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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

VISHAL SHAH, and JAYDEN KIM, on
behalf of themselves and all others similarly
situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FANDOM, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:24-cv-01062-RFL

**ORDER GRANTING FINAL
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

Judge: Hon. Rita F. Lin

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a), 23(b)(3), and 23(e), the Parties seek entry
2 of an Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement fully executed on October 9, 2025 (ECF
3 No. 73-1) (the “Settlement Agreement”), which, together with its attached exhibits, sets forth the
4 terms and conditions for a proposed Settlement of the Action and dismissal of the Action with
5 prejudice;

6 WHEREAS, the Court granted preliminary approval of the Settlement on December 16,
7 2025; and

8 WHEREAS, the Court has read and considered the Settlement and its exhibits, and
9 Plaintiffs’ Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement;

10 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** as follows:

11 1. **Defined Terms.** This Order incorporates by reference the definitions in the
12 Settlement, and all terms used in this Order shall have the same meanings as set forth in the
13 Settlement Agreement.

14 2. **Class Certification for Settlement Purposes Only:** The Court finds, solely for
15 purposes of the Settlement, that the Rule 23 criteria for certification of the Settlement Class exists
16 in that: (i) the Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder of all Settlement Class Members in
17 the Action is impracticable; (ii) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement
18 Class that predominate over any individual questions; (iii) the claims of the Settlement Class
19 Representatives are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (iv) the Class Representatives
20 and Class Counsel have and will continue to fairly and adequately represent and protect the
21 interests of the Settlement Class; and (v) a class action is superior to all other available methods
22 for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy. The Court reaffirms and makes final its
23 provisional findings rendered in the preliminary approval order that, for purposes of the
24 Settlement only, the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3) are met.

25 3. **Class Definition:** Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and 23(b)(3), the Court
26 certifies, solely for purposes of effectuating the Settlement, the following Settlement Class: all
27 persons who accessed www.gamespot.com, or any of its subdomains, in California and had their
28 information collected by the Trackers between January 5, 2023 to the present, meaning the

1 Effective Date of the Settlement. Excluded from the Settlement Class are (1) any Judge or
2 Magistrate presiding over this Action and members of their families; (2) the Defendant, its
3 subsidiaries, parent companies, successors, predecessors, and any entity in which the Defendant
4 or its parents have a controlling interest and their current or former officers, directors, agents,
5 attorneys, and employees; (3) persons who properly execute and file a timely request for
6 exclusion from the class; and (4) the legal representatives, successors or assigns of any such
7 excluded persons.

8 4. Class Representatives and Class Counsel: The Court appoints Bursor & Fisher,
9 P.A. as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class. The Court appoints Vishal Shah and Jayden Kim
10 as the Class Representatives.

11 5. Class Notice: Notice of the pendency of this action as a class action and of the
12 proposed settlement was given to Settlement Class Members in a manner reasonably calculated
13 to provide the best notice practicable under the circumstances. The form and method of notifying
14 the Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the Action as a class action and of the terms
15 and conditions of the proposed Settlement met the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, Due
16 Process, and any other applicable law, and constituted due and sufficient notice to all persons
17 and entities entitled thereto. The record establishes that the Settlement Administrator served the
18 required notices under the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, with the
19 documentation required by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1715(b)(1-8).

20 6. Approval of the Settlement: The Court finds that the requirements of Rule 23(e)
21 of the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure and other laws and rules applicable to final settlement
22 approval of class actions have been satisfied for the reasons described on the record at the final
23 approval hearing, which are incorporated by reference, and the Court approves the settlement of
24 this Action as memorialized in the Settlement Agreement as being fair, just, reasonable and
25 adequate to the Settlement Class Members. The Court further finds that the Settlement
26 Agreement substantially fulfills the purposes and objectives of the class action and provides
27 substantial relief to the Settlement Class Members without the risks, burdens, costs or delays
28 associated with continued litigation, trial and/or appeal. The Settlement is not a finding or

1 admission of liability by the Defendant or any other person, nor a finding of the validity of any
2 claims asserted in the Action or of any wrongdoing or any violation of law.

3 7. The Court has considered and finds Class Counsel and the Class Representatives
4 have adequately represented the Settlement Class Members. Plaintiffs, by and through their
5 counsel, have investigated the pertinent facts and law, and have evaluated the risks associated
6 with continued litigation, class certification, trial, and/or appeal. The Court finds that the
7 Settlement was reached in the absence of collusion, is the product of informed, good-faith, arms-
8 length negotiations between the parties and their capable and experienced counsel.

