

The Order of the Court is stated below:

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/s/ ELIZABETH A HRUBY-
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District Court Judge



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**IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, SALT LAKE CITY DEPARTMENT
IN AND FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH**

In the matter of the marriage of

JOHN MATERN,

Petitioner,

and

CASEY MATERN,

Respondent.

DECREE OF DIVORCE

Case No: 264903481

Judge: Elizabeth A Hruby-Mills

Commissioner: Kim M Luhn

The Petitioner, John Matern, and the Respondent, Casey Matern, have entered into a written Stipulation resolving all outstanding divorce issues, which has been filed with the court. The Court has received and accepted the parties' Agreement, reviewed the file, and being otherwise duly advised, having previously signed and entered its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The bonds of matrimony existing between Petitioner and Respondent are hereby dissolved. In addition, all other remaining issues in this matter, outlined below, are to become final and absolute upon entry by the court.

CHILD CUSTODY AND PARENT-TIME

1. There are three minor children born or adopted between the parties, to wit: P.M. (March 2010), N.M. (April 2011), R.M. (February 2013).
2. The parties are awarded joint legal custody of the minor children. The parties shall be governed by the Joint Custody Parenting Plan set forth herein.
3. The parties are awarded joint physical custody of the minor children. Parent-time with the minor children shall be pursuant to a 50/50 timesharing arrangement as the parties may agree. If the parties are unable to agree on a parent-time schedule then they shall follow a week-on/week-off schedule with exchanges to occur on Sunday at 6:00 PM.
4. Each parent is entitled to 2 weeks of uninterrupted parent-time during the summer months when the minor children are free from school. The parents will notify each other by April 15th of each year of the time period he/she will be exercising his/her uninterrupted parent-time. Petitioner will have first option of uninterrupted time period in calendar years ending in an even number and Respondent will have first option of uninterrupted time period in calendar years ending in an odd number. The summer parent-time cannot interfere with the other parent's holiday. If the parent designated to first choose the 2-week period for the year fails to choose by April 15th, the non-designated parent may designate when the 2-week period will occur.

5. In addition, holiday parent-time shall be as the parties agree. If they do not agree, then the parties shall follow the holiday parent-time schedule set forth in UCA §81-9-303 and as follows:

Holiday	Holiday Time Period	Petitioner (John)	Respondent (Casey)
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	(1) Holiday begins Friday at: (a) 9 a.m. if school is not in session and the parent can be with the child; (b) the time that school is regularly dismissed; or (c) 6 p.m. at the election of the parent granted the holiday. (2) Holiday ends: (a) upon delivering of the child to school on the day following MLK day; or (b) at 8 a.m. on the day following MLK day if there is no school.	Odd Years	Even Years
President's Day	(1) Holiday begins Friday at: (a) 9 a.m. if school is not in session and the parent can be with the child; (b) the time that school is regularly dismissed; or (c) 6 p.m. at the election of the parent granted the holiday (2) Holiday ends: (a) upon delivering of the child to school on the day following President's Day; or (b) at 8 a.m. on the day following President's Day if there is no school.	Even Years	Odd Years
Spring Break	(1) Holiday begins at 6 p.m. on the day that school dismisses for spring break. (2) Holiday ends: (a) upon delivering of the child to school on the day following the end of spring break; or (b) at 8 a.m. on the day following the end of spring break if there is no school.	Odd Years	Even Years
Memorial Day	(1) Holiday begins Friday at: (a) 9 a.m. if school is not in session and the parent can be with the child; (b) the time that school is regularly dismissed; or (c) 6 p.m. at the election of the parent granted the holiday (2) Holiday ends: (a) upon delivering of the child to school on the day following Memorial Day; or (b) at 8 a.m. on the day following Memorial Day if there is no school.	Even Years	Odd Years
Mother's Day	(1) Holiday begins on Mother's Day at 9 a.m. (2) Holiday ends on Mother's Day at 7 p.m.	Every year with Mother	Every year with Mother
Father's Day	(1) Holiday begins on Father's Day at 9 a.m.	Every year with	Every year

