

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL DIVISION**

JOHN MACIEJCZYK, individually and on) No. 2024-C-2592
behalf of all others similarly situated,)
Plaintiff)
) CIVIL
v.)
FIRST COMMONWEALTH FEDERAL)
CREDIT UNION,)
Defendant)

MERCEDES WAGNER, individually and) No. 2024-C-2649
on behalf of all others similarly situated,)
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Plaintiff)
)
v.) CIVIL
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FIRST COMMONWEALTH FEDERAL)
CREDIT UNION,)
)
Defendant)

MEGAN CAMPBELL, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,) No. 2024-C-2656
Plaintiff)
v.) CIVIL
FIRST COMMONWEALTH FEDERAL)
CREDIT UNION,)
Defendant)

JOHN EVANGELIST, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,) No. 2024-C-2664

Plaintiff)

) CIVIL

v.)

FIRST COMMONWEALTH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,)

Defendant)

JAMES DETWILER, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,) No. 2024-C-2702

Plaintiff)

) CIVIL

v.)

FIRST COMMONWEALTH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,)

Defendant)

TARA PIETRUSZYNSKI, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,) No. 2024-C-2749

Plaintiff)

) CIVIL

v.)

FIRST COMMONWEALTH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,)

Defendant)

ANTONIO VALLE and FELIX LAPUSHNER, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,) No. 2024-C-2893
Plaintiffs)
v.) CIVIL
FIRST COMMONWEALTH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,)
Defendant)

ORDER

Before the Court is Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement (the "Motion"), filed on August 29, 2025, the terms of which are set forth in a Settlement Agreement between Plaintiffs John Maciejczyk, James Detwiler, Tara Pietruszynski, Megan Campbell, Erika Spence, John Evangelist, Mercedes Wagner, Antonio Valle, Felix Lapushner, and Joshua Ambrose Manness ("Plaintiffs") and First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union ("Defendant" or "FCFCU") (together, the "Parties"), with accompanying exhibits attached to Plaintiffs' Memorandum of Law in Support of the Motion (the "Settlement Agreement").¹

Having fully considered the issue; the Court hereby **GRANTS** the Motion and **ORDERS** as follows:

1. **Class Certification for Settlement Purposes Only.** The Settlement Agreement provides for a Settlement Class defined as follows:

means all individuals residing in the United States whose Private Information was involved in the June 2024 Data Incident, including

¹ All defined terms in this proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement ("Preliminary Approval Order") have the same meaning as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, unless otherwise indicated. all those who received written notice of the Data Incident from FCFCU.

Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) all persons who are directors, officers, and agents of FCFCU, or their respective subsidiaries and affiliated companies; (2) governmental entities; and (3) the Judge assigned to the Action, that Judge's immediate family, and Court staff.

Pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. 1714, the Court finds that providing notice is justified. The Court finds that it will likely be able to approve the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable, and adequate such that a Final Approval Hearing is warranted. In consideration of Pa.R.C.P. 1702 and 1708, the Court also finds that it will likely be able to certify the Settlement Class for purposes of judgment on the Settlement provided it is demonstrated at a Final Approval Hearing that all of the requirements of Pa.R.C.P. 1702 are met and that the considerations set by Pa.R.C.P. 1708 weigh in favor of class certification. Specifically, the Court finds for settlement purposes only, and conditioned upon demonstration at the Final Hearing that final class certification is warranted,¹ that: (a) the Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder of all Settlement Class Members would be impracticable; (b) there are issues of law and fact that are common to the Settlement Class; (c) the claims of the Settlement Class Representatives are typical, and the Settlement Class Representatives seek similar relief as the claims of the Settlement Class Members; (d) the Settlement Class Representatives will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Settlement Class; (e) questions of law or fact common to Settlement Class Members predominate over any questions affecting only individual members; (f) the instant forum is appropriate for litigation of the claims of the entire class; (g) the size of the class and manageability of the case weigh in favor of class certification; (h) the prosecution of separate individual actions would create a risk of inconsistent rulings; (i) the extent and nature of litigation already commenced by or against members of the class involving the same issues of the case weighs in favor of class certification;

¹ An order certifying, refusing to certify, or revoking a certification of a class action "may be conditional and, before a decision on the merits, may be revoked, altered or amended by the court on its own motion or on the motion of any party." Pa.R.C.P. 1710(d).

