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SEN. HISE: The committee will come to order. Thank you, members of the Committee, members of the public. I welcome you to our first meeting of the year, joint meeting of the Redistricting Committee. We're going to begin in just a minute. We'll be hearing from Representative Lewis first, and then potentially from staff.

I will announce before we begin the House Sergeant-at-Arms, identify those. Reggie Sills up here at the front, Marvin Lee at the front as well, David Leighton in the back, Mark Cone. From the Senate side, Terry Barnhardt behind us, Tom Burroughs, Steve McKaig and Becky McCreary -- Myrick, sorry. Thank you all for being with us today, and the service you provide.

Without further ado, we're going to let Representative Lewis do a brief presentation to the Committee. I will also ask when we open for questions and others, to let members know, we do have a court reporter here today who will be doing a verbatim transcript of the concept, so we are asking that any time you're recognized by the Chair to speak, that you would identify your name so that we make sure we have that as part of the court
record. I think that will be -- get everything we need.

Thank you. I will address -- a member has brought it to my attention there are individuals that have signs that are in here. That is allowed; however, you may not use those signs to obstruct the view of others, which would include holding them up at others, and I will maintain decorum within this meeting, and ask all members to do so, and I will make sure that this meeting -- this Committee can conduct its business as Chair, so without any further ado on that, Representative Lewis?

REP. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and good afternoon. My name is David Lewis. I am the Chair of the House Select Committee on Redistricting. It's my pleasure to welcome you to this joint meeting of the House and Senate Redistricting Committees. I sincerely thank you for being here today.

As you are aware, the General Assembly will be redrawing legislative districts this year to comply with a Court order. As we await further guidance from the Court on how to proceed and how this process should be conducted, we wanted to
convene today's meeting for organizational and informational purposes.

If the Court allows us ample time to do so, we intend to include as much public input as possible, and as much input from the Committees, and ultimately, the full General Assembly will deliberate together regarding these new districts.

Tomorrow, the three-judge panel with jurisdiction over our case will meet to consider the timeline for the redistricting process. Our attorneys will advocate on behalf of the General Assembly for a timeline that would allow for a redistricting session to occur in early November.

Between now and then, Senator Hise and I envision a process that would include these Committees meeting to discuss and adopt criteria for drawing new maps, and ultimately to make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding new districts in the House and Senate redistricting plans.

We would anticipate that public hearings would be conducted throughout this process. Committee members can expect at least three sets of these public hearings to occur in August, September, and October, with the exact date and
location to be determined by these Committees.

For informational purposes, you have three sets of documents in front of you. The first is the county groupings for both House and Senate plans that were filed on behalf of the defense in the Covington case. This case is available on the NCGA redistricting website.

These may or may not turn out to be the final county groupings. There will be a time for your comments as well as comments from the public on county grouping plans that will be required to be used in the redistricting process in order to comply with the Stephenson decision.

The second set of documents are redistricting plans that were prepared by Common Cause. In full disclosure, that organization is currently involved as Plaintiffs in litigation that has been filed against the General Assembly. To our knowledge, these are the only redistricting plans that have been released and submitted to the public in this process thus far.

These maps are provided for informational purposes only today. One thing that you will notice is the county groupings used to prepare the Common Cause maps are the same as those that were
filed in the legal case.

For those of you who may be new to looking at these maps, the dark blue lines illustrate the county groupings. Again, you do have one for both the House and the Senate.

The population numbers that we will be required to use are from the 2010 Census. These are the numbers that will be used to construct new district highlights during this process. For your information, an ideal Senate district is made up of 190,710 people, and an ideal House district is made up of 79,462 people.

I want to let you know that two e-mails have been set up for receiving public comments. They are 2017houseredistricting@ncleg.net, and 2017senateredistricting@ncleg.net. Additionally, a web page has been set up for public comment. A link to that page can be found on the website at ncleg.net. It will go live today when this joint committee adjourns. A folder will be made so that each member of the General Assembly will be enabled to review the public comment that is collected via our website.

Mr. Chairman, with your permission, I'd like to ask you to recognize Erika Churchill of the
central staff to explain to members the resources that are available to them through the General Assembly to help during the redistricting process.

