STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF CLAIMS

SCOTT H. D. WATSON,

Plaintiff,

v

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS and HEIDI WASHINGTON, in her official capacity as Director, Michigan Department of Corrections,

Defendants.
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Case No. 25-000183-MB

Hon. Sima G. Patel

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STIPULATED SCHEDULING ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the parties' stipulation, submitted in response to the Court's letter of September 28, 2026. The Court being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. **Initial disclosures.** Plaintiff shall serve initial disclosures under MCR 2.302(A) on or before October 7, 2026, and Defendants on or before October 21, 2026, as provided in MCR 2.302(A)(5). Each party shall file a copy of its initial disclosures with the Clerk of the Court.

2. **Witness lists.** Each party shall file and serve its witness list, identifying lay and expert witnesses, as required by MCR 2.401(I), on or before January 8, 2027. A party may supplement its witness list to add a witness first identified in discovery after that date by filing and serving the supplement within 14 days after the witness is first identified.

3. **Discovery.** Discovery shall be completed by February 26, 2027. Written discovery requests shall be served so that responses are due on or before that date.

4. **Mediation.** Mediation shall be completed by March 12, 2027. The parties may satisfy this requirement through a settlement conference before a judge of the Court of Claims other than the assigned judge, in lieu of private mediation.

5. **Dispositive motions.** Dispositive motions shall be filed on or before March 26, 2027.

6. **Related actions.** No related action is pending in any circuit court.

7. **Electronic service.** Under MCR 2.107(C)(4), the parties consent to service of papers by email at the addresses listed in the caption.

Dated: October 9, 2026

Hon. Sima G. Patel
Judge, Court of Claims

The parties stipulate to entry of this order:

Scott H. D. Watson
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Dated: October 7, 2026

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Dated: October 8, 2026