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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

AMERICAN AIRLINES FLOW-THRU PILOTS COALITION, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ALLIED PILOTS ASSOCIATION, et al., Defendants.

Case No. 15-cv-03125-RS

ORDER RE CLASS COUNSEL AND CASE SCHEDULING

Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-1(b), plaintiff's motion to stay this action and for other relief (Dkt. No. 152) is suitable for disposition without oral argument, or further briefing, and the hearing set for February 21, 2019, is vacated. The record unequivocally establishes that, in the interest of the unnamed class members, plaintiffs' counsel Christopher W. Katzenbach must be relieved from responsibility for representing the certified class. As other counsel have already entered appearances on behalf of plaintiffs, the question of whether Katzenbach will withdraw from representation of the named plaintiffs is a matter that may be resolved between the named plaintiffs and Katzenbach without further court order.

The motion to stay is denied at this juncture. The obligation to comply with any pretrial deadlines that have not previously expired, however, is suspended pending further order of court. The trial date of April 29, 2019 shall remain in place, and will not be continued in the absence of a subsequent showing of good cause or a stipulation of the parties.

Attorneys McGonigle and the Braunstein & Braunstein ("new plaintiffs' counsel") are

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United States District Court Northern District of California directed to move for appointment as class counsel forthwith, if they intend to do so. New plaintiffs' counsel and defense counsel are hereby directed to meet and confer in an attempt to negotiate any scheduling extensions that may reasonably be necessary in light of the change in counsel, and to submit stipulations reflecting any agreements they reach, including but not limited to any rescheduling of the trial date. New counsel and defense counsel shall also meet and confer regarding any deadlines that may have already expired and from which new counsel contends relief is warranted.

In the event the parties are unable to resolve any of these issues, no later than February 28, 2019 new counsel shall file a motion seeking relief, set on 35 days' notice. Any such motion will be reviewed upon filing, and the court will *sua sponte* issue any scheduling order that may be warranted for briefing and hearing the matter on shortened time and/or briefly continuing the trial date, so that the issues may be timely resolved.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 13, 2019

RICHARD SEEBORG United States District Judge