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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Wanda H. Carter, Chief Appellate Defender

June 22, 2026

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
(via email filing)

Re: Clarence W. Jenkins, Jr. v. State | Appellate Case No. 2025-002211

Dear Ms. Howard:

On May 29, 2026, undersigned counsel filed a motion to hold the above-referenced case in abeyance pending receipt of the complete transcript of the January 30-31, 2023 PCR evidentiary hearing. That same day, this Court issued an Order granting the motion. On June 11, 2026, the state filed a motion to lift the abeyance, citing receipt of a complete transcript for the operative hearing transcribed by retired South Carolina Court Reporter Renee Tollison in August of 2023. On June 15, 2026, this Court requested a return to the state's motion.

It appears Court Administration failed to keep a record that this hearing had already been transcribed by a South Carolina Court Reporter, and when the Office of Appellate Defense ordered a transcript of the hearing following receipt of the Notice of Appeal, rather than requesting a copy of the transcript, this hearing was erroneously assigned for re-transcription. Undersigned counsel received Revision B of the transcript of the operative hearing from subcontractor Legal Eagle today, June 22, 2026. After reviewing both transcripts, undersigned counsel is comfortable asserting that the Legal Eagle transcript does not appear to materially differ from the previously transcribed transcript of this hearing provided to the state by Court Administration in August of 2023.

Because of the reasons raised in respondent's motion to lift the abeyance, undersigned counsel consents to proceeding with using the transcript transcribed by Renee H. Tollison in August of 2023 as the official transcript of record of the January 30-31, 2023, post-conviction relief evidentiary hearing in this matter.

Please be advised that the abeyance should be lifted with the filing of this status update. Please calendar the due date for the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix for sixty (60) days from the state's motion, August 10, 2026. If this Court requires further information or if a more formal return is needed, please do not hesitate to contact undersigned counsel.

Sincerely,

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