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May 22, 2024

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MAURICIO CHAVEZ, GIORGIO
BENVENUTO and CryptoFX, LLC,

Defendants.

CBT Group, LLC,

Relief Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:22-CV-03359

JUDGE ANDREW S. HANEN

**ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF RECEIVER'S
SIXTH CERTIFIED INTERIM FEE APPLICATION**

On May 17, 2024, counsel for John Lewis, Jr., the Court-appointed Receiver for Mauricio Chavez (“Chavez”), Giorgio Benvenuto (“Benvenuto”), CryptoFX, LLC (“CryptoFX”), and CBT Group, LLC (“CBT”) (collectively, the “Receivership Defendants”), filed an Application Authorizing Payment of Receiver’s Sixth Certified Interim Fee Application (“FCIFA”), which seeks approval of the fees incurred by the Receiver and the Receiver’s Retained Professionals from January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024 (the “Application Period”).

Pursuant to the Receivership Order, paragraph 58, the Receiver served a copy of the proposed FCIFA, together with all exhibits and billing information, to counsel for the SEC. Receiver and counsel for the SEC have conferred regarding the Receiver’s FCIFA, its compliance with the SEC’s Billing Guidelines and this Court’s Receivership Order, and the reasonableness of the costs and expenses incurred in the ordinary course of the administration and operation of the Receivership. The SEC does not oppose the Receiver’s Application. The Court finds and

determines that good cause exists to approve the Receiver's Sixth Certified Interim Fee Application. Accordingly, the Court finds and determines as follows:

(a) The Receiver's Sixth Certified Interim Fee Application should be and hereby is granted; it is further ordered that

(b) The Receiver be conditionally awarded fees incurred during the Sixth Interim Fee Application in the amount of \$22,102.52; it is further ordered that

(c) The Receiver's Retained Professionals be awarded fees incurred during the Sixth Interim Fee Application as follows: Shook Hardy & Bacon, LLC for \$54,378.68; Hays Financial Consulting, LLC for \$4,719.60; BlockTrace, LLC, \$25,848.00; it is further ordered that

(d) The out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Receiver in the ordinary course of the administration and operation of the Receivership, as set out more fully in the FCIFA in the aggregate amount of \$9,217.63 are reasonable and necessary, and that they be approved for immediate reimbursement by the Receiver.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 21st day of May 2024.



JUDGE ANDREW S. HANEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE