

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17120**

Public Meeting held April 16, 2026

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair
Kathryn L. Zerfuss
John F. Coleman, Jr.
Ralph V. Yanora

Application of Hospitrans Corporation

A-2025-3055838
A-6428056

OPINION AND ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration and disposition is a Petition for Reconsideration from Staff Action (Petition), filed by Hospitrans Corporation (Applicant or Hospitrans) on February 2, 2026, relative to the above-captioned proceeding.¹ The Secretarial Letter to which the Petition refers was issued on February 2, 2026 (*February 2026*)

¹ According to the Pennsylvania Department of State, the Applicant's registered legal name is "Hospitrans Corporation."

Secretarial Letter).² No Answer to the Petition has been filed. For the reasons that follow, we shall deny the Petition, consistent with this Opinion and Order.

I. History of Proceeding

On June 4, 2025, Hospitrans filed an Application for Motor Common Carrier of Persons in Paratransit Service (Application) with the Commission.³ Application at 1. In its Application, Hospitrans sought authority to provide non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) service “to individuals requiring ambulatory and wheelchair-accessible transport[ation]” in “Berks County, Philadelphia, and the surrounding counties within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with transportation offered both to and from these locations.” The Applicant continued:

Hospitrans Corp[.] will transport patients to their respective medical appointments at medical facilities, residences, and other authorized destinations, ensuring safe, reliable, and timely service tailored to patients with varying mobility needs.

Id. at 5 ¶ 10.⁴ Further, the Verified Statement of Applicant included in the Application indicated that Hospitrans plans to use seven “independently owned and operated”

² Because the Petition challenges the action taken in the *February 2026 Secretarial Letter* and was filed within twenty (20) days of the issuance of the *February 2026 Secretarial Letter*, we shall regard the Petition as a Petition for Reconsideration from Staff Action, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.44(a).

³ We note that the Verification of Application and Verified Statement of Applicant included in Hospitrans’ Application was signed by “Salomon Lopez,” identified as the President of Hospitrans. Application at 4, 6, 10.

⁴ We note that Hospitrans, in its Application, provided an e-mail address. We further note that immediately under the space where Hospitrans provided its e-mail address, the Application indicated the following: “*This is the e-mail address to which the Commission will send all official documents issued by the Commission until further notice.*” Application at 4 ¶ 6 (emphasis in original).

vehicles to conduct its requested service. *Id.* at 8 ¶ 4, and 9 ¶ 6. Moreover, included with the Application was a Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as of June 2, 2025, wherein the Applicant indicated balances of: (1) \$10,000 in cash; (2) \$5,000 in other current assets; (3) \$24,000 in loans; and (4) \$12,500 in credit cards/revolving credit. *Id.* at 11.

On June 26, 2025, the Commission’s Bureau of Technical Utility Services (TUS) issued a Data Request (Data Request), wherein TUS notified Hospitrans that additional information was required within ten (10) working days of the date on the letter, in order for TUS to proceed with the Application. Further, the Data Request instructed Hospitrans that its responses must include a signed verification with an original signature, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.36, and supplied a sample Verification. Data Request at 1-2. Moreover, the Data Request set forth several requests for information, including: (1) clarification of Hospitrans’ proposed service area and the areas from which it intends to originate service;⁵ (2) clarification to Question No. 4 in the Verified Statement of Applicant, regarding ownership of the listed vehicles;⁶ and (3) an adequate answer to Question No. 5 in the Verified Statement of Applicant, regarding compliance with the provisions set forth in 52 Pa Code §§ 29.503-29.505 (related to the number of drivers to be employed, driver training and hiring standards, the system for driver license checks, the system for criminal record checks, and the conduct of drug/alcohol tests). *Id.* at 3-4.

On July 2, 2025, Hospitrans timely filed a response to TUS’ Data Request (Reply to Data Request), wherein the Applicant provided: (1) a cover letter signed by

⁵ We note that this specific question pertains to Question No. 10 in the Application. *See* Application at 5 ¶ 10.