	(2) Holiday ends on Father's Day at 7 p.m.	Father	with Father
Independence Day	(1) Holiday begins on July 3 rd at 6 p.m. (2) Holiday ends on July 5 th at 6 p.m.	Odd Years	Even Years
Pioneer Day	(1) Holiday begins on July 23 rd at 6 p.m. (2) Holiday ends on July 25 th at 6 p.m.	Even Years	Odd Years
Labor Day	(1) Holiday begins Friday at: (a) 9 a.m. if school is not in session and the parent can be with the child; (b) the time that school is regularly dismissed; or (c) 6 p.m. at the election of the parent granted the holiday (2) Holiday ends: (a) upon delivering of the child to school on the day following Labor Day; or (b) at 8 a.m. on the day following Labor Day if there is no school.	Odd Years	Even Years
Fall Break	(1) Holiday begins at 6 p.m. on the day that school dismisses for fall break. (2) Holiday ends: (a) upon delivering of the child to school on the day following the end of fall break; or (b) at 8 a.m. on the day following the end of fall break if there is no school.	Odd Years	Even Years
Halloween	(1) Holiday begins on October 31 st or the day that Halloween is traditionally celebrated in the local community; (a) at the time that school is dismissed; or (b) at 4 p.m. if there is no school. (2) Holiday ends at 9 p.m. on the same day the holiday begins.	Even Years	Odd Years
Thanksgiving	(1) Holiday begins on Wednesday at: (a) 6 p.m.; or (b) the time school is regularly dismissed for Thanksgiving at the election of the parent granted the holiday. (2) Holiday ends: (a) upon delivering of the child to school on the Monday following Thanksgiving; or (b) at 8 a.m. on the Monday following Thanksgiving if there is no school.	Even Years	Odd Years
Winter Break (First Half)	(1) Holiday begins at: (a) 6 p.m. on the day that school dismisses for winter break; or (b) the time school is regularly dismissed on the day that school dismisses for winter break at the election of the parent granted the holiday. (2) Holiday ends on December 27 th at 7 pm.	Odd Years	Even Years
Winter Break (Second Half)	(1) Holiday begins on December 27 th at 7 p.m. (2) Holiday ends upon delivering the child to school on the day that school resumes after the winter break.	Even Years	Odd Years
Day of Child's	(1) Holiday begins at 3 p.m.	Even Years	Odd Years

Birthday	(2) Holiday ends at 9 p.m.		
Day Before or After	(1) Holiday begins at 3 p.m.	Odd Years	Even Years
Child's Birthday	(2) Holiday ends at 9 p.m.		

6. The minor children shall continue to attend their current school and feeder schools unless the parties mutually agree in writing to transfer schools. Both parties shall be listed in school records as a point of contact for school communications.

7. In the event either party moves more than 30 miles away from their current residence the parties will revisit the issue of parent time and custody.

CHILD SUPPORT

8. Petitioner is currently employed and has a gross monthly income of \$29,916.00 per month, which includes his monthly base salary of \$13,894.00 and his annual bonus averaged out over 12 months for an additional \$16,022.00 per month in gross income.

9. Respondent is currently unemployed, however based on her experience and ability to work, it is reasonable and appropriate to impute her to a gross monthly income of \$3,466.00 for the purposes of calculating child support.

10. The joint custody worksheet shall be used with the Petitioner's income set at \$29,916.00 with 182 overnights and the Respondent's income set at \$3,466.00 with 183 overnights.

11. Pursuant to U.C.A. §81-6-101 a child support order shall be entered pursuant to the statutory guidelines as follows:

- a. Petitioner shall be ordered to pay Respondent the sum of \$1,885.00 per month beginning July 1, 2026. The sum is known as the base child support award,

for the minor child of the parties, pursuant to the Uniform Child Support Guidelines, until a child becomes 18 years of age, or has graduated from high school during the child's normal and expected year of graduation, whichever occurs later. When a child becomes 18 years of age or has graduated from high school during the child's normal and expected year of graduation, whichever occurs later, the base child support award is automatically adjusted based on the remaining children and the incomes from the most recent support order.

b. The base child support award should be reduced by 50% for each minor child for time periods during which such minor child is with the noncustodial parent by order for at least 25 of any 30 consecutive days. If the dependent child is a recipient of Public Assistance from the State of Utah (T.A.N.F.), any agreement by the parties for reduction of child support during extended parent time shall be approved by the Office of Recovery Services. However, normal parent time and holiday visits to the custodial parent shall not be considered an interruption of the consecutive day requirement.

c. The mandatory income withholding relief provisions of the Utah Code Annotated may be instituted at this time. Said income withholding procedure should apply to existing and future payors. All withheld income should be payable to the Office of Recovery Services, P.O. Box 45011, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0011 until such time as the obligor no longer owes child support to the obligee.

d. There are currently no child support arrearages.

e. Each of the parties should be under mutual obligation to notify the other if there is a change in income of more than 30% and the change is not temporary in nature.

f. Pursuant to Utah Code §81-6-212(5), the parties have a right to adjust this child support order by motion after three years from the date of its entry if (1) upon review there is a difference of 10% or more between the amount previously ordered and the new amount of child support under the Utah child support guidelines, calculated using the appropriate child support worksheet, (2) the difference is not of a temporary nature, and (3) the amount previously ordered does not deviate from the child support guidelines.

g. Pursuant to Utah Code §81-6-101 et seq, the parties have a right to modify this child support order at any time by petition if there has been a substantial change in circumstances because of: (i) material changes in custody; (ii) material changes in the relative wealth or assets of the parties; (iii) material changes of 30% or more in the income of a parent; (iv) material changes in the employment potential and ability of a parent to earn; (v) material changes in the medical needs of the child; or (vi) material changes in the legal responsibilities of either parent for the support of others, and, the change in (i) through (vi) results in a 15% or more difference between the amount previously ordered and the new amount of child support, calculated using the appropriate child support worksheet, and the difference is not of a temporary nature.

INSURANCE, DAYCARE AND MEDICAL EXPENSES

12. Pursuant to U.C.A. §81-6-208 (2024) as amended:
- a. Petitioner should maintain insurance for medical expenses for the benefit of the minor children where available at a reasonable cost.
 - b. Petitioner shall be responsible for all out-of-pocket costs of the premium actually paid by a parent for the children's portion of the insurance.
 - c. Both parties shall share equally all medical expenses incurred for the minor child and actually paid by the parties. Medical expenses shall include, but not be limited to, the following: medical, dental, orthodontia, ophthalmological, psychological, or therapeutic, etc.
 - i. All uninsured and unreimbursed medical, dental, orthodontic, vision, counseling, mental health, prescription, and other healthcare expenses incurred on behalf of the minor children shall first be paid from Petitioner's Health Savings Account (HSA), to the extent funds are available. Any such expenses that exceed the available balance in Petitioner's HSA shall be divided equally between the parties, with each party responsible for fifty percent (50%) of the remaining balance.
 - d. The parent who incurs medical expenses shall provide written verification of the cost and payment of the medical expenses to the other parent within 30 days of payment.
 - e. A parent incurring medical expenses may be denied the right to receive credit for the expenses or to recover the other parent's share of the expenses if that

parent fails to provide written verification of the cost and payment of medical expenses to the other parent within 30 days of payment.

13. Pursuant to U.C.A. §81-6-209 both parties shall share equally the reasonable work-related childcare expenses of the parents. Due to the age of the children, daycare is not anticipated.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, SCHOOL, & MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

14. The parties shall equally share the costs associated with the following expenses related to the minor children:

- a. Cell phones
- b. Car insurance and cost of reasonable vehicle for the minor children
 - i. Within six (6) months of the entry of the Decree of Divorce, the parties shall jointly purchase a vehicle for the primary use of the minor child(ren). The parties shall each be responsible for one-half (50%) of the purchase price, up to a maximum vehicle purchase price of \$10,000.00. Respondent shall advance Petitioner's share of the purchase price by paying Petitioner \$5,000.00 from Respondent's share of the parties' joint bank account at the time the account is divided.
 - ii. The parties shall mutually agree upon the vehicle to be purchased. If they are unable to agree, they shall select a safe and reliable used vehicle with a purchase price not exceeding \$10,000.00, and neither party shall unreasonably withhold their consent.