(j) in view of the complexities of the issues and the expenses of litigation, the separate claims of individual class members are insufficient in amount to support separate actions; (k) a class action and class settlement is superior to other methods available for a fair and efficient resolution of this Litigation.

2. **Settlement Class Representatives and Settlement Class Counsel.** The Court finds that the named Plaintiffs will likely satisfy the requirements of Pa.R.C.P. 1709 and should be appointed as the Settlement Class Representatives. Additionally, the Court finds Raina C. Borrelli of Strauss Borrelli PLLC and Kenneth Grunfeld of Kopelowitz Ostrow P.A. will likely satisfy the requirements of Pa.R.C.P. 1709 and should be appointed as Settlement Class Counsel.

3. **Preliminary Settlement Approval.** Upon preliminary review of the instant Unopposed Motion and Settlement Agreement, the Court believes it will likely be able to be shown at a Final Hearing the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate to warrant providing notice of the Settlement to the Settlement Class and accordingly is preliminarily approved. In making this determination, the Court has considered the monetary and non-monetary benefits provided to the Settlement Class through the Settlement, the specific risks faced by the Settlement Class in prevailing on their claims, the good faith, arms' length negotiations between the Parties and absence of any collusion in the Settlement, the effectiveness of the proposed method for distributing relief to the Settlement Class, the proposed manner of allocating benefits to Settlement Class Members, the equitable treatment of the Settlement Class Members under the Settlement, and all of the other factors required by Pa.R.C.P. 1702 et seq. and relevant case law.

4. **Jurisdiction.** The Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 42 Pa. C.S.A. § 931 and personal jurisdiction over the parties before it. Additionally, venue is proper in this District pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. 2179.

5. **Final Approval Hearing.** A Final Approval Hearing shall be held on

March 5, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in Courtroom 5B of the Lehigh County Courthouse, located at 455 Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18101, where the Court will determine, among other things, whether:

(a) the Settlement Class should be finally certified for settlement purposes; (b) the Settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate, and finally approved; (c) this action should be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement; (d) Settlement Class Members (who have not timely and validly excluded themselves from the Settlement) should be bound by the releases set forth in the Settlement Agreement; (e) the application of Settlement Class Counsel for an award of Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses should be approved; and (f) the application of the Settlement Class Representatives for a Service Award should be approved.

6. **Settlement Administrator**. The Court appoints Kroll Settlement Administration, LLC ("Kroll") as the Settlement Administrator, with responsibility for class notice and settlement administration. The Settlement Administrator is directed to perform all tasks the Settlement Agreement requires. The Settlement Administrator's fees will be paid pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

7. **Notice**. The proposed notice program set forth in the Settlement Agreement and the Notices and Claim Form attached to the Settlement Agreement are hereby approved. Non-material modifications to these Exhibits may be made by the Settlement Administrator in consultation with agreement by the Parties, but without further order of the Court.

8. **Findings Concerning Notice**. The Court finds that the proposed form, content, and method of giving Notice to the Settlement Class as described in the Settlement Agreement and its exhibits: (a) will constitute the best practicable notice to the Settlement Class; (b) are reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the Action, the terms of the proposed Settlement, and their rights under the proposed Settlement, including, but not limited to, their rights to object to or exclude themselves from the proposed

Settlement and other rights under the terms of the Settlement Agreement; (c) are reasonable and constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Settlement Class Members and other persons entitled to receive notice; (d) meet all applicable requirements of law, including Pa.R.C.P. 1702; and (e) and meet the requirements of the Due Process Clause(s) of the United States and Pennsylvania Constitutions. The Court further finds that the Notice provided for in the Settlement Agreement is written in plain language, uses simple terminology, and is designed to be readily understandable by Settlement Class Members.

The Settlement Administrator is directed to carry out the Notice program in conformance with the Settlement Agreement.

