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IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS **Jul 29 2026**

Appellate Case No. 2026-001591

SC Court of Appeals

Kenn Zou, Appellant, v. Mengjia Xia, Michael S. Cole, and Realty ONE Group Dockside, Respondents.	APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO ORDER TRANSCRIPT OUT OF TIME
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Appellant Kenn Zou, proceeding pro se, respectfully moves this Court for permission to order the transcript outside the time prescribed by Rule 207, SCACR. In support of this motion, Appellant states as follows:

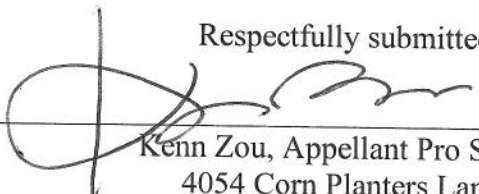
1. Appellant timely filed and served his Notice of Appeal, and this Court assigned Appellate Case No. 2026-001591.
2. By correspondence dated July 28, 2026, the Court advised Appellant that the time for ordering the transcript had expired and directed Appellant, within ten days, either to provide proof of a timely transcript order or to file a motion requesting permission to order the transcript outside the Rule 207 deadline.
3. Appellant is self-represented. His failure to submit a separate transcript request within the original Rule 207 period was inadvertent and resulted from his misunderstanding of the transcript-ordering procedure, not from any intent to delay the appeal.
4. Immediately after receiving the Court's July 28 correspondence, Appellant contacted trial-court personnel to determine how to obtain the official transcript of the May 4, 2026 motions hearing.
5. Court personnel informed Appellant that the hearing had been preserved by an OWL audio recording and that all requests for an official transcript must be submitted through the South

Carolina Judicial Branch Transcript Portal and processed by the Office of Court Administration.

6. On July 29, 2026, Appellant submitted a request for the entire May 4, 2026 hearing through the official Transcript Portal. The Office of Court Administration acknowledged receipt, assigned Transcript Request ID No. 617322634, and notified counsel of record pursuant to Rule 207(a)(1), SCACR.
7. The transcript request has been accepted by a court reporter. Appellant has confirmed that he wishes to proceed and is awaiting or arranging payment of the required deposit so that production may begin.
8. The requested transcript is material to appellate review because the May 4, 2026 hearing concerned Respondents' motion to dismiss and Appellant's motion for leave to file a proposed Second Amended Complaint.
9. Respondents will suffer no unfair prejudice from permitting the transcript to be ordered out of time. Appellant acted promptly upon receiving notice of the procedural defect, and the omission has now been substantially cured.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that the Court grant this motion, permit the transcript of the May 4, 2026 hearing to be ordered out of time, accept Appellant's July 29, 2026 transcript request as timely for purposes of this appeal, and allow the appeal to proceed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: July 29, 2026

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on July 29, 2026, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Appellant's Motion for Permission to Order Transcript Out of Time, together with the transcript-request confirmation, by electronic mail upon the following counsel of record:

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I further certify that a copy was transmitted to the South Carolina Court of Appeals at ctappfilings@sccourts.org. The Office of Court Administration has separately acknowledged the transcript request and issued the Rule 207 notification to counsel.



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