- iii. If the purchase price of the vehicle is less than \$10,000.00, Petitioner shall reimburse Respondent for one-half of the difference between the actual purchase price and \$10,000.00. For example, if the vehicle is purchased for \$8,000.00, Petitioner shall reimburse Respondent \$1,000.00.
- iv. The parties shall share equally all reasonable ongoing costs associated with the vehicle, including insurance premiums, registration, licensing, routine maintenance, repairs, and other necessary operating expenses, unless otherwise agreed in writing. The parties shall reimburse one another for their respective shares within thirty (30) days after receipt of documentation of the expense.
- c. School fees and costs
- d. Agreed upon extra-curricular activities. All current and extensions of the current extra-curricular activities where the children participate are approved.
- e. Agreements for all expenses shall be made in writing. When possible, both parties should pay their one-half share directly to the provider, school or program for and on behalf of the children. If one parent pays the entire cost, that parent shall email the other parent proof of cost and payment within 30 days and the reimbursing parent shall pay their share within 10 days of receiving the email.

TAX EXEMPTION

15. The parties shall share equally in the child tax credit, exemption, or deduction for State and Federal income tax purposes as follows:

a. As long as there are three minor children Petitioner will claim R.M. each year and Respondent will claim N.M. each year. Parties will alternate claiming P.M. with Petitioner claiming P.M. in odd years and Respondent claiming P.M. in even years.

b. When there are two minor children, Petitioner will claim R.M. each year and Respondent will claim N.M. each year.

c. When only one minor child remains, the parties will alternate years with Petitioner claiming R.M. in odd years and Respondent claiming R.M. in even years.

16. For the Petitioner to claim a minor child, he must be current on all his child support expenses prior to the end of the tax year.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

17. Prior to the marriage, the parties each had individually acquired certain separate property. Each party shall be awarded any property identified as premarital or separate property, including all gifts and inheritance.

18. During the course of the marriage, the parties acquired certain items of personal property.

19. The dogs known as Queso, Poppy, and Prim shall accompany the minor child(ren) during parent-time and may travel between the parties' residences with the child(ren),

provided the receiving parent's residence and any applicable lease, HOA, or housing restrictions permit the dogs to be present. The parties shall cooperate in the care and transportation of the dogs and shall be equally responsible for all reasonable veterinary and medically necessary expenses incurred on behalf of the dogs. Unless otherwise agreed, each party shall be responsible for the ordinary day-to-day expenses of the dogs while they are in that party's care.

20. All other personal property shall be divided among the parties in a fair and equitable fashion as agreed upon by the parties.

21. All property and all property rights which may be vested in either party as a result of family inheritance, trusts, or similar sources shall be awarded solely to the party from whose family it came.

VEHICLES

Vehicle	Awarded to Petitioner	Awarded to Respondent	Other
2015 Nissan Quest		X	There is no loan against this vehicle.
2024 Honda Ridgeline	X		Petitioner shall be responsible for the loan against this vehicle.
2015 Ford Escape	50%	50%	This vehicle shall be maintained for the benefit of the parties' children. Parties shall be equally responsible for the costs of this vehicle.

22. The parties shall take all necessary steps to transfer the vehicles into their own names within thirty (30) days of the date of entry of the Decree of Divorce.

REAL PROPERTY

23. During the course of the marriage, the parties acquired certain parcels of real property, including:

a. Home located at 6294 S. Westbrook Dr., Taylorsville, Utah 84129

24. The Home, together with all equity therein, is awarded solely to Respondent, subject to the terms set forth herein.

25. Respondent shall remove Petitioner's name from the mortgage obligation through loan assumption, refinance, or sale of the residence upon the occurrence of the first of the following events:

a. Five (5) years from the date of entry of the Decree of Divorce; or

b. Termination of Petitioner's alimony obligation.

26. Beginning July 1, 2026, Respondent shall be solely responsible for all costs associated with the residence, including but not limited to the mortgage, property taxes, insurance, utilities, maintenance, repairs, and any other expenses related thereto.

27. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for so long as an alimony obligation exists and Petitioner remains obligated on the mortgage loan, Petitioner shall make the monthly mortgage payment directly to the lender. The amount of each mortgage payment made by Petitioner shall be credited against and deducted from Respondent's monthly alimony obligation as otherwise set forth herein.

28. Respondent shall indemnify and hold Petitioner harmless from any liability associated with the residence, except as expressly provided in this section regarding Petitioner's obligation to make mortgage payments during the alimony period.

29. The parties shall sign any quit claim deeds or any other documents necessary to transfer title or ownership of the property within thirty (30) days of the Petitioner's name being removed from the loan.

BANK ACCOUNTS, PROFIT SHARING, STOCK OPTIONS, BONUSES,
INVESTMENT, RETIREMENT/PENSION ACCOUNTS AND OR/BUSINESS
INTERESTS

30. The parties have acquired and continue to acquire bank, profit sharing, stock options, bonuses, investment, retirement and/or pension accounts and business interests during the course of the parties' marriage.

31. All of these accounts or assets shall be divided as follows as of the date of entry of the Decree of Divorce unless specified otherwise:

Account Description	Petitioner will Receive	Respondent will Receive	Other
Granite Credit Union checking account ending 9501	50%	50%	The funds in this bank account shall be divided within twenty-four (24) hours after both parties have signed the Stipulation. Petitioner shall facilitate the transfer of Respondent's fifty percent (50%) share of the account balance to Respondent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Petitioner shall retain \$5,000.00

			from Respondent's share of the funds, which shall be applied toward Respondent's one-half share of the purchase price of the vehicle for the minor child(ren), as provided herein. Once funds have been divided Petitioner shall be awarded the account.
Granite Credit Union checking account ending 3844	50%	50%	The funds in this bank account shall be divided within twenty-four (24) hours after both parties have signed the Stipulation. Once funds have been divided, the primary account holder shall be awarded the account.
Granite Credit Union checking account ending 0456	50%	50%	The funds in this bank account shall be divided within twenty-four (24) hours after both parties have signed the Stipulation. Once funds have been divided Respondent shall be awarded the account.
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc Retirement Savings & Pension Plan	50%	50%	
Kimley-Horn Stock	100%		

32. All retirement and/or investment accounts divided between the parties by percentage shall be distributed subject to any gains or losses on the accounts through the date of division. Any outstanding loans associated with the accounts shall be included in the valuation and division.

33. If necessary, a Qualified Domestic Relation Order (QDRO) or Domestic Relations Order (DRO) shall be prepared to divide these accounts. Any fees associated with the above orders shall be split evenly between the parties.

DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS

34. During the course of the marriage the parties incurred certain marital debt; this debt shall be divided as set forth below.

Debt Description	Petitioner's Responsibility	Respondent's Responsibility	Other
Citi Dividend credit card	50%	50%	This card shall be paid in full with funds from the Granite Credit Union checking account ending 3844 as of July 1, 2026. Once paid, the Petitioner shall be awarded and responsible for this credit card.
2024 Honda Ridgeline auto loan	100%		

35. Pursuant to §81-4-204(1)(e), Utah Code Annotated, the parties shall notify respective creditors or obligors, regarding the court's division of debts, obligations, or liabilities and regarding the parties separate, current addresses.

LIFE INSURANCE

36. So long as there is a child support and or alimony obligation, both parties shall each maintain a life insurance policy with a minimum value of \$200,000. The other party shall be designated as the beneficiary of the respective policy.

37. Pursuant to UCA §81-4-406 (3)(d), to the extent either party owns a life insurance policy or annuity contract, such party has reviewed and, where appropriate, updated the list of beneficiaries associated with said policy or contract. Each party affirms that the individuals currently designated as beneficiaries are, in fact, the intended beneficiaries following the entry of the Decree of Divorce. Each party further acknowledges and understands that if no changes are made to the beneficiary designations, the individuals currently listed shall remain the beneficiaries and shall receive any funds disbursed by the insurance company or annuity provider pursuant to the terms of the respective policy or contract.

ALIMONY

38. Petitioner shall be ordered to pay alimony to Respondent as follows:

a. Petitioner shall pay alimony to Respondent in the amount of \$1,800.00 per month for a period of nine (9) years.

i. For so long as the marital residence remains financed in Petitioner's name, Petitioner shall make the monthly mortgage payment directly to the lender. The amount of each mortgage payment made by Petitioner shall be credited against and deducted from Respondent's monthly alimony award.

