



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Eastern District of California

Honorable Christopher M. Klein
Bankruptcy Judge
Sacramento, California

February 20, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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1. [20-20109](#)-C-13 KARLA SLADARIU MOTION TO DISMISS CASE
[LGT](#)-1 Peter Macaluso 1-23-25 [[152](#)]

Final Ruling: No appearance at the February 20,2025 hearing is required.

The Motion is dismissed without prejudice.

On February 7, 2025, the movant filed a Notice to Withdraw her Motion to Dismiss. Dckt. 158. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2), incorporated by Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014 and 7041, allows dismissal after a responsive pleading has been filed on terms the court considers proper.

The court finds withdrawal is warranted here. The Motion is dismissed without prejudice, and the court removes this Motion from the calendar.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Motion filed by Chapter 13 Trustee Lilian Tsang having been presented to the court, the movant having requested that the Motion itself be dismissed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2) and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014 and 7041, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion is dismissed without prejudice.

2. [25-20021](#)-C-13 DAVID LEE
Pro Se

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - FAILURE
TO PAY FEES
1-21-25 [[13](#)]

DEBTOR DISMISSED: 01/24/25

Final Ruling: No appearance at the February 20, 2025 hearing is required.

The above captioned case was dismissed on January 24, 2025. Dkt. 15.
Therefore, the Order to Show Cause is discharged as moot.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form
holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in
the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Order to Show Cause having been presented to the
court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments
of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the Order to Show Cause is
discharged as moot.

3. [24-25063](#)-C-13 LATOYA POLAND
Pro Se

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - FAILURE
TO PAY FEES
1-13-25 [[29](#)]

DEBTOR DISMISSED: 01/23/25

Final Ruling: No appearance at the February 20, 2025 hearing is required.

The above captioned case was dismissed on January 23, 2025. Dkt. 34.
Therefore, the Order to Show Cause is discharged as moot.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form
holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in
the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Order to Show Cause having been presented to the
court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments
of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the Order to Show Cause is
discharged as moot.

No Tentative Ruling:

The Motion has been set on Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) procedure which requires 28 days' notice. The Proof of Service shows that 38 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 39.

No opposition has been filed. Therefore, the court enters the defaults of the non-responding parties in interest, finds there are no disputed material factual issues, and determines the matter will be resolved without oral argument. *Cf. Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995); *Law Offices of David A. Boone v. Derham-Burk (In re Eliapo)*, 468 F.3d 592, 602 (9th Cir. 2006).

The Motion to Dismiss is xxxxxxxx

The Chapter 13 Trustee filed this Motion to Dismiss arguing that cause for dismissal exists because the debtor has failed to complete the Credit Counseling Certificate prior to the filing of the case.

OPPOSITION

The debtor filed an opposition asserting that she initially filed the case pro se and after she retained counsel to represent her in the case, debtor completed the counseling course and received a Certificate of Counseling and filed the Certificate on January 10, 2025.

DISCUSSION

At the hearing xxxxxxxxxxxx

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Motion to Dismiss the Chapter 13 case filed by the Chapter 13 Trustee, Lilian G. Tsang, having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion to Dismiss is xxxxxxxx

Tentative Ruling:

The Motion has been set on Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) procedure which requires 28 days' notice. The Proof of Service shows that 37 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 24.

No opposition has been filed. Therefore, the court enters the defaults of the non-responding parties in interest, finds there are no disputed material factual issues, and determines the matter will be resolved without oral argument. *Cf. Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995); *Law Offices of David A. Boone v. Derham-Burk (In re Eliapo)*, 468 F.3d 592, 602 (9th Cir. 2006).

The Motion to Dismiss is granted, and the case is dismissed.

The Chapter 13 Trustee filed this Motion to Dismiss arguing that cause for dismissal exists because the debtor has failed to appear at the Meeting of Creditors. Additionally, the Chapter 13 Trustee asserts the debtor has failed to set a hearing on a motion to value collateral, and failed to provide all pay advices, tax returns, a valid picture ID, proof of social security number, Credit Counseling Certificate and other required documents.

Debtor did not appear at the Meeting of Creditors held pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 341. Attendance is mandatory. 11 U.S.C. § 343. Failure to appear at the Meeting of Creditors constitutes evidence of unreasonable delay that is prejudicial to creditors, which is cause for dismissal of the case. 11 U.S.C. § 1307(c)(1).

The debtor has not provided all necessary pay advices. 11 U.S.C. § 521(a)(1)(B)(iv); FED. R. BANKR. P. 4002(b)(2)(A). That constitutes evidence of unreasonable delay that is prejudicial to creditors, which is cause for dismissal of the case. 11 U.S.C. § 1307(c)(1).

The debtor has not provided all necessary tax returns. 11 U.S.C. § 521(e)(2)(A)(i); FED. R. BANKR. P. 4002(b)(3). That constitutes evidence of unreasonable delay that is prejudicial to creditors, which is cause for dismissal of the case. 11 U.S.C. § 1307(c)(1).

The debtor has not provided the Chapter 13 trustee with proof of a Social Security Number. See 11 U.S.C. § 521(h)(2). That constitutes evidence of unreasonable delay that is prejudicial to creditors, which is cause for dismissal of the case. 11 U.S.C. § 1307(c)(1).

The debtor has not filed the required Credit Counseling Certificate. The Bankruptcy Code requires that the credit counseling course be taken within a period of 180 days ending on the date of the filing of the petition

for relief. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(1). Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 1007(b)(3)(A), (C), and (D) and Rule 1007(c) require that a debtor file with the petition a statement of compliance with the counseling requirement along with either:

- A. an attached certificate and debt repayment plan;
- B. a certification under § 109(h)(3); or
- C. a request for a determination by the court under § 109(h)(4).

Based on the foregoing, cause exists to dismiss this case pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1307(c)(1). Furthermore, the court finds that dismissal, and not conversion, is in the best interest of creditors and the Estate. The Motion is granted, and the case is dismissed.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Motion to Dismiss the Chapter 13 case filed by the Chapter 13 Trustee, Lilian G. Tsang, having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion to Dismiss is granted, and the case is dismissed, the court having found that dismissal, and not conversion, is in the best interest of creditors and the Estate.