BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITIES COMMISSION Securities Act, RSBC 1996, c. 418

Citation: Re Gokturk, 2025 BCSECCOM 410 Date: 20250915

Michael Ongun Gokturk, Einstein Capital Partners Ltd., Einstein Exchange Inc., and Einstein Law Corporation

Panel Deborah Armour, KC Commissioner

Audrey T. Ho

Karen Keilty

Commissioner

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Submissions completed September 3, 2025

Ruling date September 15, 2025

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Ruling on Adjournment Application

I. Background

- [1] On January 31, 2024, the executive director issued the notice of hearing, 2024 BCSECCOM 46. In it he alleged that Michael Ongun Gokturk (Gokturk), Einstein Capital Partners Ltd., Einstein Exchange Inc., and Einstein Law Corporation (Einstein Respondents) "committed fraud by lying to customers about a crypto trading platform (Platform) and misappropriating deposited customer assets for their own speculative investments and personal use". He alleged that the respondents contravened section 57(b) of the Securities Act, RSBC 1996, c. 418 (Act).
- [2] The executive director agreed to disclose his expert's file by July 15, 2025.
- [3] On July 29, 2025, Gokturk's counsel sent a letter to the Hearing Office advising that he had not received the executive director's expert's file and advised that the resulting prejudice "may require an adjournment of the hearing".
- [4] On July 29, 2025, counsel for the executive director sent an email to the Hearing Office advising: "The parties have discussed separately and agreed to make this consent request to the panel for an adjournment of the liability hearing currently scheduled on October 16-31, 2025."
- [5] On July 30, 2025, the executive director disclosed his expert's file with certain redactions to Gokturk.

- [6] On August 6, 2025, the Hearing Office sent an email to the parties on behalf of the panel chair advising that the hearing dates were to remain and scheduling a hearing management meeting to discuss any proposed adjournments amongst other issues.
- [7] On August 26, 2025, Gokturk applied to the Commission for adjournment of the hearing set to commence in October 2025 amongst other relief sought (Adjournment Application).
- [8] On September 2, 2025, the executive director submitted a response to the Adjournment Application opposing a full adjournment of all the hearing dates and proposing instead a partial adjournment of some of the hearing dates.
- [9] On September 3, 2025, Gokturk provided reply submissions maintaining his position that the matter should be fully "adjourned to available dates in early 2026".
- [10] On September 5, 2025, a hearing management meeting occurred that discussed the availability of the parties if the panel determined that the hearing should be adjourned.
- [11] The Einstein Respondents have not appeared.

II. Ruling

- [12] After considering the written submissions of Gokturk and the executive director, we grant the Adjournment Application and order that the hearing dates currently scheduled for October 2025 and January 5, 2026, be adjourned.
- [13] We order the following dates to be set for the hearing:

March 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 23, 26 (starting at 2:00 PM), 27, 30 and 31, 2026

April 1, 7 and 8, 2026

- [14] We order the parties to keep October 27 31, 2025, available if the panel decides to have an oral hearing for any applications that may be brought.
- [15] Our reasons will follow.

September 15, 2025

For the Commission

Deborah Armour, KC Commissioner Audrey T. Ho Commissioner

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