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1	This Class Action Settlement Agreement, Release and Stipulation is entered into between	
2	AXONICS, INC. (formerly Axonics Modulation Technologies, Inc.) ("Axonics" or "Defendant") and	
3	Plaintiffs SULENI ITZEP and ROBERTA MOSER ("Named Plaintiffs" or "Plaintiffs") in the Action	
4	(as defined below).	
5	DEFINITIONS	
6	1. <u>Action</u> . The "Action" means the class and PAGA action entitled, <i>Itzep v</i> .	
7	Axonics Modulation Technologies, Inc., Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2020-01140962-	
8	CU-OE-CXC.	
9	2. Agreement or Settlement Agreement or Settlement. "Agreement" or	
10	"Settlement Agreement" or "Settlement" shall refer to the instant Class Action Settlement Agreement,	
11	Release and Stipulation.	
12	3. <u>Class Counsel</u> . "Class Counsel" means Douglas Han, Shunt Tatavos-Gharajeh,	
13	and Phillip Song of the Justice Law Corp. and/or any successor(s) thereof identified to all Parties and	
14	the Court prior to the Final Approval Order.	
15	4. <u>Class Members, the Class, and Participating Class Members</u> . "Class Members"	
16	means all non-exempt employees employed by Defendant in the State of California in a non-exempt	
17	position during the Class Period. The "Settlement Class" or "Participating Class Members" means all	
18	Class Members other than those who opt-out (see Paragraphs 22 and 59.c.).	
19	5. <u>Class Notice</u> . "Class Notice" means the document mutually agreed upon by the	
20	Parties and approved by the Court to be sent to the Class following preliminary approval that includes	
21	the scope of release language for Settled Claims, notifies Class Members of the Settlement, explains	
22	the Settlement and Class Members' options, including how Class Members may opt out or object to	
23	the Settlement, and explains the facts and methods based on which the Class Member's estimated	
24	Individual Settlement Payments are calculated, substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit	
25	A ".	
26	6. <u>Class Period</u> . "Class Period" means the period of time beginning on June 14,	
27	2017 through September 14, 2021.	
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7. <u>Complaint</u>. "Complaint" means the lawsuit entitled, *Suleni Itzep v. Axonics Modulation Technologies, Inc.*, Case No. 30-2020-01140962-CU-OE-CXC, filed with the Orange County Superior Court on May 26, 2020, including any amendments such as those required by paragraph 45.

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8. <u>The Court</u>. The "Court" refers to the Orange County Superior Court.

9. <u>Day</u>. "Day" refers to a calendar day(s) unless otherwise stated. If any designated date or deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the designated date or deadline will occur on the next business day.

9 10. <u>Defendant</u>. "Defendant" means Axonics, Inc., formerly known as Axonics
10 Modulation Technologies, Inc.

11 11. Effective Date. "Effective Date" means the date by which this Settlement 12 Agreement is finally approved as provided herein and the Court's Final Approval Order becomes 13 binding. For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the Final Approval Order becomes binding upon 14 the later of: (1) five days after the last day by which a notice of appeal to the California Court of 15 Appeal of the Final Approval Order and/or of an order rejecting any motion to intervene may be timely filed, and none is filed (i.e., 65 days after the notice of an order granting final approval of the 16 17 Settlement is served, provided there have been no appeals or other challenges filed within that time); (2) if such an appeal is filed, and the appeal is finally resolved and results in affirmation of the Final 18 19 Approval Order, the day after the last date for filing a request for further review of the California Court 20 of Appeals' decision passes and no further review is requested; (3) if further review of the California 21 Court of Appeal's decision is requested, the day after the request for review is denied with prejudice 22 and/or no further review of the decision can be requested, or (4) if review is accepted, the day after the California Supreme Court affirms the Final Approval Order. The Effective Date cannot occur, and 23 24 Defendant will not be obligated to fund this Settlement, until and unless there is no possibility of an 25 appeal or further appeal that could potentially prevent this Settlement Agreement from becoming final 26 and binding.

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12. <u>Exclusion Period</u>. The "Exclusion Period" means the time period commencing on the date the Class Notice is mailed to Class Members via First Class U.S. Mail and ending sixty (60) days later on the deadline to submit an Opt-Out Request or Objection.

