

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

AMY FOX,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 2024-cv-0614
)	
NEXSTAR MEDIA GROUP, INC.,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

UNOPPOSED MOTION BY PLAINTIFF FOR CLIENT TO BE EXCUSED FROM ATTENDING THE JULY 20, 2026, FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE IN PERSON

Plaintiff Amy Fox respectfully moves to be excused from personally attending the final pretrial conference on July 20, 2026. As good cause, Plaintiff states as follows:

1. On April 17, 2026, Judge Jonker issued an order scheduling the final pretrial conference in this action and in the companion case, *Tang v. Nexstar Media Group, Inc.*, Case No. 1:24-cv-616, for July 20, 2026. ECF No. 100.

2. Plaintiff Amy Fox is unable to attend this final pretrial conference due to a unique vacation previously planned by her parents for Ms. Fox, her husband and three children. Plaintiff’s counsel misunderstood the timing of Ms. Fox’s return at the time of the scheduling of the July 20 pretrial conference. Ms. Fox has been unable to reschedule her return so as to be present in court on July 20.

3. Ms. Fox will be available by phone on July 20, is fully participating with her counsel in preparing the pretrial materials, and will personally attend the June 4, 2026 settlement conference before Magistrate Judge Kent.

4. Plaintiff's counsel for Ms. Fox and for plaintiff Stanton Tang and defense counsel for Nexstar Media Group, Inc. met and conferred by telephone on May 6, 2026, and all counsel have agreed to Ms. Fox's request.

5. The motion is not made to delay this action, and it will not unduly prejudice Defendant.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court excuse Plaintiff Amy Fox from personal attendance at the final pretrial conference on July 20, 2026, for good cause, provided she is available to communicate with her counsel regarding settlement or any other matters raised by the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 8, 2026

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ORDER

Plaintiff Amy Fox moves for a second time to receive special dispensation regarding an FPTC scheduled by the Court. The first time around she asked for a re-scheduling of the FPTC. (ECF No. 95). All parties in both cases concurred. The Court ultimately granted the Motion, (ECF No. 100), but only after entering an Order directing the parties to submit “at least three dates on which all parties are mutually available in the month of July ... to attend the FPTC.” (ECF No. 98). The re-scheduled date of July 20 was one of the options submitted by the parties.

It now turns out that plaintiff Amy Fox will not be able to attend the rescheduled FPTC, but is willing to participate by phone, and she seeks the Court’s concurrence. (ECF No. 102). The Court does not concur and **DENIES** the motion. Litigation is almost always inconvenient. But

trying to set a simple FPTC that everyone commits to attend should not be this challenging. It pales in comparison to the difficulty and inconvenience of trial, which is one reason the Court requires the personal presence of parties at the FPTC—to make sure everyone understands and is prepared for what the trial process entails before the Court inconveniences citizens by summoning them to the Courthouse for jury service.

The Court will consider re-scheduling the FPTC yet again if the parties submit alternate dates on which all parties can and will attend. This time, though, please make sure there are no misunderstandings before submitting alternative dates to the Court.

Plaintiff's Motion is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: May 11, 2026

/s/ Robert J. Jonker
ROBERT J. JONKER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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ORDER

Plaintiff Fox's unopposed motion to reschedule the Final Pretrial Conference, currently set for July 20, 2026, is GRANTED. (Case No. 1:24-cv-614 (ECF No. 107)). The Final Pretrial Conference is rescheduled to **August 4, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.** The filing of the FPTC materials remains due on or before **July 7, 2026.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: May 20, 2026

/s/ Robert J. Jonker
ROBERT J. JONKER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE