# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Richmond Division

JESSE JAMES PAGAN, LILYANN DAVILA, and JACK COWAN, on behalf of themselves and all similarly situated persons,

Plaintiffs,

Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-297

v.

FANEUIL, INC.,

Defendant.

# FINAL APPROVAL ORDER AND JUDGMENT

On October 3, 2022, this Court entered an order granting preliminary approval (the "Preliminary Approval Order") (ECF No. 42) of the settlement (the "Settlement") between Plaintiffs Jesse James Pagan, Lilyann Davila, and Jack Cowan ("Plaintiffs"), on their own behalf and on behalf of the Settlement Class (as defined below), and Defendant Faneuil, Inc. ("Faneuil," and together with Plaintiffs, the "Parties"), as memorialized in the Settlement Agreement, which is Exhibit 2 (ECF No. 38-2) to Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement;<sup>1</sup>

On November 2, 2022, pursuant to the notice requirements set forth in the Settlement Agreement and in the Preliminary Approval Order, the Class was notified of the terms of the proposed Settlement Agreement, of the right of Class Members to opt-out, and the right of Settlement Class Members to object to the Settlement Agreement and to be heard at a final approval hearing;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The capitalized terms used in this Final Approval Order and Judgment shall have the same meaning as defined in the Settlement Agreement, except as may otherwise be indicated.

On February 16, 2023, the Court held a final approval hearing to determine, *inter alia*: (1) whether the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement are fair, reasonable, and adequate for the release of the claims contemplated by the Settlement Agreement; and (2) whether judgment should be entered dismissing this action with prejudice. Prior to the final approving hearing, a declaration of compliance with the provisions of the Settlement Agreement and Preliminary Approval Order relating to notice was filed with the Court as required by the Preliminary Approval Order. Therefore, the Court is satisfied that Settlement Class Members were properly notified of their right to appear at the final approval hearing in support of or in opposition to the proposed Settlement Agreement, the award of attorneys' fees and costs to Settlement Class Counsel, and the payment of service awards to the Representative Plaintiffs.

Having given an opportunity to be heard to all requesting persons in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order, having heard the presentation of Settlement Class Counsel and counsel for Faneuil, having reviewed all of the submissions presented with respect to the proposed Settlement Agreement, having determined that the Settlement Agreement is fair, adequate, and reasonable, having considered the application made by Settlement Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and costs and expenses, and the application for service awards to the Representative Plaintiffs, and having reviewed the materials in support thereof, and good cause appearing:

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and over all claims raised therein and all Parties thereto, including the Settlement Class.
- 2. The Settlement Agreement was entered into in good faith following arm's length negotiations and is non-collusive.

- 3. The Settlement Agreement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate, is in the best interests of the Settlement Class, and is therefore approved. The Court finds that the Parties faced significant risks, expenses, delays, and uncertainties, including as to the outcome, including on appeal, of continued litigation of this complex matter, which further supports the Court's finding that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, adequate and in the best interests of the Settlement Class Members. The Court finds that the uncertainties of continued litigation in both the trial and appellate courts, as well as the expense associated with it, weigh in favor of approval of the settlement reflected in the Settlement Agreement.
- 4. This Court grants final approval of the Settlement Agreement, including, but not limited to, the releases in the Settlement Agreement, including all Released Claims, and the plans for implementation and distribution of the settlement benefits. The Court finds that the Settlement Agreement is in all respects fair, reasonable, and in the best interest of the Settlement Class. Therefore, all Class Members who have not opted out of the Settlement Class are bound by this Final Approval Order and Judgment, approving the Settlement Agreement.
- 5. The Parties shall effectuate the Settlement Agreement in accordance with its terms.

  The Settlement Agreement and every term and provision thereof shall be deemed incorporated herein as if explicitly set forth herein and shall have the full force of an Order of this Court.

# **OBJECTIONS AND OPT-OUTS**

- 6. No objections were filed by Settlement Class Members.
- 7. All Settlement Class Members who have not objected to the Settlement Agreement in the manner provided in the Settlement Agreement are deemed to have waived any objections by appeal, collateral attack, or otherwise.
- 8. A list of the three putative Class Members who have timely and validly elected to opt out of the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement Class (the "Opt-Out Members"), and who

therefore are not bound by the Settlement Agreement and this Final Approval Order and Judgment has been submitted to the Court in the Declaration of Ryan Aldridge, Project Manager for the duly appointed Claims Administrator Postlethwaite & Netterville, APAC ("P&N"), filed in advance of the final approval hearing. (ECF No. 48-1). That list is attached as Exhibit A to this Order. The Opt-Out Members listed in Exhibit A are not bound by the Settlement Agreement and this Final Approval Order and Judgment and shall not be entitled to any of the benefits afforded to the Settlement Class Members under the Settlement Agreement.

#### **CLASS CERTIFICATION**

9. For purposes of the Settlement Agreement and this Final Approval Order and Judgment only, the Court hereby finally certifies the following class (the "Settlement Class"):

all persons whose Personally Identifiable Information was maintained on Faneuil's system that was compromised in the Data Breach, and who were sent a notice of the Data Breach. The Settlement Class specifically excludes: (i) Faneuil and its respective officers and directors; (ii) all members of the Settlement Class who timely and validly request exclusion from the Settlement Class; (iii) the Judge and Magistrate Judge assigned to evaluate the fairness of this settlement; and (iv) any other Person found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding, or abetting the Data Incident or who pleads nolo contendere to any such charge.

The Court also hereby certifies the following subclass (the "California Subclass")

all persons residing in California at the time of the Data Incident, whose Personally Identifiable Information was maintained on Faneuil's system that was compromised in the Data Breach, and who were sent a notice of the Data Breach. The California Subclass specifically excludes: (i) Faneuil and its respective officers and directors; (ii) all members of the Settlement Class who timely and validly request exclusion from the Settlement Class; (iii) the Judge and Magistrate Judge assigned to evaluate the fairness of this settlement; and (iv) any other Person found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding, or abetting the Data Incident or who pleads *nolo contendere* to any such charge.

10. The Court readopts and incorporates herein by reference its preliminary conclusions as to the satisfaction of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3) set forth in

the Preliminary Approval Order and notes again that because this certification of the Settlement Class is in connection with the Settlement Agreement rather than litigation, the Court need not address any issues of manageability that may be presented by certification of the class proposed in the Settlement Agreement.

- 11. The Court grants final approval to the appointment of Plaintiffs Jesse James Pagan, Lilyann Davila, and Jack Cowan as Representative Plaintiffs. The Court concludes that the Representative Plaintiffs have fairly and adequately represented the Settlement Class and will continue to do so.
- 12. The Court grants final approval to the appointment of David K. Lietz of Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman LLP and M. Anderson Berry of Clayeo C. Arnold PLC as Settlement Class Counsel. The Court concludes that Settlement Class Counsel has adequately represented the Settlement Class and will continue to do so.

#### NOTICE TO THE CLASS

- 13. The Court finds that the Notice Program, set forth in the Settlement Agreement and effectuated pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order, was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, was reasonably calculated to provide and did provide due and sufficient notice to the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Action, certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, the existence and terms of the Settlement Agreement, and their right to object and to appear at the final approval hearing or to exclude themselves from the Settlement Agreement, and satisfied the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution, and other applicable law.
- 14. The Court finds that Faneuil has fully complied with the notice requirements of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1715.

## **AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND SERVICE AWARDS**

- 15. The Court has considered Class Counsel's Motion (ECF No. 44) for service awards and for attorneys' fees and costs, and expenses. The Court awards Class Counsel the sum of \$209,619.81 as an award of attorneys' fees and \$15,380.19 as an award of costs and expenses to be paid in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, and the Court finds this amount of fees and expenses to be fair and reasonable.
- 16. The Court grants Settlement Class Counsel's request for service awards to the Representative Plaintiffs and awards \$2,000 each to Plaintiffs Jesse James Pagan and Lilyann Davila, and \$1,000 to Jack Cowan. The Court finds that this payment is justified by their service to the Settlement Class. This payment shall be paid in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.

