice is sent, subject to payment of reasonable copying costs by the requester.

SO ORDERED:

3/27/2026 10:31:45 AM

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edwin G. Wilson, Jr." with a horizontal line underneath the signature.

Hon. Edwin G. Wilson, Jr.

Designated Superior Court Judge (Rule 2.1)