# NOTICE REGARDING TELEPHONIC MEETINGS OF CREDITORS

# Office of the United States Trustee Columbia Field Office October 6 – October 11, 2023

Effective October 6, 2023 to October 11, 2023, all meetings of creditors in bankruptcy chapter 7s, 12s, and 13s will be held in accordance with the notice of meeting of creditors issued with the notice of the commencement of the bankruptcy case. During the period of October 6, 2023 to October 11, 2023, the meetings of creditors may be held telephonically or by zoom on the date and at the time noticed in each case as shown in the notice of the meeting of creditors.

## **Noticed as a Telephonic Meeting of Creditors**

If the meeting of creditors was noticed to be held telephonically, the call-in information for chapter 7 341 meetings is:

Trustee	Number	Toll Free	Participant Code
Janet Haigler	(517) 477-6602	(888) 791-3450	6710937
John Fort	(517) 444-4994	(877) 951-5925	7553161
Michelle Vieira	(517) 477-8322	(877) 985-8971	4754087
Kevin Campbell	(517) 477-7753	(877) 973-7790	5304498

If the meeting of creditors was noticed to be held telephonically, the call-in information for chapter 13 341 meetings is:

Trustee	Number	Toll Free	Participant Code
Gretchen Holland	(203) 480-1116	(877) 985-8264	5092584
Annemarie B. Mathews	(517) 477-8826	(877) 985-7782	9233197
Pamela Simmons-Beasley	(517) 477-2274	(877) 953-1486	4504409
Jimmy Wyman	(203) 480-2363	(877) 486-6317	9903805

If the meeting of creditors was noticed to be held telephonically, the call-in information for chapter 12 341 meetings is:

Trustee	Number	Toll Free	Participant Code
Kerk Spong	(517) 477-6990	(866) 812-4190	8354661

For chapter 11 cases, there will continue to be held telephonically, the call-in information for chapter 11 341 meetings is:

Trustee	Number	Toll Free	Participant Code
UST all chapter 11 cases	(517) 477-6833	(877) 605-6087	8839880

# **Noticed as a Zoom Meeting of Creditors**

If the meeting of creditors was noticed to be held by zoom, the call-in numbers with the assigned participant passcodes for each trustee is:

			Dedicated Phone No.	Embedded Link Ctrl click to
<b>Chapter 7 Trustee</b>	Meeting ID	Passcode Code		access link
				Campbell Zoom
				Meeting Link
Kevin Campbell	687 333 9584	0101661459	(854) 230-2481	
				Fort Zoom
				Meeting Link
John Fort	625 615 9574	2229211799	(864) 659-7096	
				Haigler Zoom
				Meeting Link
Janet Haigler	514 987 6824	6278176026	(803) 853-1824	
				<u>Vieira Zoom</u>
				Meeting Link
Michelle Vieira	547 023 5098	5978948731	(854) 230-2081	

			Dedicated Phone No.	Embedded Link Ctrl click to
Chapter 13 Trustee	<b>Meeting ID</b>	Passcode Code	110.	access link
				<u>Holland Zoom</u>
Gretchen Holland	941 434 4820	0812378197	(864) 447-5381	Meeting Link
				Mathews Zoom
Annemarie Mathews	787 081 5018	9256347539	(803) 868-6848	Meeting Link
				Simmons-Beasley
				Zoom Meeting
Pamela Simmons-Beasley	377 971 4110	6902386777	(803) 380-6935	<u>Link</u>
				Wyman Zoom
James Wyman	320 853 8018	2272208201	(854) 228-8680	Meeting Link

			Dedicated Phone No.	Embedded Link Ctrl click to
<b>Chapter 12 Trustee</b>	Meeting ID	Passcode Code		access link
				Spong Zoom
				Meeting Link
Kerk Spong	653 860 5934	6043532837	(803) 702-0535	

Debtors' counsel and their clients are not required to be at the same physical location of counsel while a meeting is being conducted.

## **Debtor Identification Procedures Through Remote Meetings**

The requirement of proof of proper identification of debtors at meetings of creditors remains unchanged. This requirement includes debtors' counsel and pro se debtors emailing the case trustee by a secure method imaged copies of a debtor's photo identification and proof of social security number at least two business day prior to the meeting of creditors. The trustee may provide debtors' counsel and pro se debtors with further specifics regarding how to furnish this information.

If this method of debtor identification proves unsatisfactory to the trustee or to the United States Trustee, substitute proof of identification may be required using one of two alternative methods. Alternative method #1 entails a certification or declaration by a debtor's counsel confirming a debtor's identity. Alternative method #2 involves furnishing a sworn identification affidavit which requires a notary signature. Both the attorney certification/declaration form or the affidavit form may be obtained from the case trustee or the United States Trustee. Both alternative methods described for debtor identification must be completed and furnished to the trustee two business days prior to the meeting of creditors.

#### **Phone Etiquette Guidelines**

The following video/phone etiquette guidelines will be required of all parties participating in telephonic meetings of creditors:

- a. Mute the call/audio while your meeting is not being held by pressing \*6 on your phone. To unmute, press \*6 again.
- b. Limit all background noise while your meeting is being held.
- c. No speaker phone should be used unless two or more persons are appearing on the same line, i.e., debtor and counsel or joint-filing debtors.
- d. Debtors and counsel are to be at a set location, and not in transit, so that full attention can be given to the questions being asked.
- e. Only debtors and their counsel as well as creditors or interested parties will be allowed on the connection, i.e., no "moral support," "coaching," or supplementary answers are to be provided by friends or family during the call.
- f. Any telephonic appearances by debtors without their counsel also present on the conference call at the appointed time will result in a continuance. After two failed attempts, the trustee may seek the dismissal of the case.
- g. The attorney for the debtor(s) should share invitation information for participation in the teleconferencing 341 meetings with debtors and any creditors wishing to participate in the meeting.

- h. All parties attending meetings of creditors shall call just prior to the designated meeting time or as otherwise instructed by the trustee assigned to the case, or in chapter 11 cases, by the United States Trustee. Parties should disconnect from the call after the meeting attended is concluded.
- i. No recordings of the phone conference may be made by any party other than the trustee, United States Trustee, or a certified court reporter who has the express written permission of the trustee or United States Trustee to record the meeting.

If you have additional questions, please contact your attorney. If you are not represented by an attorney, contact the case trustee using the information below.

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