9. **Exclusion from Class.** Any Settlement Class Member who wishes to be excluded from the Settlement Class must individually sign and timely submit a written request to the designated address established by the Settlement Administrator in the manner provided in the Notice. The written request must clearly manifest a person's intent to be excluded from the Settlement Class, as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, and must be submitted individually, *i.e.*, one request is required for every one Settlement Class Member seeking exclusion. To be effective, such requests for exclusion must be postmarked no later than the Opt-Out Deadline, which is no later than sixty (60) days from the Notice Deadline, and as stated in the Notice. Within seven (7) days after the Opt-Out Deadline, the Settlement Administrator shall provide to Class Counsel and to Defendant's Counsel a complete list of all timely and valid requests for exclusion.

If a Final Approval Order and Judgment is entered, all Persons falling within the definition of the Settlement Class who do not timely and validly request to be excluded from the Settlement Class shall be bound by the terms of this Settlement Agreement and the Final Approval Order and Judgment. All Persons who submit valid and timely requests to be excluded from the Settlement Class shall not receive any cash benefits of and/or be bound by the terms of the Settlement

Agreement.

10. **Objections and Appearances.** A Settlement Class Member (who does not submit a timely written request for exclusion) desiring to object to the Settlement Agreement may submit a timely written objection by the Objection Deadline and as stated in the Notice. The Notice shall instruct Settlement Class Members who wish to object to the Settlement Agreement to file their objections with the Court. The Notice also shall advise Settlement Class Members of the deadline for submission of any objections—the “Objection Deadline.” Any such objections to the Settlement Agreement must be written and must include all of the following: (i) the objector’s full name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address (if any); (ii) all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support for the objection known to the objector or objector’s counsel; (iii) the number of times the objector has objected to a class action settlement within the 5 years preceding the date that the objector files the objection, the caption of each case in which the objector has made such objection, and a copy of any orders related to or ruling upon the objector’s prior objections that were issued by the trial and appellate courts in each listed case; (iv) the identity of all counsel who represent the objector, including any former or current counsel who may be entitled to compensation for any reason related to the objection to the Settlement and/or Application for Attorneys’ Fees, Costs, and Service Award; (v) the number of times in which the objector’s counsel and/or counsel’s law firm have objected to a class action settlement within the 5 years preceding the date of the filed objection, the caption of each case in which counsel or the firm has made such objection and a copy of any orders related to or ruling upon counsel’s or the counsel’s law firm’s prior objections that were issued by the trial and appellate courts in each listed case in which the objector’s counsel and/or counsel’s law firm have objected to a class action settlement within the preceding 5 years; (vi) the identity of all counsel (if any) representing the objector, and whether they will appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (vii) a list of all persons who will be called to testify at the Final Approval Hearing in support of the objection (if any); (viii) a statement

confirming whether the objector intends to personally appear and/or testify at the Final Approval Hearing; and (ix) the objector's signature (an attorney's signature is not sufficient).

To be timely, written notice of an objection must be filed with the Clerk of Court by the Objection Deadline, which not later than thirty (30) days before the initial scheduled Final Approval Hearing. Any Settlement Class Member who fails to comply with the requirements for objecting shall waive and forfeit any and all rights he or she may have to appear separately and/or to object to the Settlement Agreement, shall be bound by all the terms of the Settlement Agreement and by all proceedings, orders, and judgments in the Action, and shall be precluded from seeking any review of the Settlement Agreement and/or Final Approval Order and Judgment by appeal or other means. The provisions stated in the Settlement Agreement shall be the exclusive means for any challenge to the Settlement Agreement. Any challenge to the Settlement Agreement, the final order approving this Settlement Agreement, or the Final Order and Judgment to be entered upon final approval shall be pursuant to appeal under the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure and not through a collateral attack.