13. Final Judgment or Final Approval Order. "Final Judgment" or "Final Approval Order" means the order and judgment entered and filed by the Court that: (1) finally approves this Agreement according to its terms and disposes all claims raised in this Action and set forth in the releases described below and bars through collateral estoppel and/or res judicata Plaintiffs and Participating Class Members from reasserting Settled Claims against Released Parties; (2) disposes all PAGA issues and claims raised in this Action, bars through collateral estoppel and/or res judicata Plaintiffs, PAGA Employees and the State of California from reasserting PAGA Claims against Released Parties; and (3) awards and orders the payment of all required amounts pursuant to the terms of this Agreement (approved Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and costs, Individual Settlement Payments to Class Members and PAGA Payments to PAGA Employees, etc.). The Final Approval and Final Judgment will constitute a binding and final resolution of any and all claims by the Named Plaintiffs and all Participating Class Members as to all Settled Claims and all PAGA Employees as to all Settled PAGA Claims as set forth in this Agreement.

14. <u>Final Settlement Approval Hearing or Final Approval Hearing</u>. "Final Settlement Approval Hearing" or "Final Approval Hearing" means the hearing at which the Court shall consider the motion for final approval of this Settlement and determine whether to fully and finally approve the fairness and reasonableness of this Settlement Agreement and enter the Final Judgment and Final Approval Order.

15. <u>Funding Deadline</u>. The "Funding Deadline" is the date by which Axonics must
fund the Settlement pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, which is 15 calendar days following the
Effective Date (defined above).

16. <u>Funding Payments</u>. "Funding Payments" means the payment(s) remitted to the
Settlement Administrator ("SA") by or on behalf of Defendant following the Effective Date in full and
complete discharge of the entire monetary obligation of Defendant in an amount equal to the Gross
Settlement Amount (defined below), which, as set forth herein, shall satisfy all funding obligations of
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Defendant with respect to this Settlement, to include funding of outstanding and awarded Individual Settlement Payments, PAGA Payments, attorneys' fees and costs awarded to Class Counsel, the Named Plaintiffs' enhancement payments as awarded by the Court, outstanding payments to the Settlement Administrator as approved by the Court for settlement administration costs, and the payment to the Labor Workforce Development Agency (or "LWDA") for its 75% portion of the PAGA Payment.

7 17. Gross Settlement Amount or GSA. "Gross Settlement Amount" or "GSA" means a fixed, maximum total payment of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero 8 9 Cents (\$225,000), payable by Defendant under this Agreement, which shall satisfy all outstanding and 10 awarded Individual Settlement Payments, PAGA Payments, attorneys' fees and costs awarded to Class 11 Counsel, the Named Plaintiffs' enhancement payments as awarded by the Court, outstanding payments 12 to the Settlement Administrator as approved by the Court for settlement administration costs, and the 13 payment to the LWDA. Aside from employer-side taxes due on the wage component of the Individual 14 Settlement Payments, the GSA shall constitute the entire consideration provided by Axonics pursuant 15 to this Settlement Agreement and Axonics and the Released Parties shall not be required to pay any 16 amount above the GSA in connection with this Settlement.

17 18. <u>Last Known Address</u>. "Last Known Address" means the most recently
18 recorded mailing address for a Class Member and/or PAGA Member contained in Defendant's
19 records.

20 19. <u>Named Plaintiffs</u>. "Named Plaintiffs" or "Plaintiffs" individually and
 21 collectively means Suleni Itzep and Roberta Moser.

20. <u>Net Distribution Fund "NDF"</u>. "Net Distribution Fund" or "NDF" means the Gross Settlement Amount less the amounts deducted pursuant to Paragraphs 54a through 54e of this Agreement, including deductions of the amounts awarded to Class Counsel, the enhancement payment to the Named Plaintiffs, the PAGA Payment to resolve claims under the PAGA, and the costs awarded for settlement administration owed pursuant to this Agreement.

2721.Objection."Objection" means a written request, which a Class Member may28submit no later than the last day of the Exclusion Period and in the form specified in Paragraph 61 in

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order to object to the Settlement, or a personal appearance, or other appearance permitted by the Court, at the final approval hearing to object.

3 22. Opt-Out Request. "Opt-Out Request" must (1) contain the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting exclusion; (2) be signed by the Class Member; (3) be 4 5 postmarked within the Exclusion Period [60 days after mailing date] and returned to the Settlement Administrator at the specified address or fax number. (See Paragraph 60.d and Exhibit "B") The 6 7 Opt-Request must also state in substance: "I wish to exclude myself from the Settlement in the action 8 titled Suleni Itzep, et al. v. Axonics Modulation Technologies, Inc., pending in the Orange County 9 Superior Court, Case No. 30-2020-01140962-CU-OE-CXC. I understand that by requesting to be 10 excluded, I will receive no money from the Settlement." An "Opt-Out Request Form" that will be 11 mailed with the Class Notice is attached to this Settlement as Exhibit "B".

