UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL MINUTES—GENERAL

Case No. CV 85-4544-DMG (AGRx)

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Present: The Honorable DOLLY M. GEE, CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DEREK DAVIS Deputy Clerk NOT REPORTED

Court Reporter

Attorneys Present for Plaintiff(s) None Present Attorneys Present for Defendant(s) None Present

Proceedings: IN CHAMBERS—ORDER RE JUVENILE CARE MONITOR'S FINAL REPORT AND JUNE 23, 2025 STATUS CONFERENCE

In 2019, Plaintiffs requested a temporary restraining order to address the conditions of the United States Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") facilities in the El Paso and Rio Grande Valley ("RGV") sectors, alleging that the conditions were in violation of the *Flores* Settlement Agreement ("FSA"). The Parties spent years mediating this issue and ultimately reached a settlement agreement in July 2022 ("2022 Settlement"), which allowed the Court to appoint a Juvenile Care Monitor ("JCM"). [Doc. # 1254-1.] The JCM's role is to monitor CBP's compliance with the 2022 Settlement in the RGV and El Paso sectors. The JCM was initially appointed to a single term of 16 months, but the term has been extended several times either by stipulation of the Parties or by the Court as a remedial measure. Most recently, the Court extended the JCM's term by an additional six months, until June 27, 2025, "with the option for further extensions due to lack of substantial compliance." [Doc. # 1547 at 12.]¹

The JCM filed an Interim Report on May 27, 2025 and a Final Report on June 18, 2025. [Doc. ## 1570 ("Interim Report"), 1578 ("Final Report").] Plaintiffs filed a Response to the JCM's Interim Report. [Doc. # 1572.] In his Interim and Final Reports, the JCM noted that although CBP is in substantial compliance with some of the 2022 Settlement terms, CBP has not yet achieved substantial compliance with the terms governing caregivers, certain amenities, and self-monitoring. After carefully considering the JCM's reports, Plaintiffs' response thereto, and the input of the Parties at the status conference, the Court concludes that a limited three-month extension of the JCM's term is warranted to effectuate the relevant terms of the 2022 Settlement and the FSA.

In light of the foregoing, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

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- Dr. Paul Wise's term as the JCM—with all of the authorities detailed in the Parties' 2022 Settlement—is hereby EXTENDED by three months, from June 27, 2025 until September 26, 2025, with the option for further extensions due to lack of substantial compliance.
- 2. Legal Advisor Andrea Ordin and Medical Advisor Dr. Nancy Ewen Wang will continue to serve in their respective roles until **September 26, 2025**.
- 3. The JCM's monitoring role during this extended period shall be limited to the issues of caregivers in both sectors, certain amenities (nutrition for toddlers, temperature, warm garments, sleep conditions) in the El Paso sector, and CBP's monitoring capabilities in both sectors.
- 4. The JCM, Medical Advisor, and Legal Advisor shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable fees and expenses. These fees and expenses will be subject to the cap of \$310,000 annually. On a monthly basis, the JCM and Legal Advisor shall provide CBP with a detailed record of hours billed and expenses incurred in the preceding month. If CBP disputes a submitted bill, it shall have 15 days to review and submit objections to the JCM and/or Legal Advisor to request additional documentation. If any dispute over the JCM's and/or Legal Advisor's bill is not resolved within 30 days, CBP will submit the dispute to the Court for resolution.
- 5. The JCM shall file an amended Final Report by September 5, 2025.
- 6. The Parties shall file their responses, if any, to the JCM's amended Final Report by September 12, 2025.
- 7. The Court will hold a status conference regarding the JCM's amended Final Report, and any responses thereto, on **September 22, 2025 at 11:00 a.m**. The CBP Juvenile Coordinator shall attend this conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.