

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
LUBBOCK DIVISION

AMY PICKETT,

Plaintiff,

v.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH
SCIENCES CENTER (TTUHSC), *et al.*,

Defendants.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:20-CV-232-H-BQ

ORDER GRANTING MOTION AND REFERRING CASE FOR MEDIATION

Before the Court is the parties' Agreed Motion to Mediate Before a Magistrate Judge. ECF No. 83. The parties ask that the Court refer the case for mediation before a magistrate judge in either Austin or Lubbock. *Id.* at 1. Defendants' counsel states that she has limited availability prior to September 1, 2023, i.e., the deadline for mediation under the current scheduling order. *Id.* at 2; *see* ECF No. 52, at 4. Defendants' counsel therefore asks that if a magistrate judge cannot mediate the case before September 1, the Court extend the deadline until September 15—a request Plaintiff opposes. ECF No. 83, at 2. Having considered the motion, the Court finds that it should be **GRANTED in part.**¹

This case is **REFERRED** to United States Magistrate Judge John R. Parker to conduct mediation between August 16 and 23, 2023. The parties, as well as counsel, shall attend the mediation in person at the George H. Mahon Federal Building, 1205 Texas Avenue, Lubbock, Texas, on the date and time ordered by Judge Parker. If a party is an entity rather than an individual, a person with full settlement authority must appear on behalf of the entity. The

¹ The undersigned is the only magistrate judge in the Lubbock Division and cannot mediate a case to which he is also assigned for pretrial management.

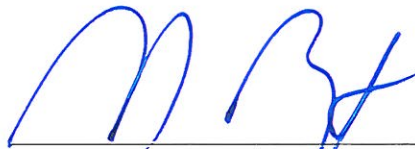
mediation process shall be private, confidential, and privileged from process and discovery unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Moreover, no subpoenas, summons, citations, or other process shall be served at or near the location of any mediation session, upon any person entering, leaving, or attending any mediation session. The mediation will be conducted in the manner determined by Judge Parker.

Judge Parker shall notify the Court of the results of the mediation within seven days after it is held. Referral of this case for mediation does not suspend outstanding deadlines (including those related to pending motions), and mediation is not a substitute for future proceedings.

All other relief not granted herein is **DENIED**.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 9, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Bryant', is written over a horizontal line.

D. GORDON BRYANT, JR.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE