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IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

STEVEN BIXBY, #006024,

Applicant,

vs.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

S.C. SUPREME COURT  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASE NO.: 2024-CP-01-00375

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

On March 13, 2025, the Supreme Court of South Carolina ordered that within thirty days of the April 4, 2025 status conference, this Court shall issue a scheduling order setting forth the schedule that shall be followed in this matter, including the date of the evidentiary hearing, which shall be held no later than September 1, 2025.

At the April 4, 2025 status conference, counsel was instructed to submit to the Court (1) a proposed order regarding access to privileged mental health information; (2) a proposed order appointing Mr. Kendrick and Mr. Weiss as Mr. Bixby's counsel, pursuant to South Carolina law; and (3) a proposed order appointing Mr. John "Jack" Duncan as guardian ad litem for Mr. Bixby. As of May 1, 2025, all of the aforementioned orders have been signed. Guided by the provision of S.C. Code § 17-27-160, and in compliance with the Supreme Court Order dated March 13, 2025, this Court now issues the following scheduling order for this action:

1. The hearing to determine Applicant's competency to be executed is set for 10:00 am, August 21, 2025, at the Greenville County Courthouse. Friday, August 22, 2025, is also reserved for this hearing should the hearing not be completed on the first scheduled date.

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2. The parties shall submit pre-hearing briefs by the end of business on Friday, August 15, 2025.
3. The parties shall pre-mark all exhibits to be used during the competency hearing.
4. The parties shall comply with all previously signed orders.
5. This Court shall file its final order in this matter not later than thirty days following the evidentiary hearing.

The original of this Order is to be filed with the Abbeville County Clerk of Court in Case No. 2024-CP-01-00375, and copies provided to counsel on this matter. The Court is setting this hearing in Greenville County for logistical reasons, including the transportation and housing of the Applicant and the proximity to the office of Applicant's counsel, pursuant to the provisions of the March 13, 2025 Order. The undersigned will also forward a copy of this Scheduling Order to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of South Carolina and Court Administration with a reference to Appellate Case No. 2007-054161.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**



R. Scott Sprouse  
Presiding Judge

Waller, South Carolina

May 1, 2025