b. Beginning July 1, 2026, in addition to the monthly alimony obligation, Petitioner shall pay Respondent the sum of \$10,000.00 per calendar quarter during the first twelve (12) months, provided Petitioner receives a quarterly

employment bonus during that quarter. Beginning July 1, 2027, the quarterly payment shall be reduced by \$1,000.00 per quarter each year, such that the quarterly payment shall be \$9,000.00 in Year 2 (July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2028), \$8,000.00 in Year 3 (July 1, 2028 - June 30, 2029), \$7,000.00 in Year 4 (July 1, 2029 - June 30, 2030), and \$6,000.00 in Year 5 (July 1, 2030 - June 30, 2031). Each quarterly payment shall be due within thirty (30) days of Petitioner's receipt of the applicable quarterly bonus. If Petitioner does not receive a quarterly employment bonus for a given quarter, no quarterly payment shall be owed for that quarter.

c. Alimony payments shall begin July 1, 2026 and be paid by the fifth (5th) day of every month.

d. Alimony payments shall continue as outlined above or until Respondent cohabitates or remarries, whichever occurs sooner. Respondent has an obligation to notify Petitioner of her cohabitation or remarriage and alimony shall cease upon Respondent's cohabitation or remarriage. Alimony shall end in the event of the death of either party.

TAX RETURN

39. The parties shall file taxes for the 2026 tax year as each deem appropriate.

ATTORNEY'S FEES

40. Each party shall be responsible for their own attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the litigation of this matter.

MISCELLANEOUS

41. Both parties shall be mutually restraining from bothering, harassing, annoying, threatening, disparaging, or harming the other party at the other party's place of residence, employment or any other place.

42. Both parties are restrained from using the likeness, image or credit of the other party for any purpose.

43. The parties each indicate that there has been a complete accurate and current disclosure of all income, assets and liabilities. Both parties understand and agree that any failure to provide complete disclosure may constitute perjury. The property referred to in this agreement represents all the property which either party has any interest in or right to, whether legal or equitable, owned in full or in part by either party separately or by the parties jointly.

44. This Decree of Divorce is the result of the Stipulated Settlement Agreement reached through mediation. The final documents were prepared as a service to both parties and shall not be interpreted against either as the "drafting party."

45. Each party should execute and cooperate in delivering to the other and to the court such documents as are required to implement the provisions of the divorce decree hereafter to be entered by the court. Should a party fail to execute a document within 60 days of the entry of this divorce decree, the other party may bring a Motion to Enforce at the expense of the disobedient party and seek that the Court appoint some other person to execute the document pursuant to Rule 70 of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure. Any

document executed pursuant to Rule 70 has the same effect as if executed by the disobedient party.

46. Upon the filing of any Petition to change any provision of the final *Decree of Divorce*, the parties must first attempt to resolve the issue through mediation.

47. Respondent may be restored to her maiden name of Wing if she so desires.

MATERN and MATERN JOINT CUSTODY PARENTING PLAN

Each parent has a loving and valuable relationship with the children and shall work together cooperatively with regard to the children's physical care and financial and emotional support.

The parents shall adhere to the following parenting plan provisions:

1. Co-Parenting Principles

a. The Parties shall co-parent cooperatively, focusing on the physical, emotional, and financial well-being of the children.

b. Each parent shall support and encourage the children's meaningful relationship with the other parent.

- c. Civil communication is required at all times. Name-calling or hostile communication is prohibited.
- 2. Communication Between Parents
 - a. Primary communication shall occur via text or email, except in emergencies or time-sensitive situations.
 - b. Parents shall timely share important information regarding the children's schooling, health, social activities, and other relevant matters.
 - c. If information is available through public sources (e.g., school portals), each parent shall access it directly.
- 3. Joint Legal Decision-Making
 - a. The Parties shall jointly decide major decisions affecting the children, including:
 - i. Education and daycare
 - ii. Medical, dental, counseling, and orthodontic care
 - iii. Religious upbringing
 - iv. Extracurricular activities
 - b. Decision-making process:
 - i. Identify the issue
 - ii. Develop possible solutions
 - iii. Select the most reasonable solution in the children's best interests
- 4. Dispute Resolution for Major Decisions - If the parties cannot reach agreement:

- a. They may defer to the recommendations of an expert. If they still do not agree;
 - b. They shall attend mediation with a mutually agreed mediator (each party pays their own fees).
 - c. Agreements reached in mediation shall be reduced to writing and signed by both.
 - d. Only after a good-faith mediation attempt may a party seek Court involvement.
 - e. A party who frustrates this process may be ordered to pay the other's attorney's fees, court costs, and mediation costs.
5. Day-to-Day Responsibility
- a. The parent exercising parent-time shall make routine daily decisions.
 - b. Either parent may make necessary emergency decisions regarding the children's health or safety and shall inform the other immediately.
6. Information Access
- a. Both parents shall have direct access to all school, medical, dental, and mental health records.
 - b. Each parent shall notify the other of medical appointments and emergencies.
 - c. Both parties shall provide written authorization enabling the other to access information from all providers.
7. School Access