⁶ The Data Request also notified the Applicant that “[a]n insurance Form E cannot be obtained or submitted to the [Commission] without the vehicles being registered and insured in the registered business name under which the [Commission] Application is made.” *See* Data Request at 3 ¶ 2.

“Salomon Lopez;”⁷ and (2) a typed response to the Data Request. Reply to Data Request at 1-4.

In response to the Data Request, the Applicant represented that Hospitrans intends to originate its paratransit service exclusively within the counties of Berks, Lancaster, Lebanon, Schuylkill, Lehigh, and Montgomery, to any location within Pennsylvania, “including return trips from those destinations to the counties of origin.” The Applicant also stated that all vehicles will be owned, operated, insured, titled, and registered under Hospitrans. Reply to Data Request at 2.

In compliance with Commission Regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 29.503 (regarding age restrictions), the Applicant represented that Hospitrans will only employ drivers who prove they are at least 21 years of age and who possess a valid Pennsylvania driver’s license. Further, the Applicant stated, in compliance with Commission Regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 29.504 (regarding driver history), Hospitrans will obtain a motor vehicle record from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for each driver prior to employment. Further, the Applicant noted that drivers will be disqualified if they have three or more moving violations within the past three years, or any major violations, including, but not limited to: (1) driving under the influence; (2) reckless driving; and (3) driving with a suspended license. Moreover, the Applicant noted that Hospitrans will review driver records annually to ensure compliance. Reply to Data Request at 3.

The Applicant also represented that, in compliance with Commission Regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 29.505 (regarding driver criminal history), Hospitrans will require all driver applicants to undergo state and federal criminal background checks. Further, the Applicant noted that Hospitrans will not employ individuals with convictions for: (1) violent crimes; (2) sexual offenses; (3) fraud or theft; (4) crimes involving

⁷ As noted, *supra*, “Salomon Lopez,” is identified as the President of Hospitrans. Application at 4, 10.

vulnerable populations; and (5) offenses that may compromise passenger safety. Moreover, the Applicant stated that Hospitrans will repeat criminal background checks for all active drivers every two (2) years. Reply to Data Request at 3.

Regarding vehicle maintenance and inspections, the Applicant noted that Hospitrans will maintain all vehicles in safe operating condition, in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended service schedule and Pennsylvania state inspections. Further, the Applicant noted that Hospitrans will conduct pre-trip inspections that cover: (1) brakes; (2) lights; (3) tires; (4) steering; (5) seatbelts; and (6) specialized equipment (*e.g.*, wheelchair lifts). Moreover, the Applicant noted that Hospitrans will maintain records of vehicle inspections, repairs, and maintenance at its business office for a minimum of two years. Reply to Data Request at 3.

The Applicant also represented that Hospitrans' driver training program will require all drivers to complete initial and annual trainings on: (1) defensive driving and safe vehicle operation; (2) passenger assistance techniques for individuals with disabilities; (3) proper securement of wheelchairs and mobility devices; (4) emergency response procedures; and (5) customer service and compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Reply to Data Request at 4.

Finally, the Applicant represented that Hospitrans will maintain complete financial records and will submit: (1) annual intrastate gross operating revenues reports; and (2) payment of assessments as determined by the Commission. Reply to Data Request at 4.

On July 26, 2025, Hospitrans' Application was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, which provided notice to the public of the Application to provide common carrier service. The notice provided the public with the opportunity to file protests to the Application by August 11, 2025. *See 55 Pa.B.* 5089 (July 26, 2025).

On August 11, 2025, Bux-Mont Transportation, Inc., Easton Coach Company, Suburban Transit Network, Inc., and Tri County Transit Service, Inc. (collectively, the Joint Protestants) filed a Joint Protest (Joint Protest) against Hospitrans' Application. In their Joint Protest, the Joint Petitioners argued, *inter alia*, that Hospitrans failed to: (1) demonstrate that it can obtain insurance and pay the required premiums; and (2) provide sufficient evidence of its financial fitness. Joint Protest at ¶¶ 12-13.

