UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FORT MYERS DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2:09-CV-229-JES-NPM

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

VS.

FOUNDING PARTNERS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT and WILLIAM L. GUNLICKS,

Defendants,

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FOUNDING PARTNERS STABLE-VALUE FUND, LP, FOUNDING PARTNERS STABLE-VALUE FUND II, LP, FOUNDING PARTNERS GLOBAL FUND, LTD., and FOUNDING PARTNERS HYBRID-VALUE FUND, LP,

Rener Defendants.		

ORDER ON RECEIVER'S MOTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PAY FEES TO SPECIAL COUNSEL

This matter comes before the Court on the Receiver's Motion for Authorization to Pay Fees to Special Counsel (Doc. #626) filed on January 12, 2024. The Receiver seeks authorization to pay Beus Gilbert McGroder PLLC and Grossman Roth Yaffa Cohen, P.A. (together, "Special Counsel") for professional services incurred in litigation against Ernst & Young LLP. The SEC has no objection to the motion.

The Receiver seeks leave to pay Special Counsel \$67,768,576.20 from the settlement amount, pursuant to the Receiver's contingency fee retainer of Special Counsel.

After review, the motion is due to be granted.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED:

The Receiver's Motion for Authorization to Pay Fees to Special Counsel (Doc. #626) is **GRANTED**.

The Receiver is hereby authorized to pay the \$67,768,576.20 to Special Counsel by paying \$59,297,504.17 to Beus Gilbert McGroder PLLC and \$8,471,072.03 to Grossman Roth Yaffa Cohen, P.A.

DONE and ORDERED at Fort Myers, Florida, this 23rd day of January 2024.

JOHN E. STEELE

SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Counsel of Record