

# **EXHIBIT B**

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT  
BRIDGEPORT DIVISION

In Re \* Case No. 22-50073 (JAM)  
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HO WAN KWOK, \* Bridgeport, Connecticut  
\* July 5, 2022  
Debtor. \*  
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TRANSCRIPT OF APPLICATION TO APPOINT TRUSTEE  
APPLICATION FOR ORDER APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF  
CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE JULIE A. MANNING  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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1 of a trustee --

2 MS. CLAIBORN: Your Honor, by virtue of the --

3 THE COURT: -- or examiner is under Section 324.

4 MS. CLAIBORN: Your Honor, the appointment and the  
5 approval process is set forth, as we discussed today, in  
6 1104(d), and section -- sorry, Rule 2007.1.

7 THE COURT: I don't -- you know, I --

8 MS. CLAIBORN: And the process has not been  
9 finished, the appointment has not been approved, and the  
10 U.S. Trustee, based upon the information provided today,  
11 determined that it was appropriate to withdraw the notice of  
12 appointment which we have done.

13 THE COURT: Yeah, but you didn't say why. If I  
14 didn't have this hearing, nobody would know why.

15 MS. CLAIBORN: Your Honor, that's correct. The  
16 withdrawal does not cite a reason, and due to the  
17 governmental privilege and the deliberative process that the  
18 U.S. Trustee engages in, I am not in a position to share  
19 that reasoning or that discussion with the Court or with the  
20 parties.

21 But it was in the best interest of the estate and  
22 the creditors and the process to not pursue the selected  
23 candidate.

24 THE COURT: Does anyone else wish to be heard on  
25 this issue, because we've now lost five days of which

1 I want to know how long it's going to take, because it's  
2 been 20 days since that order that everyone insisted needed  
3 to enter right away, and it did, and we still don't have a  
4 trustee.

5 Anyone else have any questions?

6 (No audible response)

7 THE COURT: Okay. That concludes today's hearing.  
8 Thank you.

9 MS. MAYHEW: Thank you.

10 THE CLERK: Court is adjourned.

11 (Proceedings concluded at 4:34 p.m.)

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