

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

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In re:)	Chapter 11
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STAGE STORES, INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 20-32564 (DRJ)
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Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)
)	(Emergency Hearing Requested)

NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC HEARING

On May 10, 2020, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) commenced these chapter 11 cases.

A hearing is set for **May 11, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.** prevailing Central Time before Judge David R. Jones at the United States Bankruptcy Court, Houston, Texas to consider:

- **Complex Case.** Notice of Designation as Complex Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case [Docket No. 11];
- **Joint Administration.** Debtors’ Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases [Docket No. 3];
- **Cash Collateral Motion.** Debtors’ Emergency Motion Seeking Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing Use of Cash Collateral and Affording Adequate Protection, (II) Modifying the Automatic Stay, (III) Scheduling a Final Hearing and (IV) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 24];
- **365(d)(3) Motion.** Debtors’ Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Extending Time for Performance Under Certain Unexpired Leases, (II) Setting Administrative Procedures With Respect to Certain Motions and Applications for Payments, and (III) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 22];
- **Store Closing Motion.** Debtors’ Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Close Stores and Wind-Down Operations, (II) Authorizing the Debtors to Assume and Perform Under the Consulting Agreement Related to the Store Closings, (III) Approving Procedures

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: Stage Stores, Inc. (6900) and Specialty Retailers, Inc. (1900). The Debtors’ service address is: 2425 West Loop South, Houston, Texas 77027.



for Store Closing Sales, (IV) Approving Modifications to Certain Customer Programs, and (V) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 27];

- **Wages Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Pay Prepetition Wages, Salaries, Other Compensation, and Reimbursable Expenses and (B) Continue Employee Benefits Programs and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 23];
- **Customer Programs Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Maintain and Administer Their Existing Customer Programs and Honor Certain Prepetition Obligations Related Thereto and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 12];
- **Cash Management Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Continue to Operate Their Cash Management System and Maintain Existing Bank Accounts and (B) Continue to Perform Intercompany Transactions, and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 17];
- **Lienholder Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Pay Prepetition Claims of Lien Claimants (II) Confirming Administrative Expense Priority of Outstanding Orders, and (III) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 18];
- **Insurance Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Continue Insurance Coverage Entered Into Prepetition and Satisfy Prepetition Obligations Related Thereto, (B) Renew, Amend, Supplement, Extend, or Purchase Insurance Policies, and (C) Continue to Pay Brokerage Fees and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 16];
- **Taxes Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Payment of Certain Taxes and Fees and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 13];
- **Utilities Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Approving the Debtors' Proposed Adequate Assurance of Payment for Future Utility Services, (II) Prohibiting Utility Providers from Altering, Refusing, or Discontinuing Services, (III) Approving the Debtors' Proposed Procedures for Resolving Adequate Assurance Requests, and (IV) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 15];
- **Equity Trading Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock [Docket No. 14];

- **Creditor Matrix Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to File a Consolidated Creditor Matrix and List of Fifty Largest Unsecured Creditors, (II) Authorizing Redaction of Certain Personal Identification Information, (III) Waiving the Requirement to File Equity Lists and Modifying Equity Holder Notice Requirements, (IV) Approving the Form and Manner of Notifying Creditors of Commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases, and (V) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 9];
- **SOFA Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order Extending Time to File Schedules of Assets and Liabilities, Schedules of Current Income and Expenditures, Schedules of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, and Statement of Financial Affairs [Docket No. 10];
- **Contract/Lease Procedures Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Approving Procedures to Reject or Assume Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 21];
- **KCC Retention Application.** Debtors' Emergency Application for Entry of an Order Appointing Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC as Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent [Docket No. 20].

Electronic Appearances

Please note that on March 24, 2020, through the entry of General Order 2020-10, the Court invoked the Protocol for Emergency Public Health or Safety Conditions. The Order may be found at: https://www.txs.uscourts.gov/sites/txs/files/Bankruptcy%20General%20Order%202020-04%20Adoption%20of%20Contingency%20Plan_0.pdf.

Therefore, all persons will appear telephonically and also may appear via video at this hearing using the Court's electronic conference systems.

The Court will simultaneously use two technology methods to conduct electronic hearings. One method will provide audio communication. The other will provide video access to exhibits and materials presented to the Court. If a party wants to both view the documents presented to the Court and hear the proceeding, the party must 1) dial in through the audio system, and 2) log into the Court's video via join.me.

Hearing appearances should be made electronically and in advance of the hearing. You may make your electronic appearance by:

- 1) Going to the Southern District of Texas website;
- 2) Selecting “Bankruptcy Court” from the top menu;
- 3) Selecting “Judges’ Procedures and Schedules”;
- 4) Selecting “View Home Page” for Judge David R. Jones;
- 5) Under “Electronic Appearance” select “Click here to submit electronic appearance;”
- 6) Select Stage Stores, Inc., *et al.* from the list of electronic appearance links, and
- 7) After selecting Stage Stores, Inc., *et al.* from the list, complete the required fields and hit the “Submit” button at the bottom of the page.

Submitting your appearance electronically in advance of the hearing will negate the need to make an appearance on the record at the hearing.

Audio Communication

Audio communication will be conducted by use of the Court’s regular dial-in number: **832-917-1510**. At the start of the call, the caller will be asked to enter a six-digit conference code. The six-digit conference code for this hearing is: **205691**. Each caller shall be responsible for its own long-distance charges.

Parties are encouraged to review the Court’s procedures for telephonic appearances located at <https://www.txs.uscourts.gov/sites/txs/files/Court%20Procedures%20-%20202-1-2020.pdf>.

Attorneys, witnesses, and parties-in-interest wishing to participate in the hearing must connect to each hearing by audio communication. Any person who wishes to attend the hearing may also dial in to the audio conference dial-in number.

Each person who speaks at the electronic hearing should be prepared to restate that person’s name each time that the person speaks in order to assist any transcriber of the audio recording.

Video Communication:

The Debtors will offer evidence and demonstrative exhibits from a remote location. Parties may participate in electronic hearings by use of an internet connection. The internet site is www.join.me. A join.me application is available for download to computers. Persons connecting by mobile device will need to download the free join.me application.

Once connected to join.me, a participant must select “Join a Meeting.” The code for joining this hearing before Judge David R. Jones is “JudgeJones”. In the next screen, participants should enter their name in the lower left-hand corner. Then, click “Notify” to join the conference.

In addition to seeking the admission of certain exhibits, the Debtors will provide the Court with an overview of the case through a PowerPoint presentation. Any exhibit offered by the Debtors will be filed on the Court’s docket. Any party may also obtain an electronic copy of the exhibits by request to counsel to the Debtors.

If any party wishes to offer exhibits, it is recommended that these exhibits be filed on CM/ECF. Each exhibit should be filed as a separate attachment to an Exhibit List in compliance with BLR 9013-2.

Witnesses presented by the Debtor will appear via audio and video connection. Any person wishing to examine the witness will be permitted to do so during the hearing.

All documents filed in these chapter 11 cases are available free of charge by visiting <http://www.kccllc.net/stagestores>, by calling 888-647-1732 (U.S. and Canada) or 310-751-2622 (International), or by email at www.kccllc.net/stagestores/inquiry. Copies of any pleadings may be obtained by visiting the Court’s website at <https://ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov> in accordance with the procedures and fees set forth therein.

Houston, Texas
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Certificate of Service

I certify that on May 11, 2020, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

/s/ Matthew D. Cavanaugh

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