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IT IS ORDERED as set forth below:

Date: August 26, 2024

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Paul Baisier U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

In re:

LAVIE CARE CENTERS, LLC, et al.¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-55507 (PMB)

(Jointly Administered)

Related to Docket No. 346

ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING MEDIATION

This matter is before the Court on the joint motion (the "Motion"), filed on August 26,

2024 at Docket No. 346, of LaVie Care Centers, LLC ("LaVie") and certain of its affiliates and

subsidiaries, as debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "Debtors") in the above-

¹ The last four digits of LaVie Care Centers, LLC's federal tax identification number are 5592. There are 282 Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, which are being jointly administered for procedural purposes only. A complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers are not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://www.veritaglobal.net/lavie. The location of LaVie Care Centers, LLC's corporate headquarters and the Debtors' service address is 1040 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30338.



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captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>"), the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases (the "<u>Committee</u>"), OHI DIP Lender, LLC ("<u>OHI DIP Lender</u>"), and TIX 33433 LLC ("<u>TIX DIP Lender</u>" and, collectively, with the Debtors, the Committee, and OHI DIP Lender, the "<u>Parties</u>"). The Parties have requested that they be authorized to participate in mediation with regard to the issues in this proceeding. It appears that the most productive form of mediation is to designate a current bankruptcy judge with no assignment or responsibility for these proceedings as a settlement judge to serve as a neutral mediator and that Bankruptcy Judge Jeffery W. Cavender is qualified and suitable to serve in that capacity.

For good cause, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The Motion is GRANTED as set forth herein.

2. The Parties to this proceeding shall mediate the issues and disputes presented in these proceedings. The Parties' representatives, including members of the Committee, may attend the mediation in person or may join by either video conference or telephone.

3. Bankruptcy Judge Cavender is designated as a settlement judge with regard to this matter for the purpose of conducting mediation proceedings as the neutral mediator. Such mediation shall be conducted at a time and place and in accordance with procedures mutually agreed upon by the parties and Judge Cavender.

4. Because Judge Cavender will be serving as the neutral mediator in this matter and because the nature of the mediation process requires *ex parte* contacts and communications between the neutral mediator and each of the sides, the prohibitions of FED. R. BANKR. P. 9003 do not apply to communications among the parties, their attorneys, and Judge Cavender in connection with the mediation proceedings. The Parties and their attorneys may, therefore, have *ex parte*

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communications with Judge Cavender in his capacity as the neutral mediator in connection with the mediation proceedings.

5. All communications made by the Parties or their attorneys to each other or to Judge Cavender in connection with the mediation process, the conduct and demeanor of the Parties and their counsel during the mediation, and any documents prepared or produced in connection with the mediation process, including Judge Cavender's notes or records, shall be confidential and shall not be admissible in evidence or the subject of any discovery in any proceeding (unless admissible or discoverable without regard to the mediation). The mediation sessions and any conferences or proceedings in connection therewith shall be treated as compromise negotiations for purposes of the Federal Rules of Evidence, the Georgia Rules of Evidence, or any rules of evidence of any other jurisdiction. No record will be made of the mediation proceedings. Judge Cavender is disqualified from appearing as a witness in any matter, and shall not be called as a witness, with regard to the mediation or any matter arising out of or related thereto.

END OF ORDER

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