MS. CHURCHILL (STAFF): Thank you, Mr. Chair. For members of the General Assembly, there are multiple avenues of resources available to you. There is a terminal that you can use to draw maps if you choose to do so. You will just simply need to schedule an appointment in a block -- blocks of up to two hours. You would -- if you decide you want to do that, please contact Peter Capriglione to set up a time, and the location of that particular terminal is in Room 213 of the Legislative Office Building.

You can also ask for any drafting or information request of the central staff, and we will assist you with that. Contact myself or Karen Cochrane-Brown, and we'll get that assigned and work with you.

Please remember that for members of the General Assembly, upon enactment of a House, Senate, or North Carolina Congressional map, all drafting information requests to any legislative employee, including the partisan and nonpartisan staff, do automatically become public record. Each
member of the General Assembly is the custodian of their own public records, so if you choose to draw a map using the member terminal, you will be responsible for maintaining a copy of that.

For the central staff and for the rest of the legislative employees, we will also maintain copies of everything that is done, and if a public records request is issued, we will respond accordingly.

SEN. HISE: Representative Lewis?

REP. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chairman, again, I'd like to thank everyone for their time in being here today and your willingness to serve on these committees. We will be back in touch with you soon to offer additional information and to let you know the schedule for additional meetings. With that, Mr. Chairman, if there are inquiries, I'd be happy to try and take them.

SEN. HISE: I will now open -- members of the Committee who would like to -- please, if you are asking a question, please identify yourself for our court reporter. Representative Jackson?

REP. JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Darren Jackson, Representative. Representative Chairman Lewis, you mentioned the Common Cause
maps, and in looking at the expert map that was submitted in federal court, it's a -- it's colored differently than it was when submitted to federal court, and so my question is basically this. Has there been a determination made whether every district in the state needs to be redrawn, or just those in clusters with affected districts?

REP. LEWIS: Thank you for that question, Representative Jackson. We are effectively waiting for guidance from the Court on that matter. It would be really premature for me to be able to answer that at this point.

SEN. HISE: Other questions from members of the Committee? Senator Clark?

SEN. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman --

SEN. HISE: Please identify yourself for the court reporter.

SEN. CLARK: Senator Clark, Senate District 21. Mr. Chairman, would you have the staff provide the Committee members with a 2016 election stat pack for the Common Cause redistricting plan that we have before us here?

REP. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman?

SEN. HISE: Erika Churchill.
MS. CHURCHILL: Senator Clark, we can prepare that and have that distributed to the Committee members.

SEN. CLARK: Thank you. When can we expect to have that?

MS. CHURCHILL: We will shoot for this afternoon, but it may be tomorrow.

SEN. CLARK: Thank you.

SEN. HISE: Follow up?

SEN. CLARK: Yes. Mr. Chairman, it was indicated that the members will be -- I mean, it wasn't indicated that we will be able to, so my question is, will the members be able to submit recommended criteria for use in developing the maps that we will be considering within this Committee?

REP. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to respond to that. The answer is yes, sir, that is our intent, is for this Committee to -- to discuss and debate and adopt criteria. We also hope to take public input on what that criteria should be, and it will be that criteria that will be used to produce the maps.

SEN. HISE: I've got a Representative pointing to someone over here. Next Representative?
SEN. CLARK: Follow up?

SEN. HISE: Oh, Senator Clark. I'm sorry.

SEN. CLARK: Yes. At what point will we be allowed to submit criteria that we recommend for consideration by this Committee, and in what form?

REP. LEWIS: Thank you for that question, Senator Clark. The answer is, you can certainly submit it as early as right now. I would encourage you to either use one of the two e-mail addresses that I provided earlier just to keep up with it, or you're certainly welcome to e-mail either Chairman Hise or me, and we'll make sure that it is distributed to the members, and then when the criteria is actually discussed at the Committee, we will debate it then.

SEN. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SEN. HISE: Representative Michaux?

REP. MCHAUX: Representative Michaux. A couple of questions, Representative Lewis, if you don't mind. You indicated that these maps we have here are the only ones that have been released for public consumption. Are there any other maps that have not yet been released? For instance, anything that has been drawn by Dr. Hofeller or anybody else
that you know of that have not yet been released?

