Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

ORDER

IN RE MANESIA MINORS

Docket No. 379569

LC No. 2025-002147-NA

Brock A. Swartzle
Presiding Judge

Michael J. Kelly

Mariam S. Bazzi
Judges

The motion for immediate consideration is GRANTED.

The motion to STAY is STRICKEN because appellant failed to provide transcripts as required by MCR 7.209.

Pursuant to MCR 7.205(E)(2), in lieu of granting the application for leave to appeal, the Court REVERSES the February 12, 2026 and February 20, 2026 orders denying respondent's motion to adjourn and REMANDS for further proceedings consistent with this order. The trial court abused its discretion by denying respondent's unopposed motion to adjourn when respondent provided good cause for an adjournment. See MCR 3.972(A); MCR 3.923(G). Specifically, an adjournment is necessary to allow respondent time to review discovery that petitioner failed to timely provide as required by MCR 3.922(A)(1) and to allow respondent time to consult an expert. There is no indication that an adjournment will harm the children, who remain in the care of their non-respondent mother, see MCR 3.923(G)(2), and a desire "to expedite court dockets is not a sufficient reason to deny an otherwise proper request for a continuance," *People v Jackson*, 467 Mich 272, 279 n 7; 650 NW2d 665 (2002) (quotation marks and citation omitted). On remand, the trial court shall adjourn trial for a sufficient length of time to allow respondent to consult an expert and prepare for trial.

This order is to have immediate effect. MCR 7.215(F)(2).

We do not retain jurisdiction.

Brock A. Swartzle
Presiding Judge

A true copy entered and certified by Jerome W. Zimmer Jr., Chief Clerk, on

February 24, 2026
Date

Jerome W. Zimmer Jr.
Chief Clerk