On October 21, 2025, Hospitrans and the Joint Protestants filed a Restrictive Amendment and Stipulation to the Application (Restrictive Amendment), wherein Hospitrans and the Joint Protestants amended the Application to identify and specify the requested service territory in Hospitrans' Application, as follows:

To transport as a common carrier by motor vehicle persons in paratransit service from points in the counties of Berks, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, and Schuylkill, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

Restrictive Amendment at ¶ 1. Further, the Joint Protestants, in pertinent part, agreed to withdraw their protest to Hospitrans' Application, as amended, subject to two conditions and requirements, which are reprinted, verbatim, below:

(i) in the event that any aspect of this Restrictive Amendment is rejected by the Commission for any reason, the Protests shall be deemed immediately reinstated, this proceeding shall be scheduled for hearing to permit Joint Protestants to present evidence in an on-the-record proceeding in opposition to approval of the Application, and neither the Restrictive Amendment, nor the fact that the parties agreed to submit it to the Commission, shall be used against any party in any subsequent hearing or proceeding; and (ii) in the event that any aspect of this Restrictive Amendment is rejected by the Commission for any reason, the Joint Protestants shall have the right to request reconsideration before the Commission or to appeal before any and all appropriate courts, or both, and in any such proceedings [the] Applicant shall not raise any

objections as to party status or standing of the Joint Protestants.

Id. at ¶ 2. Moreover, Hospitrans and the Joint Protestants averred that the Restrictive Amendment set forth in Paragraph No. 1 was in the public interest because it will: (1) allow Hospitrans to provide paratransit service in a manner consistent with its operating objectives; and (2) resolve the Joint Protestants' protests to the Application while avoiding the time and expense of further litigation. *Id.* at ¶ 3.

On October 23, 2025, the Commission issued a Hearing Cancellation Notice.⁸

On October 24, 2025, TUS issued a Secretarial Letter (*October 2025 Secretarial Letter*) indicating that the Application was conditionally approved and that a certificate of public convenience would be issued upon Hospitrans: (1) having its insurer file a Form E as proof of bodily injury liability insurance with the Commission;⁹ and (2) emailing a tariff draft to RA-PCTARIFFILING@pa.gov. *October 2025 Secretarial Letter* at 1. The *October 2025 Secretarial Letter* also stated, in pertinent part, that failure to file the required evidence of insurance within sixty (60) days from the date of the *October 2025 Secretarial Letter*, or no later than December 23, 2025, “**CAN RESULT IN THE DISMISSAL OF THE APPLICATION AND REQUIRE THE FILING OF A NEW APPLICATION AND FILING FEE.**” *Id.* at 2 (emphasis in original).

⁸ By Hearing Notice dated August 19, 2025, an in-person hearing was scheduled for October 22, 2025. On August 22, 2025, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) F. Joseph Brady issued a Prehearing Order for Telephonic Hearing to be held on October 22, 2025. Subsequently, on August 26, 2025, ALJ Brady issued a Corrected Prehearing Order for In-Person Hearing to be held on October 22, 2025.

⁹ The *October 2025 Secretarial Letter* also indicated that insurance filings are accepted online via Tyler Insurance Filings. *October 2025 Secretarial Letter* at 1.

On October 31, 2025, ALJ Brady issued an Order Referring Application for Modified Procedure (Order), wherein the ALJ found that because the Joint Protestants agreed to withdraw their protest to Hospitrans' Application, the Application was unopposed. Consequently, the ALJ forwarded the Application to TUS for review and resolution, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 3.381(c). Order at 2.

On December 22, 2025, Hospitrans filed a request for an extension of time to file the requisite evidence of insurance (Form E) (Request for Extension No. 1), wherein the Applicant requested an extension “[d]ue to being temporarily away” and, therefore, was “unable to review the Commission’s correspondence” until December 15, 2025. The Applicant also advised that Hospitrans will submit its tariff concurrent with its proof of insurance. Request for Extension No. 1 at 1-2.

Also, on December 22, 2025, the Commission issued a Secretarial Letter (*December 2025 Secretarial Letter*) granting Hospitrans an extension of time to submit its proof of insurance by no later than February 2, 2026. *December 2025 Secretarial Letter*.