REP. LEWIS: None that I know of, sir.

REP. MICHAUX: Another question, Mr. Chairman.

SEN. HISE: Follow-up?

REP. MICHAUX: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, we have known for some time now that the House and Senate districts that were drawn were unconstitutional, and here we are in August now sitting this Committee. Can you tell us why the special session called by the Governor to handle the matter was not -- was overruled and was not put into session so we could start this process prior to this time?

REP. LEWIS: Representative Michaux, as best I can recall -- I may need to consult the House Journal on that, but as best I can recall, the call from the Governor was issued while the General Assembly was already in session; therefore, there was no need for an extraordinary -- there was no extraordinary circumstance requiring us to be called back.

As you know as one of the most senior and distinguished members of this body, the redistricting process is an extremely disruptive
and time-consuming process. The order to redraw the maps that you refer to ordered us not to use the 2011 plans again. It is certainly our intent to fully comply with the court order ordering us to redraw in our next session. We are in our next session at this time.

Further, when the final ruling from the Supreme Court came out -- and I hope you will bear with me. I don't remember the exact date, but it was in early June, and we were in the final weeks of the budget negotiations, and we felt, "we" meaning the leadership, felt that it would make more sense to go ahead and finish the public business of passing a budget and the other bills, and then be able to turn our attention to this very important matter.

Again, it is contemplated that we can have these maps drawn by November. That would give the Court time to review the maps if it chose to, and then people would be able to file, as is the current law, starting in February of next year.

REP. MICHAUX: Follow-up, Mr. Chair?

SEN. HISE: Follow-up.

REP. MICHAUX: Mr. Lewis, I agree with you that it was in June that the Court made the
final determination that the districts were unconstitutional as drawn, and that basically we as a body now are operating with an unconstitutional makeup. Did you ever consider that in terms of trying to move forward with redistricting to put us back in a constitutional manner?

REP. LEWIS: Representative Michaux, you are a much more experienced legislator than I am and you are an attorney, and more experienced in these matters than I am.

To the best of my knowledge, the courts have held that the legislative bodies that are constituted -- that are constituted, that are made up, are empowered to exercise all the authorities granted to them, so I believe that the members sitting in this room are consti -- are able to proceed with the business of drawing the maps, and it is our intent to do so to comply with the order of the Court.

SEN. HISE: Representative Farmer-Butterfield? Please introduce yourself.

REP. FARMER-BUTTERFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Representative Farmer-Butterfield. A couple of questions; one is a little bit of history.
In 2002, we redrew the lines for the districts in about two weeks, and that was ordered by the Courts, and it was probably more difficult then because we had to go through the Justice Department for clearance due to the Voting Rights Act, and with the technology we have now, I'm wondering why it would take so long to get this done.

REP. LEWIS: Thank you for that question, Representative Farmer-Butterfield. I think it's important to note that neither you nor I were seated in 2002, so any direct evidence of what went on there, we would have read in the press like anyone else; however, I think it is important to note that if you're going to get public input and allow for the true deliberation of an issue like this, that it just takes time to do it.

The amount of time that we have proposed, of course, is at the discretion of the Court. The Court may very well change that, but it is -- it is contemplated that we will need time to get input from the public on what the criteria should be, and then once that criteria is established, to get input on how the maps themselves should be drawn, and then get -- then get input on if the maps
should be enacted.

REP. FARMER-BUTTERFIELD: Follow-up?

SEN. HISE: Follow-up.

REP. FARMER-BUTTERFIELD: I wasn't here.

Like you said, you and I came at the same time; however, I did follow it because I was here as a government relations person with another organization, so I was in that. However, my understanding -- and staff might be able to answer this -- is that there is a statute now on the books that relates to this. It's 120-3.4, that reflects that in statute, so I just wanted to indicate that.

REP. LEWIS: So your question is to have staff recite Section 123.4, if I --

REP. FARMER-BUTTERFIELD: 120-3.4.

SEN. HISE: 120-3.4. We'll read what the statute is without the context.

REP. LEWIS: Mr. Chair, while staff is preparing to read that, could I make a quick response?

SEN. HISE: Sure.