9 8. The Court finds that the Settlement is effective in appropriately distributing relief
10 to the Settlement Class in light of the claims and defenses asserted, that the method of processing
11 Settlement Class Member claims is reasonable and appropriate, and that the Settlement treats all
12 Settlement Class Members equitably relative to each other.

13 9. The Court has evaluated this overall reaction of the Class to the Settlement and
14 finds that the overall acceptance of the Settlement by Settlement Class Members supports the
15 Court's conclusion that the Settlement Agreement is in all respects fair, reasonable, adequate,
16 and in the best interests of the Settlement Class Members.

17 10. Disbursement of Settlement Fund: The Parties are directed to consummate the
18 Settlement Agreement in accordance with its terms and conditions. The parties are authorized to
19 disburse funds from the Settlement Fund in accordance with the terms and conditions of the
20 Settlement Agreement.

21 11. Settlement Administrator: Epiq Systems, Inc. ("Epiq") is finally appointed to
22 continue to serve as the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator is directed to
23 process all Claim Forms in accordance with the Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel and
24 Counsel for Defendant are hereby authorized to employ all reasonable procedures in connection
25 with administration of the Settlement Agreement that are not materially inconsistent with this
26 Order or the Settlement Agreement.

1 12. Settlement Administration Expenses: The Court authorizes the payment of the
2 Settlement Administration Expenses from the Settlement Fund pursuant to Paragraphs 1.26 and
3 1.30 of the Settlement.

4 13. Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Expenses: Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(h), the Court
5 hereby awards Class Counsel total attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of
6 \$399,962.96.

7 14. Service Awards: The Court awards \$5,000 each to Plaintiffs Vishal Shah and
8 Jayden Kim as service awards for their participation in this matter.

9 15. Dismissal: The Action is hereby dismissed with prejudice and without costs as
10 against Defendant and the Released Parties.

11 16. Releases: The deadline to file a claim was April 16, 2026. Plaintiffs and all
12 Settlement Class Members (except those persons identified in Exhibit 1, who have filed proper
13 and timely requests for exclusion) and all persons acting on behalf of or in concert with any of
14 the above, are hereby determined to have released the Released Claims as to the Released Parties.

15 17. Fraud Verification Process. Epiq is ordered to conduct the fraud verification
16 process described in the Declaration of Loree Kovach (Dkt. No. 87). In addition to the email
17 notifications described, Epiq shall send text messages containing links to a new verification
18 website page to telephone numbers provided by claimants who submitted Medium Indicia of
19 Fraud Claim Forms.

20 18. Status Report on Fraud Verification. As discussed at the final approval hearing,
21 Class Counsel shall file a status report regarding the fraud verification process on **August 13,**
22 **2026.**

23 19. Post Distribution Accounting. Ten percent of Class Counsel's awarded attorneys'
24 fees and the entirety of the settlement administration fee except out of pocket expenses of \$49,422
25 shall remain in the Settlement Fund until Class Counsel files a Post-Distribution Accounting,
26 which shall include a description of fraud-prevention measures undertaken in the review of
27 claims, and the Court authorizes the release of such fees from the Settlement Fund following its
28 review of the Post-Distribution Accounting.

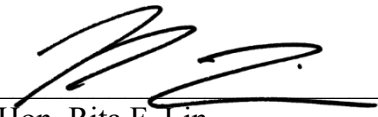
20. Retaining Jurisdiction. This Court shall maintain continuing jurisdiction over these settlement proceedings to ensure the effectuation thereof for the benefit of the Class, and for any other necessary purpose. Without further order of the Court, the settling parties may agree to reasonably necessary extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Settlement Agreement.

21. Schedule for Distribution of the Settlement Fund. The Court hereby enters the following schedule for the administration of the Settlement:

Event	Proposed Deadline
Effective Date	May 29, 2026
Payment of Class Counsel’s Attorneys’ Fees (90%), Costs, and Expenses	June 8, 2026
Payment of Service Awards	June 29, 2026
Defendant to Pay the Settlement Fund Into the Escrow Account	July 3, 2026
Fraud Verification Status Report	August 13, 2026
Payments to Settlement Class Members with Approved Claims	August 27, 2026
Post-Distribution Interim Accounting	September 17, 2026
Distribution of Remaining Attorneys’ Fees (10%)	September 27, 2026
Distribution of Uncashed Settlement Checks to Settlement Class Members With Approved Claims, Or To <i>Cy Pres</i>	February 23, 2027
Final Distribution Accounting	March 16, 2027

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: May 19, 2026


 Hon. Rita F. Lin
 United States District Judge