23. Order of Final Approval or Order Granting Final Approval of Settlement. "Order of Final Approval" or "Order Granting Final Approval of Settlement" or "Final Approval" means the order issued in conjunction with the entry of the Final Judgment to be submitted by the Named Plaintiffs together with the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement for entry and filing by the Court as specified in this Settlement.

24. PAGA Period. "PAGA Period" means the period of time beginning on March 13, 2019 and ending on September 14, 2021.

25. PAGA Employees. "PAGA Employees" means all persons who are employed or have been employed by Defendant in the state of California as non-exempt employees during the PAGA Period. PAGA Employees cannot opt out of the PAGA portion of this Settlement. However, they may opt out of the Settlement of the class action claims provided they follow the requirements for exclusion set forth in a Court-approved Class Notice.

26. PAGA Payment and PAGA Allocation. Of the Gross Settlement Amount, \$22,500 shall be paid for the PAGA claims (i.e., the "PAGA Payment"). "PAGA Allocation" means the amounts distributed among PAGA Employees and is the amount remaining from the \$22,500 after subtracting the \$16,875 allocated to the LWDA) divided by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods credited to all PAGA Employees ("PAGA Pay Period Value"). Each PAGA Employee's PAGA TLER MENDELSON, P.C. 6.

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Payment is equal to the PAGA Pay Period Value multiplied by his or her individual Total PAGA Pay Periods worked according to Defendant's records.

27. PAGA Pay Periods Worked. "PAGA Pay Periods Worked" means the number of pay periods credited to a PAGA Employee during his/her employment with Defendant during the PAGA Period (for the Settled PAGA Claims), as determined by Defendant's records.

28. "Parties." Parties means Named Plaintiffs, individually on behalf of themselves and on behalf of all Class Members, PAGA Employees and interests of the Labor Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"), and Defendant.

9 29. Preliminary Approval Order. "Preliminary Approval Order" is the order entered and filed by the Court that preliminarily approves the terms and conditions of this Agreement, 10 11 including approval of the Parties' Agreement that specifies the content of notice and manner in which 12 notice will be provided to the Class and responded to by the Class, substantially in the form attached 13 hereto as "Exhibit C".

14 30. Released Parties. "Released Parties" means Defendant and its past, present or 15 future parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, employees, partners, shareholders, attorneys, agents, and any other successors, assigns, or legal representatives. 16

17 31. Response Deadline. The "Response Deadline" is the last date by which Class Members may submit a timely Opt Out Request or written Objection, which is 60 days following the 18 19 original date that the Settlement Administrator mails the Class Notice to Class Members.

32. Settlement Administrator or SA. "Settlement Administrator" or "SA" means Phoenix Settlement Administrators or such other neutral administrator as chosen by the Parties and approved by the Court (see Paragraph 58a).

33. Settled Claims. "Settled Claims" means any and all claims alleged in the Complaint or which could have been alleged in the Complaint based on the allegations, facts, matters, transactions or occurrences alleged therein, and shall specifically include without limiting the generality thereof all causes of action listed in the Complaint. The release of the foregoing claims, extends to all theories of relief regardless of whether the claim is, was or could have been alleged as separate claims, causes of action, lawsuits or based on other theories of relief, whether under California 7.

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law, state law or common law (including, without limitation, as violations of the California Labor 1 Code, the Wage Orders, applicable regulations, and California's Business and Professions Code 2 3 Section 17200). "Settled Claims" includes all types of relief available for the above-referenced claims, including, without limitation, any claims for damages, restitution, losses, penalties, fines, liens, 4 5 attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, debts, interest, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, or liquidated 6 damages. The Final Judgment shall expressly provide that it covers and bars as a matter of law each 7 and every Class Member other than those who have opted out from asserting any Settled Claims in 8 the future. The release of the Settled Claims shall run from the start of the Class Period (i.e., June 14, 2017) through (a) November 14, 2021 or (b) the date that the Court grants preliminary approval of this 9 Settlement Agreement, whichever date comes sooner.