- a. Both parents may visit the children at school, receive school communications, and check the children out when necessary.
 - b. Disputes regarding education shall first go to mediation.
- 8. Medical Treatment Restrictions
 - a. Non-emergency, uninsured, elective medical/dental/orthodontic or alternative treatments require prior written consent from both parties.
 - b. Costs must be agreed in writing before scheduling.
 - c. Violating parent may be denied reimbursement.
- 9. Travel Notice Requirements
 - a. Either parent may travel domestically with the minor children during their own parent-time without needing advance permission, provided they give standard notice.
 - b. Any international travel, or any travel that would interfere with the other parent's scheduled parent-time, must be mutually agreed to in advance and in writing.
 - c. When traveling with the children, the traveling parent shall provide the following, as required by Utah Code §81-9-202(19):
 - i. Itinerary with travel dates
 - ii. Destination(s)
 - iii. Contact information
 - iv. Name/phone of a third party aware of the children's location.
- 10. Participation in Activities

- a. Both parents may attend the children's school events, church functions, activities, recitals, and sports.
 - b. Parents shall cooperate to facilitate participation and family events (e.g., weddings, funerals, reunions, ceremonies).
- 11. Exchanges and Transportation
 - a. The receiving parent shall pick up the children at the designated start of their parent-time.
 - b. Children shall be ready on time for exchanges.
- 12. Contact Information
 - a. Each parent shall provide the other with current address, phone number, and email within 24 hours of any change.
- 13. Parent/Child Communication
 - a. Each parent shall encourage free and uncensored reasonable phone/virtual communication with the other parent.
 - b. The children may contact either parent at any time.
 - c. A parent shall reasonably facilitate calls when requested by the children.
- 14. Right of First Refusal
 - a. Parental care is preferred over surrogate care.
 - b. If overnight child care is needed, the other parent shall be offered the opportunity to provide care before third-party caregivers are used.

c. The parties shall create and maintain a mutually approved list of surrogate caregivers/babysitters who may be used by either parent without additional approval.

d. Any caregiver not on the approved list must be mutually agreed upon in advance and in writing before caring for the minor children.

e. Both parents shall provide names, addresses, and phone numbers of any caregivers used.

15. Conduct Around the Children

a. Neither party shall speak negatively about the other parent or allow third parties to do so in the children's presence.

b. Neither party shall discuss court matters with or in front of the children.

c. Neither party shall disparage the other on social media or in public.

16. Introducing New Partners

a. Parents shall not introduce dating partners to the children until the relationship is committed and exclusive.

b. Notice shall be given to the other parent beforehand.

17. Shared Calendar

a. Parents shall maintain a shared calendar for school events, appointments, practices, exchanges, and other child-related activities.

18. Substance Use Restrictions

a. Neither party shall use illegal drugs or consume alcohol to excess while caring for the children or prior to transporting them.

b. Alcohol and medications shall be stored securely and out of the children's reach.

19. Enforcement and Non-Waiver

a. A party's failure to comply with any provision does not release the other party from their obligations.

b. All provisions remain enforceable unless modified by written agreement or court order.

*****ENTERED BY THE COURT ON THE DATE AND AS INDICATED BY THE
COURT'S SEAL AT THE TOP OF THE FIRST PAGE*****

APPROVED AS TO FORM this 11th day of August 2026.

*E-signed by Wade Taylor
with permission of John Matern*

/s/ John Matern

JOHN MATERN
Petitioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM this 6th day of August 2026.

*E-signed by Wade Taylor
with permission of Casey Matern*

/s/ Casey Matern

CASEY MATERN

Respondent

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE & RULE 7 NOTICE

I hereby certify that on the 3rd day of August 2026, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Proposed Decree of Divorce* to be served on the following by the method indicated below. Further, the Proposed Decree shall be submitted in accordance with Rule 7 of the *Utah Rules of Civil Procedure*.

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