Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

ORDER

Edward McNeil v City of Detroit Financial Review Team

William C. Whitbeck Presiding Judge

Docket No. 309482

Peter D. O'Connell

LC No.

12-000321-CZ

Michael J. Kelly

Judges

The Court orders that the application for leave to appeal and the motion to stay are GRANTED. Accordingly, pending further order of this Court, the trial court shall take no further action in this case, including, without limitation, the holding of hearings or entry of any further order.

A basic issue in this case and in the consolidated appeals in *Robert Davis v City of Detroit Financial Review Team*, Court of Appeals Docket Nos. 309218 and 309250, is whether the City of Detroit Financial Review Team is a governing body subject to the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261 *et seq*. Therefore, on the Court's own motion and in the interest of judicial economy, this case and Docket Nos. 309218 and 309250 are CONSOLIDATED. The time for taking further steps in the present appeal is as follows:

- (1) Defendants-appellants shall file their brief on appeal within seven days of the date of this order or, in lieu of such a brief, defendants-appellants may file a written statement that they are relying on their brief on appeal in Docket Nos. 309218 and 309250. This brief on appeal or written statement shall be personally served on plaintiff-appellee's counsel;
- (2) Within seven days after being served with defendants-appellants' brief on appeal or alternative written statement, plaintiff-appellee shall file his brief on appeal, which shall be personally served on defendants-appellants' counsel; and
- (3) Defendants-appellants shall file any reply brief to plaintiff-appellee's brief on appeal within seven days after being served with his brief on appeal and shall personally serve any reply brief on plaintiff-appellee's counsel.

This panel of the Court retains jurisdiction of this appeal. Pursuant to MCR 7.215(F)(2), this order shall be given immediate effect.



A true copy entered and certified by Larry S. Royster, Chief Clerk, on

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Date

Chief Clerk