

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF TULARE**

Ferrer Arellano, Luis Domingo
Plaintiff/Petitioner,

vs.

OHK Transport, LLC
Defendant/Respondent.

Jud. Officer: **Bret Hillman**
Clerk: **Mark Dimas**
Bailiff: **K Hice**
CSR:
Interpreter:
Language:

Minutes: **Motion Hearing**
Other
Date: **September 15, 2026**

Case No. **VCU325142**
Department 02
Related Cases:

Appearances: ☐ No Appearances

☐ Party: _____

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☐ Other: _____

☐ Remote Appearance

☒ Attorney: Farrah Mirabel, via Zoom,
representing Plaintiff

☒ Remote Appearance

☒ Attorney: Samantha M. Kandarian, via Zoom,
representing Defendant

☒ Remote Appearance

☐ Attorney: _____

☐ Remote Appearance

☒ No court reporter was available for today's proceedings.

☒ Not Reported

☒ Case called at 09:23 A.M.

Motion: Continued Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement

☒ Oral argument requested by Plaintiff.

☒ Comments heard from Counsel and Court.

☒ **Court changes the hearing date set forth within the Tentative Ruling to February 02, 2027, at 08:30 A.M. in Department 02.**

ORDER: The Court adopts the Tentative Ruling as the Order of the Court as follows:

TENTATIVE RULING: To grant the motion for preliminary approval, as modified herein; to set the motion for final approval is set for **February 02, 2027, 8:30 am, Department 2.**

Background

The Court previously continued this matter and ordered a supplemental declaration as to information to calculate the lodestar and as to the presently incurred costs. On September 8, 2026, counsel for Plaintiff filed supplemental declarations addressing these issues.

Attorneys' Fees and Costs

Attorneys' fees of 35% of the gross settlement fund of \$195,000 or \$68,250 and costs not to exceed \$25,000 are sought by Plaintiff's counsel. Counsel has utilized the percentage of common fund methodology as well as provided adequate lodestar information to evaluate the reasonableness of the fee request.

Here, Counsel Seyedfarshi indicates that the firm has spent 34.2 hours on this matter ranging from rates of \$733 to \$180 per hour. (Declaration of Seyedfarshi ¶5.) This results in a lodestar of \$20,146.90.

Further, Counsel Mirabel indicates the firm has spent 73.5 hours at \$1,000 per hour. (Declaration of Mirabel ¶5) The Court notes that the \$1,000 per hour rate is already higher than what is typically "...prevailing in the community for similar work" and reduces the hourly rate here to \$950, resulting in a lodestar of \$69,825. (*PLCM Group Inc. v. Drexler* (2000) 22 Cal.4th 1084, 1095.)

As such, the total combined lodestar is \$89,971.90. Therefore, the Court approves the fees as requested.

Further Counsel Seyedfarshi indicates incurred costs of \$4,772.18 and Counsel Mirabel indicates costs incurred of \$9,718.26, for a total of \$14,490.44. Therefore, the Court approves costs not to exceed \$25,000 as requested.

Therefore, Plaintiff's deductions from the gross settlement of \$195,000 are preliminarily approved as follows:

Preliminarily Approved Attorney Fees (35%):	\$68,250
Preliminarily Approved Attorney Costs (up to):	\$25,000
Preliminarily Approved Enhancement Payment to Plaintiff :	\$5,000
Preliminarily Approved Settlement Administrator Costs	\$6,250
Preliminarily Approved Total PAGA Payment	\$10,000
Preliminarily Approved Net Settlement Amount	\$80,500

Motion for final approval is set for **February 02, 2027**, 8:30 am, Department 2.

☒ Clerk to provide notice to parties by mail.