

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

KABBAGE, INC. d/b/a KSERVICING, *et. al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-10951 (CTG)

(Jointly Administered)

Hearing Date: Only if objections are filed**Objections Due: March 23, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)**

**FOURTH MONTHLY APPLICATION OF ALIXPARTNERS, LLP,
FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE CHAPTER 11 DEBTORS, FOR
ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2023**

Name of Applicant:	ALIXPARTNERS, LLP
Authorized to provide professional services to:	The Chapter 11 Debtors
Date of Retention:	October 21, 2022 effective as of October 3, 2022 [Docket No. 135]
Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	January 1, 2023 through January 31, 2023
Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$536,741.00
Amount of payment sought:	\$429,392.80 (80% of \$536,741.00)
Amount of expense reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$1,143.16

This is a(n): ☒ Monthly ☐ Interim ☐ Final application

The total time expended for fee application preparation is approximately 22.0 hours and the corresponding compensation requested is approximately \$12,499.00.

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ALIXPARTNERS, LLP**SUMMARY OF MONTHLY FEE APPLICATIONS**

Date Filed; Docket No.	Period	Requested		Paid		Certificate of No Objection	Amount Outstanding
		Fees	Expenses	Fees	Expenses		
12/02/2022 Docket #323	10/03/2022 - 10/31/2022	\$ 731,257.25	\$ 5,925.18	\$ 585,005.80	\$ 5,925.18	12/27/2022 Docket #374	\$ 146,251.45
12/29/2022 Docket #391	11/1/2022 - 11/30/2022	\$ 619,173.50	\$ 2,406.51	\$ 495,338.80	\$ 2,406.51	1/20/2023 Docket #475	\$ 123,834.70
01/30/2023 Docket #496	12/1/2022 - 12/31/2022	\$ 604,901.00	\$ 1,788.77	\$ 483,920.80	\$ 1,788.77	2/22/2023 Docket #565	\$ 120,980.20
3/3/2023 Docket #N/A	1/1/2023 - 1/31/2023	\$ 536,741.00	\$ 1,143.16	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 537,884.16
Total		\$2,492,072.75	\$ 11,263.62	\$ 1,564,265.40	\$ 10,120.46		\$ 928,950.51

ALIXPARTNERS, LLP

SUMMARY OF HOURS AND FEES BY PROFESSIONAL
JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2023

ALIXPARTNERS, LLP**SUMMARY OF HOURS AND FEES BY MATTER CATEGORY
JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2023**

Code	Matter Category	Hours	Fees
1.1	Chapter 11 Process / Case Management	54.9	\$ 50,028.50
1.3	Cash / Liquidity Matters	152.4	114,926.50
1.5	U.S. Trustee / Court Reporting Requirements	169.6	118,184.00
1.6	CFO Support	2.1	2,142.00
1.9	Plan & Disclosure Statement	101.4	86,619.00
1.10	Transaction Support	33.4	30,203.00
1.13	Vendor Management	14.1	12,636.00
1.14	Executory Contracts	23.5	21,462.50
1.15	Claims Process / Avoidance Actions	67.9	61,096.00
1.16	Adversary Proceedings & Contested Matters	3.3	3,686.00
1.17	Preparation & Attend Court Hearing	6.1	6,359.00
1.20	Fee Applications & Fee Applications	22.0	12,499.00
1.21	Loan Transfer Activities	13.4	13,329.50
1.31	Travel Time	7.0	3,570.00
	Total Hours and Fees By Matter Category	671.1	\$ 536,741.00

Average Billing Rate \$ 799.79

ALIXPARTNERS, LLP**SUMMARY OF EXPENSES**
JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2023

Expense Category	Amount
Airfare	\$ 462.98
Ground Transportation	220.23
Lodging	350.00
Meals	60.00
Phone & Internet	49.95
Total Expenses	\$ 1,143.16

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AlixPartners, LLP (“AlixPartners”), as financial advisor to the above-captioned debtors (the “Debtors”), hereby submits its fourth monthly application (the “Application”) for allowance of compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred for the period from January 1, 2023 through January 31, 2023 (the “Compensation Period”).

AlixPartners respectfully states as follows:

Jurisdiction and Venue

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”) has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant

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to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).

2. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

Relief Requested

3. The bases for the relief requested herein are Sections 330 and 331 of Title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), Rule 2016-2 of the *Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware* (the “Local Rules”), the *United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330*, adopted June 11, 2013 (the “U.S. Trustee Guidelines”) and the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [Docket No. 136] (the “Interim Compensation Order”).

Background

4. On October 3, 2022 (the “Petition Date”), the Debtors each filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, thereby commencing the above-captioned Chapter 11 Cases (the “Chapter 11 Cases”) in this Court.

5. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases.

AlixPartners’ Retention

6. On October 3, 2022, the Debtors filed their *Application of Debtors for Entry of Order Authorizing Employment and Retention of AlixPartners, LLP as Financial Advisor to the Debtors Effective as of the Petition Date* [Docket No. 16].

7. On October 21, 2022, the Court entered the *Order Authorizing Debtors to Employ and Retain AlixPartners, LLP as Financial Advisor Effective as of the Petition Date* [Docket No. 135] (the “Retention Order”).

8. AlixPartners is currently holding a retainer in the amount of \$476,344.64 (the “Retainer”). Pursuant to the Retention Order, the Retainer shall be treated as an evergreen retainer and held by AlixPartners as security throughout these Chapter 11 Cases until AlixPartners’ fees and expenses are fully paid.

9. The Retention Order approved the terms of AlixPartners’ hourly fee and expense structure set forth in the engagement letter dated April 25, 2022 (the “Engagement Letter”) and authorized AlixPartners to be compensated and reimbursed pursuant to section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code in accordance with the terms of the Engagement Letter, subject to the procedures set forth in the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Rules, U.S. Trustee Guidelines and the Interim Compensation Order, and any other applicable orders of this Court.

10. AlixPartners’ standard hourly rates are reviewed semi-annually and certain professionals’ rates were adjusted as of January 1, 2023. Adjustments included reasonable, routine, across-the-board rate increases to reflect promotions and general market increases comparable to market rates of comparable firms performing similar services.

11. Pursuant to the Engagement Letter, Deborah Rieger-Paganis is the managing director responsible for this engagement, assisted by a staff of consultants at various levels with a wide range of relevant skills and abilities.

12. The Interim Compensation Order provides that upon the expiration of the objection deadline (the “Objection Deadline”), a professional may file a certificate of no objection (a “CNO”) with the Court with respect to any professional fees and out-of-pocket expenses not subject to objection. After a professional files a CNO, the Debtors are authorized and directed to pay the professional 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses not subject to an objection that are requested in the applicable Monthly Fee Application.

Fees and Expenses During the Compensation Period

13. During the Compensation Period, AlixPartners provided an aggregate of 671.1 hours of professional services in the amount of \$536,741.00 and incurred out-of-pocket expenses in the amount of \$1,143.16. After applying a 20% holdback of fees in the amount of \$107,348.20, AlixPartners seeks payment of 80% of fees for services rendered in the amount of \$429,392.80 and 100% of expenses incurred in the amount of \$1,143.16, for a total payment of \$430,535.96 for the Compensation Period.

14. Detailed descriptions of the professional services performed by each professional, organized by matter category and by date, and the aggregate hours of services provided (in tenths of an hour) during the Compensation Period are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

15. A detailed list of the out-of-pocket expenses incurred during the Compensation Period are attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

Services By Category Provided During the Compensation Period

16. AlixPartners classified the services performed into separate categories. The descriptions below summarize the services provided by AlixPartners to the Debtors during the Compensation Period.

Matter Code 1.1: Chapter 11 Process/Case Management

54.9 hours - \$50,028.50

This category includes: (i) organizing and managing the Debtors' resources to effectively and efficiently plan, coordinate and manage the Chapter 11 process; (ii) reviewing and maintaining dockets and case calendars; and (iii) holding working sessions to keep the engagement team informed of the latest case developments, remain aligned on the many workstreams, verify that resources are properly allocated to meet deadlines, and ensure all matters and issues are addressed in an efficient and timely manner.

Matter Code 1.3: Cash/Liquidity Matters

152.4 hours - \$114,926.50

This category includes: (i) maintaining a rolling weekly cash forecasting model; (ii) preparing daily cash balance reporting; (iii) analyzing actual weekly cash receipts and

disbursements; (iv) negotiating required reporting format and content for the cash collateral order; (v) reconciling loan-related receipts to determine Debtors' portion of borrower and SBA collections; (vi) advising management on complying with post-petition cash management and cash reporting requirements as defined in the cash management and cash collateral orders; (vii) assisting management with reviewing disbursements; and (viii) assisting management with information requests related to liquidity, cash reporting, and cash forecasting.

Matter Code 1.5: U.S. Trustee/Court Reporting Requirements

169.6 hours - \$118,184.00

This category includes: (i) preparing the monthly operating reports; (ii) holding working sessions with management and other advisors to keep the remain aligned on the bankruptcy process workstreams and verify that resources are properly allocated to meet deadlines; (iii) reviewing bankruptcy court filings and coordinate analysis as needed; (iv) attending Board meetings to present analysis and coordinate on bankruptcy case priorities; and (v) assisting management with adherence to the requirements of the Court, the U.S. Trustee, and/or the Bankruptcy Code.