On February 2, 2026, the Applicant filed a single-page request for a second extension of time to “complete the remaining insurance requirements” (Request for Extension No. 2). In its second request for an extension, the Applicant explained, in pertinent part, as follows:

Over the past several weeks, [Hospitrans] has worked diligently with multiple insurance brokers to obtain the required commercial auto liability coverage. Unfortunately, the lowest quote [Hospitrans] received [was] \$30,000 per year per vehicle, which is financially unfeasible for [Hospitrans] at this stage.

Hospitrans is a small startup transportation company, and this unexpected insurance cost represents a serious financial

hardship. [Hospitrans'] intention is not to delay the process, but to secure a reasonable and sustainable insurance policy that allows [Hospitrans] to operate safely and in full compliance with all regulations.

[Hospitrans] remain[s] fully committed to meeting all requirements and operating responsibility. [Hospitrans] respectfully request[s] additional time to continue negotiating with insurance carriers, explore alternative coverage options, and [to] finalize a solution that will allow [Hospitrans] to move forward.

Request for Extension No. 2 (emphasis omitted).

Also, on February 2, 2026, the Commission issued the *February 2026 Secretarial Letter*, wherein it dismissed the Application. In pertinent part, the *February 2026 Secretarial Letter* stated, as follows:

More than sixty (60) days ago, you received [the *October 2025 Secretarial Letter*] stating that the [Commission] approved your [A]pplication for authority, conditioned upon your compliance with specific requirements within sixty (60) days. To date, you have not complied with one or more of the following requirements:

X Failed to have your insurance company file evidence of bodily injury and property damage liability insurance (Form E) with this Commission

* * *

X Failed to file a tariff establishing just and reasonable rates

DISPOSITION – DISMISSAL

Since this Commission has not received all of the requirements listed in [the *October 2025 Secretarial Letter*] within sixty (60) days, **YOUR APPLICATION IS HEREBY DISMISSED** for non-compliance. **YOU MAY**

NOT OPERATE. A CERTIFICATE WILL NOT BE ISSUED.

February 2026 Secretarial Letter at 1 (emphasis in original).

Additionally, the *February 2026 Secretarial Letter* informed Hospitrans that, if it disagreed with the Commission's determination, then it may submit a Petition for Reconsideration from Staff Action with the Commission's Secretary within twenty (20) days of the date of the *February 2026 Secretarial Letter*. Further, the *February 2026 Secretarial Letter* outlined instructions regarding the form and content of such a Petition for Reconsideration from Staff Action, including references to the inclusion of relevant documentation and a signed verification statement, as set forth in 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.31 and 5.44. *February 2026 Secretarial Letter* at 1-2.

Also, on February 2, 2026, Hospitrans timely filed the instant Petition. No response to the Petition has been filed.

II. Discussion

A. Legal Standards

Petitions for Reconsideration from Staff Action are governed by the Commission's Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure, 52 Pa. Code § 5.44(a), which provides the following:

Actions taken by staff, other than a presiding officer, under authority delegated by the Commission, will be deemed to be the final action of the Commission unless reconsideration is sought from the Commission within 20 days after service of

notice of the action, unless a different time period is specified in this chapter or in the act.

52 Pa. Code § 5.44(a).

When evaluating appeals from a Commission staff action, under 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.44, the applicable legal standard is that the moving party has the burden of proof. *See, e.g., Application of Airquest*, Docket No. A-2015-2493073 (Order entered December 8, 2016) (*Application of Airquest*) (request for reconsideration of Secretarial Letter denying application for failure to comply with conditions); *Application of Department of Transportation (Norfolk)*, Docket No. A-2018-3003795 (Order entered November 14, 2019) (request for reconsideration of Secretarial Letter approving application with conditions). In this proceeding, Hospitrans is the party seeking affirmative relief from the Commission. Therefore, Hospitrans is the party with the burden of proof.

In order to make the determination whether granting a certificate is necessary or proper for the service, accommodation, convenience or safety of the public, the Commission's Regulations, at 52 Pa. Code §§ 3.381-85, and the Commission's Policy Statement, at 52 Pa. Code § 41.14, establish the evidentiary guidelines and criteria to be examined by the Commission when considering whether to grant or deny an application for authority.