34. Settled PAGA Claims. "Settled PAGA Claims" means all PAGA claims alleged in the Action or which could have been alleged in the Action based on the allegations, facts, matters, transactions or occurrences alleged therein, and shall specifically include without limiting the generality thereof all causes of action listed in Plaintiff's March 13, 2020 PAGA notice letter to the LWDA and Complaint. The foregoing claims, extends to all theories of relief regardless of whether the claim is, was or could have been alleged as separate claims, causes of action, lawsuits or based on other theories of relief, including under PAGA, the California Labor Code, the Wage Orders, applicable regulations. "Settled PAGA Claims" includes all types of relief available for the abovereferenced claims, including, without limitation, any claims for penalties, fines, liens, attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, debts, interest, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, or liquidated damages. The Final Judgment shall expressly provide that it covers and bars Plaintiffs, the LWDA, the State of California, and any other representative, proxy, or agent thereof, including but not limited to any and all PAGA Employees from prosecuting "Settled PAGA Claims" that arose during the PAGA Period. The release of the Settled PAGA Claims shall run from the start of the PAGA Period (i.e., March 13, 2019) through either (a) November 14, 2021 or (b) the date that the Court grants preliminary approval of this Settlement Agreement, whichever date comes sooner.

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- 35. 1 Participating Class Member(s). "Participating Class Member" means all Class 2 Members other than those who have timely and validly submitted Opt-Out Requests and thereby 3 excluded themselves from releasing Settled Claims from the Settlement.
 - 36. Individual Settlement Payment(s). "Individual Settlement Payment" means a payment pursuant to a Class Member's pro rata allocation of the NDF as specified in Paragraph 54.

37. 6 Settlement Proceeds Distribution Deadline. "Settlement Proceeds Distribution Deadline" means a date that is ten (10) days after the Funding Deadline (defined above).

38. Updated Address. "Updated Address" means a mailing address that was updated by a reasonable address verification measure of the SA or by an updated mailing address provided by the United States Postal Service for a Class Member or PAGA Employee.

11 39. Class Pay Period Value. "Class Pay Period Value" for the Settled Claims means the amount yielded from dividing the Net Distribution Fund by the total number of pay periods worked 12 13 by Class Members as employees of Defendant during the Class Period. Each Participating Class 14 Member's Individual Settlement Payment is equal to the individual's Total Class Pay Periods worked 15 during the Class Period (rounded up to the nearest pay period) multiplied by the Class Pay Period 16 Value. Therefore, the amount of each Participating Class Member's Individual Settlement Payment is tied to the number of Pay Periods that each Participating Class Member worked for Defendant in the 17 18 State of California during the Class Period in comparison to the Total Class Pay Periods Worked by 19 all Class Members in the State of California during the Class Period. Similarly, for the Settled PAGA 20 Claims, the value of each PAGA Pay Period shall be determined by the Settlement Administrator by dividing the 25% of the PAGA Award allocated for PAGA Employees by the Total PAGA Pay Periods for all PAGA Employees ("PAGA Pay Period Value").

23 40. Class Pay Periods Worked. "Class Pay Periods Worked" means the number of 24 pay periods worked as an employee of Defendant by a Class Member during the Class Period, as 25 determined or estimated by Defendant's records and as only subject to revision pursuant to this 26 Agreement.

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41. Named Plaintiff Suleni Itzep submitted her LWDA letter on March 13, 2020, in case number LWDA-CM-778201, alleging various facts and theories on which she wished to seek civil penalties.

42. On or about May 26, 2020, after exhausting the notice period, Named Plaintiff Itzep filed a complaint for civil penalties under California Labor Code section 2698 et seq. alleging 7 claims for including but not limited to: (1) failure to pay wages, including regular, overtime and 8 double time wages (including without limitation, for alleged off-the-clock work and as a result of an 9 alleged failure to incorporate all bonus/incentive payments into employees' regular rate calculations), 10 (2) meal period violations (including without limitation for alleged failure to provide compliant meal 11 periods and/or pay meal period premiums at the appropriate rate), (3) rest break violations (including 12 without limitation for alleged failure to provide compliant rest periods and/or rest period premiums at 13 the appropriate rate), (4) failure to pay minimum wage; (5) failure to timely pay all final wages due at 14 separation; (6) failure to provide accurate wage statements (under both direct and derivative theories 15 of liability); and (7) failure to reimburse business expenses (including without limitation, for alleged 16 failure to reimburse various business expenses such as for use of personal cell phones, vehicles, etc.); 17 and (8) failure to properly calculate, accrue and pay sick pay.

