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APPEAL FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

Crystal M. Rookard, Administrative Law Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-000007

Christina M. Mims,.....Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority,
South Carolina Retirement Systems,Respondent.

RESPONDENT’S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Respondent South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority, South Carolina Retirement Systems, hereby moves pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, for an extension of the time within which to file its initial brief and designation of matter to be included in the record on appeal in the above-captioned appeal. Respondent received a copy of Appellant’s initial brief and designation of matter by FedEx on March 21, 2025; however, the documents indicate that they were filed with the Court and served by mail on March 10, 2025, which would make Respondent’s initial brief and designation of matter due on or before April 9, 2025, less than three weeks after actual receipt of Appellant’s initial brief. In order to ensure that Respondent can provide a full and complete response to the issues raised on appeal, Respondent respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days to file its initial brief and designation of matter in this appeal. If granted, this extension

would make Respondent's initial brief and designation of matter due on or before Friday, May 9, 2025.

Respondent has consulted with counsel for Appellant regarding the requested extension of time, and she has indicated that she consents to the requested extension. Further, Respondent has made no prior requests for an extension of time with regard to filing the initial brief and designation of matter in this appeal.

For these reasons, Respondent South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority, South Carolina Retirement Systems, requests an extension of the deadline for filing and serving its initial brief and designation of matter until May 9, 2025.



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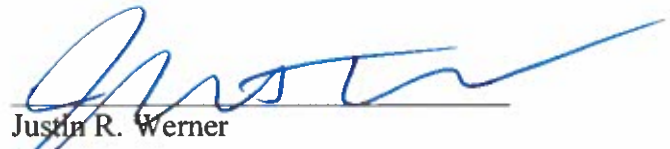
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served Respondent’s Motion for Extension of Time in this matter on Appellant Christina M. Mims by emailing a copy of it to her counsel of record, M. Leila Louzri, at her primary email address listed in the Attorney Information System, mllouzri@fosterfoster.com, on March 25, 2025.



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RE: Christina M. Mims v. S.C. Public Employee Benefit Authority, S.C. Retirement Systems,
Appellate Case No. 2025-000007

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please find enclosed a motion for an extension of the time to file Respondent's initial brief and designation of matter in the above-referenced matter, along with an accompanying certificate of service.

Thank you for the Court's consideration of this request. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the request, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 803.737.6894 or by email at jwerner@peba.sc.gov.

Respectfully,

Justin R. Werner
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cc: M. Leila Louzri, Esquire (by email to mllouzri@fosterfoster.com)