

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION**

Jerry Williams and Larry Whitehead,)
Individually and on Behalf of All Others)
Similarly Situated; and Stewart F. Cooke, III,)
as Special Representative of the Estate of)
Stewart Cooke,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

Case No. 2011 CH 15446

Retirement Plan for Chicago)
Transit Authority Employees;)
Board of Trustees of the)
Retirement Plan for Chicago)
Transit Authority Employees;)
Retiree Health Care Trust; and)
Board of Trustees of the)
Retiree Health Care Trust,)

Defendants.)

FINAL ORDER APPROVING PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

This matter came before the Court on October 23, 2023, for final hearing on, among other things, Plaintiffs' request for approval of the proposed Plan of Distribution as a fair and reasonable method to allocate and distribute the Net Settlement Fund among the Class Members.¹ The Court having considered all papers filed and matters submitted to it at the hearing concerning the Plan of Distribution, and no objections having been made to the Plan of Distribution by any Defendant or Class Member, the Court hereby APPROVES the Plan of Distribution and ORDERS as follows:

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Litigation and all matters relating to the Settlement, including the Plan of Distribution, and has personal jurisdiction over all of the Settling Parties and the Class Members.
2. Notice of the Proposed Plan of Distribution was given to all Class Members who could be identified with reasonable effort.² The Court finds that the form and method of notice to the Class: (a) were implemented in accordance with the Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement dated May 25, 2023; (b) constituted the best notice practicable under the

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein are used as defined in the Class Action Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") and the Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement dated May 25, 2023.

circumstances; (c) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances to apprise Class Members of (i) the effect of the proposed Settlement (including the releases to be provided thereunder); (ii) Class Counsel's Fee and Expense Application; (iii) their right to object to any aspect of the Settlement, the Plan of Distribution, and/or the Fee and Expense Application; and (iv) their right to appear at the Settlement hearing; (d) constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (e) satisfied the requirements of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure and all other applicable laws and rules.

3. The Court, having considered the materials submitted by Plaintiffs in support of their request for approval of the Plan of Distribution, hereby finds that the formula for the calculation of the Claims and Individual Settlement Amounts of Participant and Non-Participant Class Members as set forth in the Plan of Distribution provides a fair and reasonable basis upon which to allocate the proceeds of the Net Settlement Fund among all Class Members.
4. The Court hereby finds that the Plan of Distribution is, in all respects, fair and reasonable to the Class. Accordingly, the Court hereby approves the Plan of Distribution proposed by Plaintiffs.
5. The Escrow Agent is hereby authorized and ordered to distribute the Net Settlement Fund in one or more transfers to the Claims Administrator (Kroll Settlement Administration LLC), in consultation with Class Counsel, for distribution in accordance with the Plan of Distribution and the terms, conditions, and obligations of the Agreement, which terms, conditions, and obligations are incorporated herein.
6. Pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 304(a), the Court expressly finds that there is no just reason to delay enforcement or appeal of this final order.

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