18 43. Defendant filed an Answer to the Complaint and denied and continues to deny 19 all allegations and claims asserted by Named Plaintiffs. Specifically, Defendant denies that it engaged 20 in any misconduct in connection with its wage-and-hour practices and denies that it has any liability 21 or engaged in wrongdoing of any kind associated with the claims alleged in the Action, including any 22 Settled Claims or Settled PAGA Claims. Defendant further contends that it has complied at all times 23 with both federal and state wage-and-hour laws, and all other laws regulating the employer-employee 24 relationship that relate to the employment of Named Plaintiffs and the Class and PAGA Employees. 25 However, further defense of this litigation would be protracted and expensive. Substantial amounts of 26 time, energy and resources of Axonics have been and, unless this Settlement is made, will continue to 27 be devoted to the defense of the Claims asserted by Plaintiffs. Defendant, therefore, has agreed to

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44. Defendant and Class Counsel, on behalf of Named Plaintiffs and the Class Members and allegedly aggrieved PAGA employees, attended a full-day mediation with experienced employment law mediator Anthony Pantoni on June 14, 2021. After lengthy negotiations, the Parties ultimately agreed to a mediator's proposal by Mr. Pantoni setting forth the key terms of a settlement that are described in greater detail in this Agreement. The Parties agree that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are the result of lengthy, intensive arms-length negotiations between the Parties supervised and facilitated by Mr. Pantoni. The Parties further agree that the Agreement is entered into in good faith as to each Class Member and PAGA Member.

12 45. Pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, Named Plaintiff Itzep and Named Plaintiff Roberta Moser ("Named Plaintiff Moser") will file a First Amended Complaint ("First 13 Amended Complaint" or "Amended Complaint") in Orange County Superior Court asserting nine 14 15 causes of action against Defendant, including: (1) failure to pay wages, including regular, overtime 16 and double time wages, (2) meal period violations, (3) rest break violations, (4) failure to pay minimum 17 wage; (5) failure to timely pay final wages; (6) failure to provide accurate wage statements; (7) failure 18 to reimburse business expenses; (8) violation of California's Private Attorney General Act of 2004 19 ("PAGA"); and (9) violation of the California Business and Professions Code ("UCL"). The Parties, for settlement purposes only, conditionally stipulate to the filing of the Amended Complaint which 20 21 alleges all of the PAGA claims asserted in the original Complaint and amends the pleading to assert 22 separate putative class action claims based on the same underlying allegations in Named Plaintiff 23 Itzep's Complaint and March 13, 2020 letter to the LWDA, as well adds Named Plaintiff Moser and 24 the additional theories of liability discussed and investigated by the Parties prior to and during the 25 mediation on June 14, 2021.

46. Class Counsel is of the opinion that this Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interest of the Class and PAGA Employees and other relevant interests in light of all known facts and circumstances, including the benefits conferred by the Settlement, the risk

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1 of significant delay, the uncertainty and risk of the outcome of further litigation, the burdens of proof necessary to establish liability, defenses asserted to the merits, including but not limited to the 2 3 affirmative defenses asserted as to Participating Class Members, the risks of proceeding on any class 4 claims and PAGA claims, including class certification, the difficulties in establishing damages and 5 penalties, and the numerous potential appellate issues. While Defendant specifically denies any 6 liability or wrongdoing in the Action, Defendant has agreed to enter into this Settlement to avoid the cost and business disruption associated with defending the Action. Defendant has claimed and 7 8 continues to claim that the Settled Claims and Settled PAGA Claims have no merit and do not give 9 rise to liability. This Agreement is a compromise of disputed claims. This Agreement, made and 10 entered into by and between the Named Plaintiffs (on behalf of themselves and on behalf of the 11 Participating Class Members and PAGA Employees and interests of the LWDA) and Defendant, each with the assistance of its respective counsel or attorneys of record, is intended to fully, finally, and 12 13 forever settle, compromise and discharge the Settled Claims and Settled PAGA Claims against the 14 Released Parties, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

47. Because the Action is pled as a class action, this Settlement must receive preliminary and final approval by the Court. Because the PAGA case is pled as a PAGA action, this Settlement is subject to approval by the Court. Accordingly, the Parties enter into this Agreement subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and agree to work together in good faith to seek approval from the Court.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals listed above and the promises and warranties set forth below, and intending to be legally bound and acknowledging the sufficiency of the consideration and undertakings set forth herein, the Named Plaintiffs, individually on behalf of themselves and on behalf of the Class Members and PAGA Employees and LWDA interests, on the one hand, and Defendant, on the other hand, agree that the Action shall be, and is finally and fully compromised and settled on the following terms and conditions.