## **OTHER PROVISIONS**

- 17. The Parties to the Settlement Agreement shall carry out their respective obligations thereunder.
- 18. Within the time period set forth in the Settlement Agreement, the benefits provided for in the Settlement Agreement shall be made available to the various Settlement Class Members submitting Valid Claim Forms, on approved Claims, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement.
- 19. As of the Effective Date, and in consideration of the promises and covenants set forth in this Settlement Agreement, (i) each Settlement Class Member, including Plaintiffs, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, waived, and discharged all Released Claims. Further, upon the Effective Date, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, each Settlement Class Member, including Plaintiffs, shall, either directly, indirectly, representatively, as a member of or on behalf of the general public or in any capacity, be permanently barred and enjoined from commencing,

prosecuting, or participating in any recovery in any action in this or any other forum (other than participation in the settlement as provided herein) in which any of the Released Claims is asserted; and (ii) Faneuil shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, waived, and discharged, Plaintiffs, each and all of the Settlement Class Members, Class Counsel, and Plaintiffs' Counsel of all claims, including Unknown Claims, based upon or arising out of the institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement, or resolution of the Litigation or the Released Claims, except for enforcement of the Settlement Agreement. Any other claims or defenses Faneuil may have against such Persons including, without limitation, any claims based upon or arising out of any retail, banking, debtor-creditor, contractual, or other business relationship with such Persons that are not based upon or do not arise out of the institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement, or resolution of the Litigation or the Released Claims are specifically preserved and shall not be affected by the preceding sentence. Notwithstanding any term herein, neither Faneuil nor their Released Parties, shall have or shall be deemed to have released, relinquished, waived, or discharged any claim or defense against any Person other than Plaintiffs, each and all of the Settlement Class Members, Settlement Class Counsel, and Plaintiffs' Counsel.

20. "Released Claims" shall collectively mean any and all past, present, and future claims and causes of action including, but not limited to, any causes of action arising under or premised upon any statute, constitution, law, ordinance, treaty, regulation, or common law of any country, state, province, county, city, or municipality, including 15 U.S.C. §§ 45, et seq., and all similar statutes in effect in any states in the United States; violations of the California Consumer Protection Act of 2018, Cal. Civ. Code § 1798, et seq. and all similar state privacy-protection statutes; violations of the California Consumer Records Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.80, et seq. and

all similar statutes in effect in any states in the United States; negligence; negligence per se; breach of contract; breach of implied contract; breach of fiduciary duty; breach of confidence; invasion of privacy; intrusion upon seclusion; fraud; misrepresentation (whether fraudulent, negligent or innocent); unjust enrichment; bailment; wantonness; failure to provide adequate notice pursuant to any breach notification statute or common law duty; and including, but not limited to, any and all claims for damages, injunctive relief, disgorgement, declaratory relief, equitable relief, attorneys' fees and expenses, pre-judgment interest, credit monitoring services, the creation of a fund for future damages, statutory damages, punitive damages, special damages, exemplary damages, restitution, and/or the appointment of a receiver, whether known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated, accrued or unaccrued, fixed or contingent, direct or derivative, and any other form of legal or equitable relief that either has been asserted, or could have been asserted, whether known or unknown, whether anticipated or unanticipated, whether foreseen or unforeseen, whether accrued or unaccrued, by any member of the Settlement Class against any of the Released Persons based on, relating to, concerning or arising out of the Data Incident and alleged theft of payment card data or other personal information or the allegations, transactions, occurrences, facts, or circumstances alleged in or otherwise described in the Litigation. Released Claims shall not include the right of any Settlement Class Member or any of the Released Persons to enforce the terms of the settlement contained in this Settlement Agreement and shall not include the claims of members of the Settlement Class Members who have timely excluded themselves from the Settlement Class.