11. **Claims Process.** Settlement Class Counsel and Defendant have created a process for Settlement Class Members to claim benefits under the Settlement. The Court preliminarily approves this process and directs the Settlement Administrator to make the Claim Form or its substantial equivalent available to Settlement Class Members in the manner specified in the Notice. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for the claims process. Settlement Class Members who qualify for and wish to submit a Claim Form shall do so in accordance with the requirement and procedures specified in the Notice and the Claim Form. If the Final Order and Judgment is entered, all Settlement Class Members who qualify for any benefit under the Settlement but fail to submit a claim in accordance with the requirements and procedures specified in the Notice and the Claim Form shall be forever barred from receiving any such benefit, but will

in all other respects be subject to and bound by the provisions in the Final Order and Judgment, including the releases contained therein.

12. **Termination of Settlement.** This Preliminary Approval Order shall become null and void and shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Parties, all of whom shall be restored to their respective positions existing before the Court entered this Preliminary Approval Order and before they entered the Settlement Agreement, if: (a) the Court does not enter this Preliminary Approval Order; (b) Settlement is not finally approved by the Court or is terminated in accordance with the Settlement Agreement; or (c) there is no Effective Date. In such event, (i) the Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the Action prior to execution of the Settlement Agreement and shall jointly request that all scheduled Action deadlines be reasonably extended by the Court so as to avoid prejudice to any Party or Party's counsel; (ii) the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Parties and shall not be used in the Action or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and (iii) any judgment or order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*.

13. **Use of Order.** This Preliminary Approval Order shall be of no force or effect if the Final Order and Judgment is not entered or there is no Effective Date and shall not be construed or used as an admission, concession, or declaration by or against Defendant of any fault, wrongdoing, breach, liability, or propriety of certifying any class. Nor shall this Preliminary Approval Order be construed or used as an admission, concession, or declaration by or against the Class Representatives or any other Settlement Class Member that his or her claims lack merit or that the relief requested is inappropriate, improper, unavailable, or as a waiver by any Party of any defense or claims they may have in this Action or in any other lawsuit.

14. **Continuance of Hearing.** The Court reserves the right to adjourn or continue the

Final Approval Hearing and related deadlines without further written notice to the Settlement Class. If the Court alters any of those dates or times, the revised dates and times shall be posted on the Settlement Website maintained by the Settlement Administrator. The Court may approve the Settlement, with such modifications as may be agreed upon by the Parties, if appropriate, without further notice to the Settlement Class.

15. **Stay of Litigation.** All proceedings in the Action, other than those related to approval of the Settlement Agreement, are hereby stayed. Further, any actions brought by Settlement Class Members concerning the Released Claims are hereby enjoined and stayed pending Final Approval of the Settlement Agreement.

16. **Schedule and Deadlines.** The Court orders the following schedule of dates for the specified actions/further proceedings:

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Deadline</u> |
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| Defendant Provides Settlement Class List to Settlement Administrator | Within ten (10) days of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order |
| Deadline for Settlement Administrator to Issue Notice to Settlement Class Members | No later than forty-five (45) days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order |
| Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, Expenses, and Service Award to be Filed by Settlement Class Counsel | At least forty-five (45) days before the Final Approval Hearing |
| Opt-Out/Objection Date Deadlines | At least thirty (30) days before the Final Approval Hearing |
| Claims Deadline | Fifteen (15) days before the Final Approval Hearing |
| Motion for Final Approval to be Filed by Class Counsel | At least forty-five (45) days before the Final Approval Hearing |

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| Final Approval Hearing | March 5, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in Courtroom 5B of the Lehigh County Courthouse, located at 455 Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18101. |
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IT IS SO ORDERED

October 16, 2025
Date

Douglas G. Reichley
Douglas G. Reichley, J.

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Miscellaneous Other

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Erika Spence, John Evangelist, Mercedes Wagner, Antonio Valle, Felix
Laupshner

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First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union

Copies of this Order were e-mailed/mailed to all counsel of record and pro se litigants on
10/17/2025.

236 NOTICE

Pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. § 236, notice is hereby given that an order, decree, or judgment in
the above captioned matter has been entered.

Michelle Graupner
Clerk of Judicial Records

**NOTICE: All parties and counsel must maintain correct and current contact information,
INCLUDING E-MAIL ADDRESSES, with the Clerk of Judicial Records Civil Division as
well as through E-File & Serve.**

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