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 48. Non-Admission of Liability. The Parties enter into this Agreement to resolve

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 the dispute that has arisen between them and to avoid the burden, expense and risk of continued

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1 litigation. In entering into this Agreement, Defendant does not admit, and specifically denies, that it 2 has: violated any federal, state, or local law; violated any regulations or guidelines promulgated 3 pursuant to any statute or any other applicable laws, regulations or legal requirements; breached any contract; violated or breached any duty; engaged in any misrepresentation or deception; or engaged in 4 any other unlawful conduct with respect to its employees or any other person or entity. Neither this 5 6 Agreement, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations connected with it or 7 proceedings, payouts or other events associated with it, shall be construed as an admission or 8 concession by Defendant of any such violation(s) or failure(s) to comply with any applicable law by 9 Defendant or any Released Parties. Except as necessary in a proceeding to approve, interpret or 10 enforce the terms of this Agreement, this Agreement and its terms and provisions shall not be offered 11 or received as evidence in any action or proceeding to establish any liability or admission on the part 12 of the Released Parties or to establish the existence of any condition constituting a violation of, or 13 noncompliance with, federal, state, local or other applicable law. In addition, as set forth in Paragraph 14 73, the Parties intend this Settlement to be contingent upon the preliminary and Final Approval of this 15 Agreement; and in the event Final Approval of this Agreement is not obtained, the Parties do not 16 waive, and instead expressly reserve, their respective rights to prosecute and defend this Action as if this Agreement never existed in the event the Settlement is not fully and finally approved as set forth 17 18 herein. In the event that this Agreement is not approved by the Court, fails to become effective, or is 19 reversed, withdrawn or modified by the Court or any other court with jurisdiction over the Action, the 20 Agreement shall become null and void ab initio and shall have no bearing on, and shall not be 21 admissible in connection with, further proceedings in this Action, and the Parties will be returned to 22 their respective positions prior to entering this Agreement, except that the Court may award less than the maximum amounts listed for proposed Attorneys' Fees and Costs, Administration Fees and Costs, 23 24 Plaintiffs' Enhancement Payment and/or the propose PAGA Award without impacting the validity 25 and enforceability of this Agreement.

26 49. <u>Amendment of Complaint</u>. Solely for purposes of settling this matter, Named
27 Plaintiffs will file an Amended Complaint with the approving Court, which shall be the operative
28 Complaint in this Action. The Complaint as amended will include Suleni Itzep and Roberta Moser

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1 listed as the named Plaintiffs, and allege all of the PAGA claims asserted in the original Complaint 2 and amend the pleading to assert separate putative class action claims based on the same underlying 3 allegations in Named Plaintiff Itzep's original Complaint and March 13, 2020 letter to the LWDA, as well as the additional theories of liability discussed and investigated by the Parties prior to and during 4 5 the mediation on June 14, 2021. Solely for purposes of implementing the Settlement, the Parties stipulate that the amendments of the claims shall relate back to the filing of the original and shall cover 6 7 the Class Period and PAGA Period; the Parties agree the proposed Preliminary Approval Order and 8 Final Judgment shall request that should the Settlement not be fully and finally approved, the 9 amendments will be withdrawn, the original complaint shall be deemed the operative complaint, any 10 preliminary certification of a class for settlement purposes shall be deemed void and the Parties shall revert to their positions prior to entering the Settlement in all respects. Subject to Court approval, 12 Defendant's current answer shall be deemed as the operative answer to the Complaint on behalf of Defendant without the need to file an amended answer.

50. Stipulation for Class Certification. The Parties agree to stipulate to the certification of a class action, appointment of class counsel, and appointment of Named Plaintiffs Itzep and Moser as the class representatives for purposes of settlement only. The Parties agree that if the Settlement does not receive final approval or does not become final and binding for any reason, including an appeal, the Parties will be placed back in the position they were in prior to entering into this Settlement in all respects and the issue of certification will need to be litigated before the Court.

51. Release of Settled Claims. As of the Effective Date, Named Plaintiffs and all Participating Class Members hereby do and shall be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever released. settled, compromised, relinquished and discharged any and all Settled Claims against any and all Released Parties. The Settlement includes a release of all Settled Claims from the start of the Class Period (June 14, 2017) through September 14, 2021, by Participating Class Members employed by Defendant in a non-exempt position at any time during the Class Period. This Agreement bars, without limitation, any Fair Labor Standard Act ("FSLA") claims predicated on the same underlying alleged wage and hour violations pursuant to Rangel v. PLS Check Cashers of California, Inc., 899 F.3d 1106 (9th Cir. 2018) (holding that the plaintiff's wage-and-hour action brought under the FLSA was properly 14.

