

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**THE HEARTLAND GROUP
VENTURES, LLC, *et al.*,**

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 4:21-cv-01310-O-BP

ORDER

Before the Court is the Receiver’s Fee Application for Services Performed Between April 1, 2026 and June 30, 2026, and Brief in Support (ECF No. 839) filed on August 14, 2026. The Application requests approval and authorization of fees and expenses incurred by Deborah D. Williamson, as Receiver; Dykema Gossett PLLC (“Dykema”); Ahuja & Clark, PLLC n/k/a Ahuja & Consultants, Inc. (“Ahuja”); and Stretto Inc. (“Stretto”) between January 1, 2026 and March 31, 2026 (the “Application Period”). The Application also requests approval and authorization of fees and expenses incurred by PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory (Bahamas) Limited (“PWCB”) for the period from August 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026.

The Court held a hearing on the Application today. After reviewing the Application and the applicable legal authorities, the Court **GRANTS** the Application as to Deborah D. Williamson, as Receiver; Dykema; Ahuja; and Stretto. Upon consideration of the Application, the Court finds that: (i) it has subject matter jurisdiction over the Application; (ii) it has personal jurisdiction over the Receivership Parties; (iii) the Receiver, Dykema, Ahuja, and Stretto have provided reasonable services at reasonable rates that have benefitted the Receivership Estates during the Application

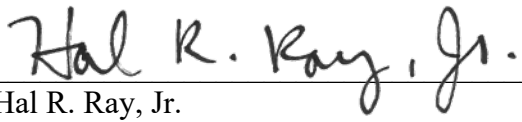
Period; (iv) the relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Receivership Estates and all parties-in-interest of the Receivership Estates; (v) proper and adequate notice of the Application has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and (vi) the deadline for filing objections to the Application has expired and no objection to the Application was filed with this Court. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that:

1. The Application is **APPROVED** to the extent set forth in this Order.
2. The Receiver's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$4,185.00.
3. Dykema's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$18,563.30.
4. Ahuja's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$2,349.50.
5. Stretto's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$849.00.
6. Dykema's expenses incurred during the Application Period in connection with services rendered on behalf of the Receiver are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$5,131.90.
8. Ahuja's expenses incurred during the Application Period in connection with services rendered on behalf of the Receiver are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$106.13.
9. The Receiver is hereby authorized to pay all outstanding fee and expense amounts approved in this Order for the Application Period to Dykema (inclusive of the Receiver), Ahuja, and Stretto from the available funds of the Receivership Estates.

The Court reserves a ruling on the Application to the extent of its request for approval of PWCB's fees and expenses. The Court **RESETS** the hearing on that part of the Application to **October 13, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. C.D.T. via telephone**. Any party or person opposing or supporting that part of the Application **SHALL FILE** a response on or before **October 9, 2026**.

The Clerk will furnish the call-in information to access the hearing to the parties' counsel of record. By **September 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**, the Receiver **SHALL** transmit a copy of this Order to all unrepresented parties and interested persons, and the Receiver thereafter **SHALL** file proof of such transmission. If any other party or person wishes to participate in the telephonic hearing, the party or person **SHALL** file an appropriate request with the clerk or place a telephone call to Ms. Elsherie Moore, courtroom deputy clerk, at (817) 850-6664.

It is so **ORDERED** on September 14, 2026.



Hal R. Ray, Jr.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE