

**SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CIVIL DIVISION**

ALEXANDER GARNER, on behalf of
himself and the putative class,

Plaintiff,

v.

ARAMARK MANAGEMENT SERVICES
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP d/b/a Aramark
Sports & Entertainment and d/b/a Aramark,
and Does 1-10

Defendant.

Case No.: 2025-CAB-007444

Next Court Date:

Status Hearing

January 15, 2027 at 10:00am

Courtroom 130

ORDER

Plaintiff has filed a motion for preliminary approval of settlement, appointment of a settlement administrator, and entry of a scheduling order. Defendant Aramark Management Services Limited Partnership d/b/a Aramark Sports & Entertainment and d/b/a Aramark does not oppose this motion. For the reasons stated in the Plaintiff's Memorandum in Support of Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, the Motion is GRANTED. Accordingly, the Court hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. This matter is transferred immediately to Civil 1, Calendar 3, Judge Shana Frost Matini.
2. **Jurisdiction:** This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the class action against Defendant Aramark Management Services Limited Partnership d/b/a Aramark Sports & Entertainment and d/b/a Aramark ("Defendant") and over all Parties to the lawsuit, including all members of the Settlement Class.¹

¹ All capitalized terms herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Parties' Class Settlement and Release Agreement (the "Settlement Agreement").

3. **Settlement Class:** The Settlement Class shall be the class that Parties defined in the Settlement Agreement: previously certified for litigation purposes:

The Settlement Class is defined as all individuals in the United States who made a purchase from Aramark at Capital One Arena and paid a Venue Fee between October 1, 2024 and December 31, 2025.

4. **Class Representative:** The Class Representative shall be Alexander Garner.

5. **Class Counsel:** Class Counsel shall be Katherine M. Aizpuru and F. Peter Silva of Tycko & Zavareei LLP, and Wesley M. Griffith and David A. McGee of Almeida Law Group, P.C.

6. **Settlement Administrator:** Eisner Amper shall serve as the Settlement Administrator.

7. **Preliminary Approval of Settlement:** The proposed Settlement Agreement entered into by the Plaintiff and Defendant (the “Parties”) establishes the method of calculation of settlement payments to be made to class members and allows class members to opt out or object.

In accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Defendant will create a Total Settlement Fund of four million, five hundred thousand U.S. dollars (\$4,500,000.00), which shall be used to pay the Settlement Class Members, Attorney’s Fees and Expenses, Service Award, and Administrative Costs.

Any excess funds after payment of the above will be paid as a *cy pres* award pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

Class Counsel and counsel for Defendant are experienced in complex litigation, including class action litigation. The Settlement Agreement was reached after arm’s-length negotiations between experienced counsel.

The amount of the settlement, \$4,500,000, is fair, reasonable, and adequate. If the settlement had not been reached, all Parties faced the expense, risk, and uncertainty of additional

litigation.

Therefore, upon consideration of the terms of the proposed Settlement Agreement, the Court preliminarily finds the Settlement Agreement to be sufficiently fair, reasonable, and adequate to warrant providing Notice to the class members and proceeding with a final approval hearing. In making this determination, the Court has considered the current posture of this litigation and the risks and benefits to the Parties involved in both settlement of these claims and continuation of the litigation.

Accordingly, the Court grants preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement. Its terms will be submitted to the class members for their consideration and for a hearing pursuant to D.C. Super. Ct. R. 23(e)(2).

8. **Notice to Settlement Class Members:** The Court has reviewed the proposed Class Notice to class members. The Class Notice, among other things, describes in plain English the terms and operation of the settlement, the considerations that led Class Counsel to conclude that the settlement is fair and adequate, the procedure for objecting to or opting out of the settlement, and the date of the final approval hearing.

Accordingly, the Court hereby finds that the Class Notice fully complies with the requirements of Superior Court Rules of Civil Procedure 23(e)(1), and the Class Notice is approved.

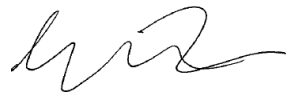
9. **Relevant Dates:** The Court sets a schedule for the remainder of the case as follows:

EVENT	DEADLINE	
Defendant to provide Class List to Settlement Administrator	September 21, 2026	7 days after entry of Preliminary Approval Order
Notice Deadline (Notice to be made by email)	October 5, 2026	21 days from Preliminary Approval Order

Deadline to file Application for Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and Service Award	November 5, 2026	30 days from the Notice Deadline
Opt Out and Objection Deadline	December 4, 2026	60 days from the Notice Deadline
Claims Deadline	December 4, 2026	60 days from the Notice Deadline
Deadline to file Motion for Final Approval and respond to any objections	December 31, 2026	14 days before Final Approval Hearing
Final Approval Hearing	January 15, 2027, 10:00 a.m. ²	A date set by the Court no earlier than 100 days from the date of Preliminary Approval

10. **Class Counsel Fees and Expenses, Service Award:** The Court will separately consider a request for a reasonable fee award, plus costs, for Class Counsel, and a Service Award to the named Plaintiff. Class Counsel will file a motion requesting the Court to award reasonable attorneys' fees plus costs, and a payment of a Service Award by the deadline set forth above.

11. **Effect of Termination of Settlement:** In the event that the Class Settlement is not finalized or is terminated pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, this Order shall be rendered null and void and shall be vacated *nunc pro tunc*, and this action shall proceed as provided in the Settlement Agreement.



September 14, 2026

Shana Frost Matini, Associate Judge
Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Copies electronically served upon counsel of record

² The parties shall appear in person in Courtroom 130. The status hearing scheduled for October 23, 2026 is vacated.