

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

Case No. 9:20-cv-81063-RS

STEVE HARTEL, individually and on behalf
of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE GEO GROUP, INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

**ORDER APPROVING PLAN OF
ALLOCATION OF NET SETTLEMENT FUND**

This matter came before the Court for a hearing on November 14, 2023 (the “Settlement Hearing”) on Plaintiffs’ motion to determine whether the proposed plan of allocation of the Net Settlement Fund (“Plan of Allocation”) created by the Settlement achieved in the above-captioned class action (the “Action”) should be approved. The Court having considered all matters submitted to it at the Settlement Hearing and otherwise; and it appearing that notice of the Settlement Hearing substantially in the form approved by the Court was mailed to all Settlement Class Members who or which could be identified with reasonable effort, and that a summary notice of the hearing substantially in the form approved by the Court was published over the *Business Wire* pursuant to the specifications of the Court; and the Court having considered and determined the fairness and reasonableness of the proposed Plan of Allocation, it is

ORDERED THAT:

1. This Order approving the proposed Plan of Allocation incorporates by reference

the definitions in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated May 1, 2023 [DE86] (the “Stipulation”), and all terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation.

2. The Court has jurisdiction to enter this Order approving the proposed Plan of Allocation, and over the subject matter of the Action and all parties to the Action, including all Settlement Class Members.

3. Notice of Plaintiffs’ motion for approval of the proposed Plan of Allocation was given to all Settlement Class Members who could be identified with reasonable effort. The form and method of notifying the Settlement Class of the motion for approval of the proposed Plan of Allocation satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7)), due process, and all other applicable laws and rules, constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constituted due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto.

4. Copies of the Postcard Notice were mailed to approximately 5,500 potential Settlement Class Members and nominees, and no objections to the Plan of Allocation have been received.


5. The Court hereby finds and concludes that the formula for the calculation of the claims of Claimants as set forth in the Plan of Allocation mailed to Settlement Class Members provides a fair and reasonable basis upon which to allocate the proceeds of the Net Settlement Fund among Settlement Class Members with due consideration having been given to administrative convenience and necessity.

6. The Court hereby finds and concludes that the Plan of Allocation is, in all respects, fair and reasonable to the Settlement Class. Accordingly, the Court hereby approves the Plan of

Allocation proposed by Plaintiffs.

7. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Order, and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed.

DONE AND ORDERED in Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 17th day of November, 2023.



RODNEY SMITH
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE