

**19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

CITY BAR, INC., et al., individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated	Civil Action No. 703,353
Plaintiffs,	Section 22
v.	Judge Beau M. Higginbotham
JOHN BEL EDWARDS, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Louisiana	Jury Demand
Defendant.	

ORDER (1) DIRECTING NOTICE OF CLASS CERTIFICATION, (2) GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, (3) DIRECTING NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT, AND (4) SCHEDULING FAIRNESS HEARING FOR FINAL APPROVAL

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Upon consideration of Plaintiffs' and Class Counsel's Unopposed Motion for an Order: (i) directing notice of class certification as required by La. C.C.P. arts. 592(B); (ii) granting preliminary approval of Class Action Settlement Agreement and Release ("Settlement Agreement"); (iii); directing notice of the Settlement Agreement as required by 594(A)(2); (iv) granting approval of the process and related matters provided in the Settlement Agreement; and (iv) scheduling a hearing to determine whether the proposed settlement is "fair, reasonable, and adequate for the class" as required by La. C.C.P. art. 594(E), is hereby,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

1. Notice of the (a) Judgment rendered July 8, 2025 granting Class Certification and appointing Class Counsel and Class Representatives and (b) Settlement Agreement shall be provided to all Class Members through use of the Long Form Notice and Short Form Notice as provided in Section IV of the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement Website as defined in Paragraph 32 of the Settlement Agreement.
2. Within 14 days from the date of this Order, Class Counsel shall establish the Settlement Website as provided in Paragraph 31 of the Settlement Agreement.
3. The procedure for Opting-out of the Class under Section V of the Settlement Agreement is approved. To reiterate: Any Class Member wishing to opt-out of the Class must individually request exclusion from the Class by use of the Opt-out Form and instructions

provided in the Settlement Agreement. The completed Opt-out Form must be post-marked or submitted online no later than 45 days from the date of this Order.

4. The Settlement Agreement, including all exhibits thereto, is preliminarily approved by the Court as fair, reasonable and adequate, as negotiated and entered into at arm's-length, in good faith, and free of collusion to the detriment of the Class, and as being in the range of possible judicial approval at a prospective Fairness Hearing.
5. The procedure for lodging Objections to the Settlement as provided in the Settlement Agreement is approved. For the avoidance of doubt, any Class Member wishing to object to the Settlement Agreement must do so in writing prior to the Objection Deadline, the later of 45 days from the date of the Settlement Administrator's mailing of the Postcard Notice or 30 days from the date of the Class Member's signed receipt of the Short Form Notice, as provided in the Settlement Agreement.
6. The Claim Form and the Claims Process as provided in the Settlement Agreement are approved.
7. Eisner Advisory Group is appointed as the Settlement Administrator.
8. The Settlement Administration process provided in the Settlement Agreement is approved.
9. A formal Fairness Hearing shall take place before the Nineteenth Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, the Honorable Beau M. Higginbotham, at 300 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801, Division 22, Courtroom Room 10D on May 12, 2026 at 9 am, in order to consider comments and objections to the proposed Settlement Agreement, whether to approve the settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate pursuant to La. C.C.P. art. 954(E), and whether to enter a Final Approval Order.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this _____ day of _____ 2026.



2/24/2026

HONORABLE BEAU M. HIGGINBOTHAM
19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, DIVISION 22

Approved as to form and content.

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