REP. LEWIS: Representative Farmer-Butterfield, you're very right to point out that statute. I will point out that it is my reading of that statute that it says that state courts must
give at least two weeks, so the two weeks is a
minimum. It is not necessarily a guideline. It's
not anything other than a state statute that
applies to state courts. As you know, we're here
today because of the federal court ruling.

REP. FARMER-BUTTERFIELD: Follow-up?

SEN. HISE: We're still waiting on the
staff finding that statute.

MS. CHURCHILL: Mr. Chairman, I'm ready.
The correct citation is 120-2.4. It has two
 subsections. Subsection (a), "If the General
Assembly enacts a plan apportioning or
redistricting State legislative or congressional
districts, in no event may a court impose its own
substitute plan unless the court first gives the
General Assembly a period of time to remedy any
defects identified by the court in its findings of
fact and conclusions of law. That period of time
shall not be less than two weeks. In the event the
General Assembly does not act to remedy any
identified defects to its plan within that period
of time, the court may impose an interim
districting plan for use in the next general
election only, but that interim districting plan
may differ from the districting plan enacted by the
General Assembly only to the extent necessary to remedy any defects identified by the court."

Subsection (b), "Notwithstanding any other provision of law or authority of the State Board of Elections under Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, the State Board of Elections shall have no authority to alter, amend, correct, impose, or substitute any plan apportioning or redistricting state legislative or congressional districts other than a plan imposed by a court under this section or a plan enacted by the General Assembly."

SEN. HISE: Thank you. Follow-up?

REP. FARMER-BUTTERFIELD: Yes. Since we are drawing remedial maps, and have a lot of information in place already, how long do you project this will take?

REP. LEWIS: Thank you for that question, Representative Farmer-Butterfield. As I think I said in my earlier remarks, we would hope by mid-November.

SEN. HISE: Representative? Please identify yourself.

REP. GILL: Representative Rosa Gill. I think I heard you correct in your opening remarks to say that the website would have the calendar for
REP. LEWIS: I don't believe I said that in my opening remarks, Representative, but we will certainly have the dates once this Committee establishes them.

REP. GILL: Follow up?
SEN. HISE: Follow up.

REP. GILL: Will we have a map -- will the Committee have a map, proposed map, prior to any of the hearings?

REP. LEWIS: Thank you for that question. The Chairs would contemplate that there may be maps coming in from various members at any time, and as the staff has already alluded, there are resources for members to use in producing their maps. It would be the Chairs' preference, Chairs, plural, preference, that this Committee, along with input from the public, develop criteria for drawing the maps and use that criteria in drawing the maps, so the answer, in long form I suppose, would be we would take Committee and public input on what the criteria should be, draw the maps, and then take Committee and public input on the maps themselves.

REP. GILL: Thank you.

SEN. HISE: Any other questions or
comments? Senator Van Duyn, please identify yourself.

SEN. VAN DUYN: Senator Terry Van Duyn, District 49. Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you, Representative Lewis. Excuse me. You mentioned in your opening remarks that the clustering that we see in that one in Map 3 may change. What are the circumstances that you think might -- excuse me -- dictate a change?

REP. LEWIS: Thank you very much, Senator, for that question. Let me try to explain a little bit further. When the defendants in the Covington case, which was -- when the defendants in the Covington case, the General Assembly, responded, the consultant that we used produced this grouping map that you see before you as his best attempt to comply.

What I was trying to make clear is this may very well be how the counties are grouped, but I have not personally reviewed it, and the Committee has not personally reviewed it to see if there is a different way to group the counties.

SEN. VAN DUYN: Follow-up?

SEN. HISE: Follow-up.

SEN. VAN DUYN: In my understanding, that
was Tom Hofeller. Will he be involved in this process again?

REP. LEWIS: Yes.

SEN HISE: Further questions or comments? Senator Smith-Ingram?

SEN. SMITH-INGRAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want to reiterate that the --

SEN. HISE: Please identify yourself before you start.

SEN. SMITH-INGRAM: Yes. Senator Erica Smith-Ingram, Senate District 3, eight counties in eastern North Carolina. Representative Lewis, can we make sure that when we have our hearings that we make them geographically diverse and reachable? In the last hearings that we held regarding congressional redistricting, there were very limited opportunities in eastern North Carolina to attend those hearings.

REP. LEWIS: Thank you for that question, Senator. Let me say that I think that's very important. I think that's very important that we do indeed seek as much public input as we can. I think geographic diversity is very important, and I think frankly, we did a good job of that in 2011. The two-week time span in 2016 made it a little bit
harder to do, but I will welcome your input and advice on where you would suggest that we receive public input. We usually work with the community colleges, but I would welcome your advice on that.

SEN. HISE: Representative Brockman?

Please identify yourself.

REP. BROCKMAN: Representative Cecil Brockman, from Guilford County. Representative Lewis, the last time we drew the congressional districts, you said that it was the intent that, you know, this body would draw parts and districts that were in favor of the Republican majority. Will that be the intent this time as we start to redraw these maps, to have these maps be majority Republican again?

REP. LEWIS: Well, thank you for that question, Representative. The response to that would be first of all to point out that the criteria that was adopted by the Committee did include the 10-3 that you refer to. It will be the prerogative of this Committee to determine what the criteria are in the drawing of the maps.

SEN. HISE: Senator Van Duyn?

SEN. VAN DUYN: Thank you. Terry Van Duyn, District 49. Will Mr. Hofeller be available
to Democrats and maybe even the Black Caucus to consult?

REP. LEWIS: Dr. Hofeller is working as a consultant to the Chairs with the approval of the Speaker and the President Pro Tem of the Senate, so the short answer to your question is no. The long answer is, if the -- the Speaker and the President Pro Tem have indicated that the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House in working together can certainly request and have resources made available to them to hire map drawers if they see fit to do so.

SEN. VAN DUYN: Follow up?

SEN. HISE: Follow up.

SEN. VAN DUYN: And are there any other consultants that you expect to be using during this process?

REP. LEWIS: Thank you for that question. Ma'am there are none that I intend to use.

SEN. VAN DUYN: Thank you.

SEN. HISE: Senator Clark?

SEN. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Senator Clark, Senate District 21. Mr. Chair, is it the expectation that the Committee Chairs will use any type of analytical tools to assess the
extent of the partisan symmetry that will exist in the maps that we plan to enact as part of this process?

REP. LEWIS: Thank you for that question, Senator Clark. The intent of the Chairs is to adopt criteria in conjunction with the Committee, so if that's one of the criteria that the Committee agrees to use, then it will be used. If it's not, then it won't.

SEN. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SEN. HISE: Representative Pierce?

REP. PIERCE: Representative Garland Pierce, House District 48. Representative Lewis, let me ask you a question. There are some folks here who could probably answer, but were there certain districts drawn years ago that were considered minority districts that a minority -- civil rights districts, or districts that were drawn that a minority person should have the ability to win in? I might not be stating that right, but were there districts drawn for minority districts? Am I asking the question right? I don't know.

REP. LEWIS: Thank you for the question, Representative Pierce. I think you asked it, so I
During the 2011 process, I think the Committee at the time, the Chairs, outlined the criteria that was used, and that was one of the criteria that was used at the time, but I would reiterate that it is going to be this Committee that determines the criteria with which the maps will be drawn going forward.

REP. PIERCE: Thank you, Representative Lewis.

SEN. HISSE: Any other questions? Senator Smith-Ingram?

SEN. SMITH-INGRAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Representative Lewis, as relates to the public hearings, will we have maps available, all versions of maps available to the public, or will we just be taking their remarks?

REP. LEWIS: Thank you for that question, Senator. It would be my desire that we would receive input from the public on what the criteria would be. We as a Committee, or perhaps individual members of the Committee, would produce maps that the public could view and then have the chance to comment on those maps, on actual maps.

SEN. SMITH-INGRAM: Follow-up?
SEN. HISE: Follow-up.

SEN. SMITH-INGRAM: Will Mr. Hofeller or other analysts be available at these public hearings in case there are questions from the public regarding the maps?

REP. LEWIS: Well, as you know, Senator, a public hearing is an opportunity for us to listen, so I would imagine that Dr. Hofeller may very well listen to the input that comes up, but I've never known a public hearing that involved a question-and-answer.