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dismissed on res judicata grounds because the plaintiff was subject to a state class-action settlement that released all claims arising from the same alleged injuries to the same rights that were at issue in the FLSA claims).

a. The Parties agree for settlement purposes only that, because the Class Members are so numerous, it is impossible or impracticable to have each Participating Class Member execute this Agreement. Accordingly, the Class Notice will advise all Class Members of the binding nature of the Agreement and such notice shall have the same force and effect as if the Agreement were executed by each Participating Class Member.

9 b. Named Plaintiffs and Class Counsel represent, covenant, and warrant 10 that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered or purported to assign. 11 transfer, or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause 12 of action, or rights herein released and discharged, except as set forth herein.

c. The Parties agree that this is a settlement of disputed claims not involving undisputed wages, and that Labor Code Section 206.5 is therefore inapplicable. 14

52. Release of Settled PAGA Claims. As of the Effective Date, Named Plaintiffs, the LWDA, the State of California, and any other representative, proxy, or agent thereof, including but not limited to any and all PAGA Employees, release and are barred from prosecuting "Settled PAGA Claims" that arose from the start of the PAGA Period against any and all of the Released Parties. Subject to Court approval, the Agreement includes a settlement of all Settled PAGA Claims by PAGA Employees employed by Defendant at any time during the PAGA Period to the fullest extent permitted under the PAGA, including settlement contemplated in Labor Code section 2699(1)(2).

22 53. Individual General Releases of All Claims by Named Plaintiffs. In addition to the releases made by the Participating Class Members and PAGA Employees set forth in this 23 24 Agreement, Named Plaintiffs release, as individuals and in addition to the Settled Claims and Settled 25 PAGA Claims described above, all claims, whether known or unknown, under federal law or state law 26 against the Released Parties. The Parties understand and agree that Plaintiffs are not, by way of this 27 release, releasing any claims which cannot be released as a matter of law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Named Plaintiffs understand that this release includes unknown claims and that Named 28 15.

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Plaintiffs are, as a result, waiving all rights and benefits afforded by Section 1542 of the CaliforniaCivil Code, which provides:

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A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

8 Other than this Action and the related LWDA PAGA notice letter provided to Axonics. Plaintiffs represent that they do not have any pending lawsuits, administrative complaints or charges against Defendant or the 9 Released Parties in any local, state, or federal court or administrative agency. Plaintiffs further 10 acknowledge that all claims raised therein, if any, shall be fully and finally extinguished by virtue of this 11 12 Settlement Agreement and the Court's Final Approval Order. Plaintiffs also represent that Plaintiffs will not bring any action in the future in which Plaintiffs seek to recover any damages from Defendant or the 13 Released Parties relating to or arising from Plaintiffs' employment with or separation from Defendant, 14 15 other than an action to enforce Plaintiffs' rights under this Settlement Agreement.

54. Settlement Payments and Calculation of Claims. Subject to the Final Approval 16 of the Settlement and the conditions specified in this Agreement, and in consideration of the mutual 17 18 covenants and promises set forth herein, Defendant agrees to pay the GSA totaling Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$225,000.00). The GSA shall fully and completely 19 satisfy Defendant's obligations for any and all payments, fees and costs related to this Settlement 20 including, but not limited to, any payments to be made to the Named Plaintiffs, Participating Class 21 22 Members, PAGA Employees, the LWDA, Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and out-of-pocket litigation 23 expenses and costs, and settlement administration costs. Other than employer-side payroll taxes, in no event shall Defendant be required to pay any amounts above the GSA with respect to the Released 24 25 Claims or Released PAGA Claims or as a result of this Settlement Agreement for any reason. The Parties agree, subject to Court approval, that the GSA shall be apportioned as follows: 26

a. <u>Attorneys' Fees</u>. Class Counsel will apply to the Court for, and
Defendant will not oppose, an award of attorneys' fees of no more than thirty-five percent (35%) of

the GSA or Seventy-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$78,750.00). The Court-approved Attorneys' Fees shall come entirely from and be deducted from the GSA and paid out as set forth herein. In the event that the Court awards less than the full amount requested for Attorneys' Fees, the un-awarded amount will be made available for distribution as part of the Net Distribution Fund (defined above) and distributed to Participating Class Members. This Settlement is not contingent upon the Court awarding Class Counsel any particular amount in attorneys' fees.