21. "Unknown Claims" means any of the Released Claims that any member of the Settlement Class, including any Plaintiffs, does not know or suspect to exist in his/her favor at the time of the release of the Released Persons that, if known by him or her, might have affected his

or her settlement with, and release of, the Released Persons, or might have affected his or her decision not to object to and/or to participate in this Settlement Agreement. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that upon the Effective Date, Plaintiffs intend to and expressly shall have, and each of the other members of the Settlement Class intend to and shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, waived the provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by California Civil Code § 1542, and also any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state, province, or territory of the United States (including, without limitation, California Civil Code §§ 1798.80 *et seq.*, Montana Code Ann. § 28-1-1602; North Dakota Cent. Code § 9-13-02; and South Dakota Codified Laws § 20-7-11), which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

Members of the Settlement Class, including Plaintiffs, and any of them, may hereafter discover facts in addition to, or different from, those that they, and any of them, now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims, but Plaintiffs expressly shall have, and each other member of the Settlement Class shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, upon the Effective Date, fully, finally and forever settled and released any and all Released Claims. The Settling Parties acknowledge, and members of the Settlement Class shall be deemed by operation of the Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver is a material element of the Settlement Agreement of which this release is a part.

- 22. This Final Approval Order and Judgment and the Settlement Agreement, and all acts, statements, documents, or proceedings relating to the Settlement Agreement are not, and shall not be construed as, used as, or deemed to be evidence of, an admission by or against Faneuil of any claim, any fact alleged in the Litigation, any fault, any wrongdoing, any violation of law, or any liability of any kind on the part of Faneuil or of the validity or certifiability for litigation of any claims that have been, or could have been, asserted in the action. This Final Approval Order and Judgment, the Settlement Agreement, and all acts, statements, documents or proceedings relating to the Settlement Agreement shall not be offered or received or be admissible in evidence in any action or proceeding, or be used in any way as an admission or concession or evidence of any liability or wrongdoing of any nature or that Plaintiffs, any Settlement Class Member, or any other person has suffered any damage; provided, however, that the Settlement Agreement and this Final Approval Order and Judgment may be filed in any action by Faneuil, Settlement Class Counsel, or Settlement Class Members seeking to enforce the Settlement Agreement or the Final Approval Order and Judgment (including but not limited to enforcing the releases contained herein). The Settlement Agreement and Final Approval Order and Judgment shall not be construed or admissible as an admission by Faneuil that Plaintiffs' claims or any similar claims are suitable for class treatment.
- 23. The Court hereby dismisses the Amended Complaint and all claims therein with prejudice, without fees or costs to any Party, except as provided in this Final Approval Order and Judgment.
- 24. Consistent with Paragraphs 9.2 and 9.4 of the Settlement Agreement, if the Effective Date, as defined in the Settlement Agreement, does not occur for any reason, this Final Approval Order and Judgment and the Preliminary Approval Order shall be deemed vacated and

shall have no force and effect whatsoever; the Settlement Agreement shall be considered null and

void; all of the Parties' obligations under the Settlement Agreement, the Preliminary Approval

Order, and this Final Approval Order and Judgment and 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 Litigation or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and 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, and the Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the Litigation, as if

the Parties never entered into the Settlement Agreement (without prejudice to any of the Parties'

respective positions on the issue of class certification or any other issue). Further, in such event,

the Parties will jointly request that all scheduled Litigation deadlines be reasonably extended by

the Court, so as to avoid prejudice to any Party or Party's counsel.

25. Pursuant to Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of Am., 511 U.S. 375, 381-82,

(1994) and the parties' agreement, this Court shall retain the authority to issue any order necessary

to protect its jurisdiction from any action, whether in state or federal court.

26. Without affecting the finality of this Final Approval Order and Judgment, the Court

will retain jurisdiction over the subject matter and the Parties with respect to the interpretation and

implementation of the Settlement Agreement for all purposes.

The Honorable Robert E. Payne Senior United States District Judge

/s/

Richmond, Virginia

February 16, 2023