The Commission's Policy Statement at 52 Pa. Code § 41.14 provides as follows:

§ 41.14. Evidentiary criteria used to decide motor common carrier applications – statement of policy.

An applicant seeking motor common carrier authority has the burden of demonstrating that it possesses the technical and

financial ability to provide the proposed service. In addition, authority may be withheld if the record demonstrates that the applicant lacks a propensity to operate safely and legally. In evaluating whether a motor carrier applicant can satisfy these fitness standards, the Commission will ordinarily examine the following factors, when applicable:

- (1) Whether an applicant has sufficient capital, equipment, facilities and other resources necessary to serve the territory requested.
- (2) Whether an applicant and its employees have sufficient technical expertise and experience to serve the territory requested.
- (3) Whether an applicant has or is able to secure sufficient and continuous insurance coverage for all vehicles to be used or useful in the provision of service to the public.
- (4) Whether an applicant has an appropriate plan to comply with the Commission's driver and vehicle safety regulations and service standards in Chapter 29 (relating to motor carriers of passengers).
- (5) An applicant's record, if any, of compliance with 66 Pa. C.S. (relating to Public Utility Code), this title and the Commission's orders.
- (6) Whether an applicant or its drivers have been convicted of a felony crime of moral turpitude and remains subject to supervision by a court or correctional institution.

52 Pa. Code § 41.14.

Finally, pursuant to Section 1103(a) of the Public Utility Code (Code), 66 Pa.C.S. § 1103(a), an application for a certificate of public convenience should be granted only if the Commission finds that "the granting of such certificate is necessary or

proper for the service, accommodation, convenience or safety of the public.” 66 Pa.C.S. § 1103(a).

B. Hospitrans’ Petition

The Petition consists of the following: (1) several numbered paragraphs in response to the *February 2026 Secretarial Letter*; and (2) a verification statement signed by “Salomon Lopez.”¹⁰ Petition at 1-3.

In response to the *February 2026 Secretarial Letter*, the Applicant explains, in pertinent part, as follows:

4. [Hospitrans] encountered extraordinary and unforeseen financial barriers in securing the required commercial insurance. Multiple brokers quoted annual premiums approaching or exceeding \$30,000 per vehicle, which made immediate compliance financially impossible for a newly formed small business.
5. During the compliance period, [Hospitrans] actively sought alternative insurance solutions, requested extensions, and continued working to meet the Commission’s conditions in good faith.
6. Because the insurance filing (Form E) could not be completed due to these prohibitive costs, the tariff filing and remaining steps were delayed as well.

Petition at 1-2. The Applicant also notes that Hospitrans remains committed to regulatory compliance and continues to pursue insurance options and finalize its tariff. Further, the Applicant notes that the dismissal of Hospitrans’ Application “resulted from temporary financial hardship – not from a lack of intent to comply.” The Applicant

¹⁰ As previously noted, “Salomon Lopez” is identified as the President of Hospitrans. See Application at 4, 10.

closes the Petition by requesting that the Commission: (1) “[r]econsider and vacate” the *February 2026 Secretarial Letter*; and (2) “grant a reasonable extension of time to allow [Hospitrans] to secure compliant insurance and file all remaining documentation.” Petition at 2 (emphasis omitted).

C. Disposition

In considering the instant Petition, we note that we are not required to consider, expressly or at length, each and every contention raised by a party to our proceedings. *University of Pennsylvania v. Pa. PUC*, 485 A.2d 1217 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1984). Any argument that is not specifically addressed herein shall be deemed to have been duly considered and denied without further discussion.

Upon review of the Petition and record documents, we will deny the Petition. In analyzing the requirements for an applicant seeking authority to operate as a motor common carrier of persons in paratransit service in the Commonwealth, the applicant must satisfy the standards in Section 1103(a) of the Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1103(a), and in the Commission’s Regulations, by demonstrating, *inter alia*, that it has the equipment necessary to provide the proposed service. 52 Pa. Code § 41.14. Accordingly, two of the Commission Policy Statement factors we use in evaluating the applicant’s fitness are: (1) “[w]hether an applicant has sufficient capital, equipment, facilities and other resources necessary to serve the territory requested;” and (2) “[w]hether an applicant has or is able to secure sufficient and continuous insurance coverage for all vehicles to be used or useful in the provision of service to the public.” 52 Pa. Code §§ 41.14(1), (3).