Matter Code 1.6: CFO Support

2.1 hours - \$2,142.00

This category includes reviewing monthly financial statements; and preparing updates to the professional fee forecast.

Matter Code 1.9: Plan & Disclosure Statement

1014 hours - \$86,619.00

This category includes: (i) developing the hypothetical liquidation analysis model for best-interest test; (ii) preparing liquidation analysis exhibits for the disclosure statement; (iii) analyzing the value waterfall to various creditor classes under the plan of reorganization (the "Plan"); (iv) preparing the cost-per-loan analysis; and (v) providing edits to the Plan and disclosure statement and Plan supplement based on stakeholder comments.

Matter Code 1.10: Transaction Support

33.4 hours - \$30,203.00

This category includes assisting the Debtors with various transaction and closing-related tasks, including researching and responding to inquiries and information requests from parties in interest, coordinating and managing closing mechanics, and preparing and managing the emergence day funds flow.

Matter Code 1.13: Vendor Management

14.1 hours - \$12,636.00

This category includes assisting the Debtors with vendor management, including performing claims analyses, communicating with vendors, negotiating payment terms, and developing and customizing numerous vendor payment proposals.

Matter Code 1.14: Executory Contracts

23.5 hours - \$21,462.50

This category includes identifying executory contracts and calculating related cure amounts in order to file cure schedules with the Court, resolving cure disputes, and analyzing leases and other contracts with respect to assumption and rejection.

Matter Code 1.15: Claims Process/Avoidance Actions

67.9 hours - \$61,096.00

This category includes reviewing, analyzing and reconciling filed claims, including administrative and priority claims, and assisting Debtors' counsel in negotiating with various claimants.

Matter Code 1.16: Adversary Proceedings & Contested Matters

3.3 hours - \$3,686.00

This category includes preparing reports and analyses, and attending meetings related to adversary proceedings and other contested matters.

Matter Code 1.17: Preparation for & Attend Court Hearing

6.1 hours - \$6,359.00

This category includes preparing for and attending Court hearings in person, by video conference, or telephonically.

Matter Code 1.20: Fee Statements & Fee Applications

22.0 hours - \$12,499.00

This category includes managing the fee application process, and preparing and reviewing monthly fee applications, including all required supporting documentation, in accordance with requirements of the U.S. Trustee and/or the Court.

Matter Code 1.21: Loan Transfer Activities

13.4 hours - \$13,329.50

This category includes: (i) holding working sessions with management team and other advisors to coordinate on multiple loan transfer projects; and (ii) assist with responses to due diligence requests from loan servicing partners.

Matter Code 1.31: Travel Time

7.0 hours – 3,570.00

This category includes traveling to meetings outside of consultants' respective "home" office region. Hours billed under this category were billed at 50% of AlixPartners' standard rates.

17. AlixPartners believes that the fees and out-of-pocket expenses requested are reasonable, actual and for necessary services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Debtors during the Compensation Period.

18. AlixPartners has not entered into any agreement, express or implied, with any other party for the purpose of fixing or sharing fees or other compensation to be paid for professional services rendered in these Chapter 11 Cases. No promises have been received by AlixPartners or any member thereof as to compensation in connection with these Chapter 11 Cases other than in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

Certification

19. A Certification of Deborah Rieger-Paganis is attached hereto as **Exhibit C** and incorporated herein.

No Prior Request

20. No prior request for the relief sought in this Application has been made to this or any other Court. This Application is made without prejudice to further or final applications based upon all relevant criteria, including the results achieved in the case as a whole.

Notice

21. Notice of this Application has been or will be provided to those parties entitled to receive notice hereof in accordance with any applicable order of this Court.

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Conclusion

WHEREFORE, AlixPartners, as financial advisor to the Debtors, respectfully requests: (i) an interim allowance of compensation for professional services in the amount of \$536,741.00 and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses in the amount of \$1,143.16 for the Compensation Period; (ii) that, upon the expiration of the Objection Deadline and entry of a CNO, the Debtors are authorized and directed to pay AlixPartners fees in the amount of \$429,392.80 (80% of \$536,741.00) and 100% of out-of-pocket expenses in the amount of \$1,143.16, for a total amount of \$430,535.96; and (iii) such other and further relief as this Court deems proper.

Dated: March 3, 2023

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/s/ Deborah Rieger-Paganis

By: Deborah Rieger-Paganis
Partner & Managing Director