

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

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| Tasha Smith, on behalf of |) |
| herself and all other plaintiffs similarly |) |
| situated, |) |
| Plaintiffs, |) |
| |) |
| v. |) |
| |) |
| ACCEPTANCE SOLUTIONS |) |
| GROUP, INC. and |) |
| DAVID LANSBURGH, an individual |) |
| |) |
| Defendants. |) |

Case No.: 1:21-cv-1675

Judge John J. Tharp, Jr.

PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER

The parties have applied, pursuant to Rule Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e), for an order approving settlement of the claims alleged in this litigation, in accordance with a Settlement and Release Agreement (the “Settlement Agreement”), which, together with the exhibits annexed thereto, sets forth the terms and conditions for a proposed settlement of the claims against Defendants and for dismissal of this litigation against Defendants upon the terms and conditions set forth therein, and the Court has read and considered the Agreement and the exhibits annexed thereto. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The plaintiff’s Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement and for Certification of Claims pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 [30] is granted. For the reasons set forth in the unopposed motion, the Court hereby preliminarily approves the settlement set forth in the Settlement Agreement as being fair, reasonable and adequate, and in the best interest of Plaintiffs and those persons that are identified on Exhibit 2 to the Settlement Agreement (the “Settlement Class Members”) and that this matter is preliminarily certified as a Class Action of the Settlement Class Members pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.

2. The Settlement Hearing shall be held before this Court at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604, to determine finally whether the proposed settlement of this litigation on the terms and conditions provided for in the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interest of the Settlement Class, and should be approved by the Court, and whether an Final Approval

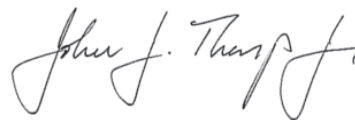
Order and Final Judgment of Dismissal should be entered. Plaintiffs shall file a motion seeking final approval and their request for attorney fees at least 7 days prior to the final approval hearing.

3. The Court approves, as to form and content, the Settlement Notice that is attached to the Agreement as it complies fully with the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Constitution of the United States and any other applicable laws.

4. With regard to distribution of the Settlement Notice, Class Counsel and Defendant are hereby directed and authorized to effectuate notice as called for in the Settlement Agreement and the Defendants shall provide to Class Counsel and the Settlement Administrator the information provided for in the Settlement Agreement by the deadlines required therein. The Court authorizes the utilization of a settlement administrator as called for in the parties' Settlement Agreement.

5. Any Settlement Class Member wishing to oppose or contest the approval of the Agreement, or the judgment to be entered thereon if the same is approved, must comply with the procedures set forth in the Settlement Notice. Any Settlement Class Member who has served and filed an objection as set forth therein may appear at the Settlement Hearing and show cause to the Court, if he or she has any, why the proposed settlement of this litigation should or should not be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate, or why a judgment should or should not be entered thereon. Any Settlement Class Member who does not make an objection in the manner provided herein shall be deemed to have waived such objection and shall be foreclosed from making any objection to the fairness, adequacy, or reasonableness of the proposed settlement. The date by when any objections to the Settlement must be made and by when a Settlement Class Member may opt out of the Settlement Class is set for 30 days from the date of Notice mailing.

Date: March 16, 2022



John J. Tharp, Jr.
United States District Judge