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S.C. SUPREME COURT

IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STEVEN BIXBY, #006024,

CASE NO.: 2024-CP-01-00375

Applicant,

vs.

**AMENDED SCHEDULING ORDER**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

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. Guided by the provision of S.C. Code Section 17-27-160, and in compliance with the Supreme Court Order dated March 13, 2025, this Court issued its scheduling order on May 1, 2025.

This Court issued its Order Appointing Court Expert on May 16, 2025, appointing Donna Maddox, M.D. as the Court's expert in this case. After conferring with counsel for each side via teleconference on or about May 16, 2025, it became apparent to the Court that multiple experts would be called as witnesses in the case to testify. Applicant's counsel subsequently informed the Court that two days may not be enough time to complete the hearing. Applicant's counsel also informed the Court of an agreed upon date of a reciprocal disclosure of expert reports and the disclosure of a supplemental psychological report to be submitted to opposing counsel. Accordingly, the Court now amends its May 1, 2025 Scheduling Order as follows:

1. Out of an abundance of caution, the Court hereby sets a third hearing date for this matter. The hearing to determine Applicant's competency to be executed is now set for Thursday, August, 21, 2025; Friday, August 22, 2025; and Monday, August 25, 2025. The first day of the hearing is set for 10:00 am, Thursday, August 21, 2025. The second day of the hearing is set for Friday, August 22, 2025, should the hearing not be completed on the first scheduled date. The third day of the hearing is set for Monday, August 25, 2025, should the hearing not be completed on the first or second day. All stated hearings shall be held at the Greenville County Courthouse.
2. The parties have conferred and agreed on August 6, 2025, as the date for the reciprocal disclosure of expert reports. The parties shall reciprocally disclose the said expert reports on or before August 6, 2025.
3. Applicant's attorneys shall send Dr. DeMier's Forensic Psychological Evaluation Report Addendum to Respondents by Friday, June 13, 2025, if not already sent by the date of this Order.
4. The parties shall submit pre-hearing briefs by the end of business on Friday, August 15, 2025.
5. The parties shall pre-mark all exhibits to be used during the competency hearing.
6. The parties shall comply with all previously signed orders.
7. 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 reiterates that it 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

Walhalla, South Carolina

June 12, 2025