In its Petition, the Applicant insists that Hospitrans has been unable to secure the requisite insurance coverage due to financial difficulties.¹¹ While we understand the financial challenges that Hospitrans has encountered, we are not inclined to grant the Applicant’s request for reconsideration of our dismissal of its Application for non-compliance. We note that the Applicant did not provide evidence of proper insurance to begin rendering service within the time frame provided by the Commission in its *October 2025 Secretarial Letter* and, subsequently, within the time frame provided in the *December 2025 Secretarial Letter*.¹² Further, the Applicant verified that it still had not obtained the proper insurance at the time Hospitrans filed its Petition on February 2, 2026. Moreover, our review of the Commission’s case management system indicates that no proof of insurance (*i.e.*, Form E) has been filed with the Commission for Hospitrans.

The Applicant, to date, has failed to provide any documentation demonstrating that Hospitrans has or was able to secure the required insurance coverage for all of its vehicles. Furthermore, the Applicant admits that Hospitrans has insufficient financial resources to obtain the required insurance coverage for all of its vehicles. Thus, we must infer that Hospitrans does not currently possess the financial resources necessary to procure sufficient and continuous insurance coverage for all of its vehicles to provide its requested paratransit service. Therefore, we are unable to conclude that Hospitrans

¹¹ As discussed, *supra*, on February 2, 2026, Hospitrans filed a request for a second extension of time to “complete the remaining insurance requirements.” *See Request for Extension No. 2.*

¹² As discussed, *supra*, the *October 2025 Secretarial Letter* was issued on October 24, 2025. Therefore, pursuant to the directives of the *November 2025 Secretarial Letter*, Hospitrans was required to have its insurer file the required evidence of insurance within sixty (60) days from the date of the *October 2025 Secretarial Letter* was issued, or by December 23, 2025. However, the *December 2025 Secretarial Letter* was issued on December 22, 2025, wherein the Commission granted Hospitrans an extension of time to have its insurer file the required evidence of insurance by no later than February 2, 2026, or forty-one (41) additional days from the date Hospitrans was initially required to have its insurer file the required evidence of insurance.

satisfies the fitness standards set forth in our Regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 41.14(1), (3). Indeed, given that Hospitrans, by its own admission, is currently experiencing a financial hardship that prevents it from obtaining the necessary insurance coverage to provide its proposed paratransit service, it would be irresponsible of the Commission to grant Hospitrans' Petition at this time.¹³

Accordingly, we find that these factors weigh against granting the Petition under the circumstances. We note that, if Hospitrans has details and evidence that demonstrate and satisfy all of the fitness standards in the Commission's Policy Statement at 52 Pa. Code § 41.14 (1)-(6), then Hospitrans may file a new application with the Commission, if it so chooses.

III. Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, we will deny Hospitrans' Petition, consistent with this Opinion and Order; **THEREFORE,**

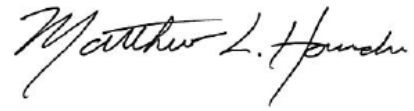
IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Petition for Reconsideration from Staff Action, filed by Hospitrans Corporation, on February 2, 2026, at Docket No. A-2025-3055838, is denied, consistent with this Opinion and Order.

¹³ Moreover, we note that the Commission's Regulation at 52 Pa. Code § 1.15 permits the Commission to grant an extension of time for good cause shown before or after the pertinent time period has expired. However, to the extent that the Applicant requests additional time to provide the Commission with the required proof of insurance coverage for all of its vehicles, we find that the Applicant has failed to establish a sufficient basis for the Commission to exercise its discretion and grant Hospitrans a second extension of time.

2. That this proceeding, at Docket No. A-2025-3055838, be marked closed.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matthew L. Homsher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: April 16, 2026

ORDER ENTERED: April 16, 2026