SEN. SMITH-INGRAM: Last follow-up, Mr. Chair?

SEN. HISE: Final follow-up.

SEN. SMITH-INGRAM: I understand that we will be receiving public input and listening to what the public has to share, but in also empowering the public, will we be able to put the maps on the website prior to the hearing so that they can look at the maps, review the maps themselves? That would formulate a lot more discussion, I would think.

REP. LEWIS: Thank you for that question, and the answer is yes, we will get the maps out so that folks can -- can indeed see them.
SEN. HISE: Just to follow up on that as well, it's important to know we will also have public terminals available for members of the public that wish to draw or construct a map. Representative Pierce again?

REP. PIERCE: Representative Lewis, let me ask you a question. I know I probably can get that information. Representative Pierce. If you could ask staff if they don't mind, could they give us the breakdown of Democrats, Republicans in most of the proposed new districts? Is that something possibly that they could do, or do I need to do that on my own? I mean on the proposed going forward. Excuse me.

SEN. HISE: Any other questions? Representative Michaux?

REP. MCHAUX: Mr. Chairman --

REP. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, just because the court reporter is recording, I just wanted to be clear that Representative Pierce withdrew what he asked.

REP. MCHAUX: Mr. Chairman, Representative Michaux again. Representative Lewis, we are now awaiting orders from the Court as to how this redistricting matter is to be carried
out; is that correct?

REP. LEWIS: Yes, sir.

REP. M CHAUX: Thank you.

SEN. HISE: Representative Farmer-Butterfield?

REP. FARMER-BUTTERFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. In -- I think it was what, 2011, we had the public hearings available through closed-circuit tv, maybe, at the community colleges, and that seemed to have been effective. Will that be utilized again?

REP. LEWIS: Thank you for that question. That is indeed our intent.

SEN. CLARK: Mr. Chairman?

SEN. HISE: Senator Clark?

SEN. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator Clark, District 21. You have indicated that terminals will be available for the public to construct maps and review maps. At those terminals, will analytical tools always be -- also be available for the public to analyze the performance of those district maps using, I guess, sample election data?

REP. LEWIS: Senator Clark, thank you for that question. Please understand I'm trying to
answer it as completely as I can. It -- yes, there
will be political data that is there. I don't know
what exact kind of analytical data you're referring
to, so I don't know that I can answer what you're
asking.

SEN. HISE: I'll just add that we'll
produce what we call a stat pack consistent with
the criteria established by the Committee.

SEN. CLARK: Follow up?

SEN. HISE: Follow up.

SEN. CLARK: Will they be able to do
things such as perform efficiency gap calculations
or mean-median difference calculations or member
gaps for individual stats to be able to determine
the extent of partisan -- partisan -- shall I say
gerrymandering within the maps, or likelihood of?

REP. LEWIS: I don't know, sir. I know
that the data that is produced allows individual
members to analyze it in the way that they see fit.
You can certainly request various analysis that you
referred to. I'm sure that Senate staff can
provide that as well. Whether or not the computer
will automatically be able to do it, I'm just not
intimately familiar with the computer software.

SEN. CLARK: Follow up, Mr. Chair? Can
we count it as a request on our part that
efficiency gap calculations be performed for all
maps that we generate in this General Assembly body
that might be considered for enactment?

REP. LEWIS: Let me do this if I could,
Senator Clark. I personally have no issue with
that. I think that would be best saved for our
next meeting, when we discuss criteria.

SEN. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SEN. HISE: Any other questions or
comments?

(No response.)

SEN. HISE: Hearing none, thank you,
Representative Lewis, for coming in. Thank you,
members of the Committee.

(WHEREUPON, THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 2:13 P.M.)
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CERTIFICATE

I, Carol M. Smith, a duly commissioned Notary Public in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that on July 26, 2017, this proceeding was held before me, this proceeding being reported by me verbatim and then reduced to typewritten form under my direct supervision; that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of said proceedings to the best of my ability and understanding; that I am not related to any of the parties to this action; that I am not interested in the outcome of this case; that I am not of counsel nor in the employ of any of the parties to this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand, this the 4th day of August, 2017.

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