7 b. Attorneys' Costs. Named Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall request approval of payment of up to, but not to exceed, Fifteen Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$15,000.00) 8 9 in attorneys' costs, including any litigation costs, which will be deducted entirely from the GSA and 10 paid out as set forth herein. Defendant will not oppose such application. Attorneys' fees as specified in the preceding Paragraph and costs as specified in this Paragraph shall cover all claimed and 11 unclaimed attorneys' fees, attorneys' costs and other amounts payable or awardable against Defendant 12 13 for attorneys' fees and costs related to the Action and in carrying out the Agreement and includes any 14 and all work, effort or involvement by Class Counsel to carry out the terms of the Agreement and as may be potentially or actually necessary or advisable to defend the Agreement and/or Settlement 15 16 through appeal, or collateral attack or in any other forum or proceeding. These specified Attorneys' 17 Fees and Costs shall be the sole payment for attorneys' fees and costs and, otherwise, the Parties and 18 Class Members and their counsel shall bear their own fees and costs in connection with the Action. In the event that the Court awards less than the full amount requested for Attorneys' Costs, the un-19 20 awarded amount will be made available for distribution as part of the Net Distribution Fund (defined above) and distributed to Participating Class Members. This Settlement is not contingent upon the Court awarding Class Counsel any particular amount in Attorneys' Costs.

Administration Fees and Costs. Class Counsel will also apply to the c. 24 Court for approval of SA costs in an amount estimated to be up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), 25 which will be deducted entirely from the GSA. Defendant will not oppose such application. Class 26 Counsel will specify the amount sought for such costs, up to the foregoing maximum, in Named Plaintiffs' motions for Preliminary and Final Approval of the Settlement. In the event that the Court awards less than the full amount requested for Administration Fees and Costs, the un-awarded amount 17.

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will be made available for distribution as part of the Net Distribution Fund (defined above) and distributed to Participating Class Members. This Settlement is not contingent upon the Court awarding Class Counsel any particular amount in Administration Fees and Costs.

d. <u>Named Plaintiff's Enhancement and General Release Payment</u>. Class Counsel will apply to the Court for approval of an enhancement payments in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$5,000.00) each (for a total of \$10,000) to be paid to Named Plaintiffs, from which fifty percent (50%) shall be deemed consideration for a general release and from which fifty percent (50%) shall be for assuming the risks associated with this litigation (including for assuming the risks in the case). Defendant will not oppose such applications. The enhancement payments are included in, and shall be deducted entirely from, the GSA. In the event that the Court awards less than the full amount requested for Plaintiffs' Enhancement Payments, the un-awarded amount will be made available for distribution as part of the Net Distribution Fund (defined above) and distributed to Participating Class Members. This Settlement is not contingent upon the Court awarding Plaintiffs any particular amount in Enhancement Payments.

15 e. PAGA Award and Payments. Pursuant to California Labor Code 16 Section 2698, et seq., the Parties designate Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero 17 Cents (\$22,500.00) of the GSA to resolve any PAGA claims (including payment for Named Plaintiffs' 18 claims on their own behalf and on behalf of all PAGA Employees for penalties under the PAGA and 19 payment to the LWDA). In the event that the Court awards less than the full amount requested for The PAGA Award, the un-awarded amount will be made available for distribution as part of the Net 20 21 Distribution Fund (defined above) and distributed to Participating Class Members. This Settlement is 22 not contingent upon the Court awarding any particular amount for the PAGA Award.

i. Defendant shall pay seventy five percent (75%) of that amount,
or Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$16,875.00), to the LWDA
and the remainder (\$5,625.00) to PAGA Employees. In the event the LWDA refuses to accept the
above amount in full for all civil penalties to PAGA Employees in connection with the civil penalty
claims alleged in this Action, or in the event the LWDA or anyone on its behalf otherwise challenges

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the above allocation or the Settlement, the Parties shall work in good faith to revise the allocation so that it is accepted.

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ii. The remaining Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$5,625.00) shall be paid to PAGA Employees by multiplying the PAGA Pay 4 Period Value by each individual PAGA Employee's Total PAGA Pay Periods.

f. Net Distribution Fund. The NDF will be the amount remaining after deducting the Court-approved Attorneys' Fees and Costs, Plaintiffs' Enhancement Payments, Settlement Administration Fees and Costs, and the 75% portion of the PAGA Award to be paid to the LWDA.

10 Sample for Mediation. Defendant provided an approximately 25% g. sample and Defendant represented for mediation that there are approximately 144 Class Members 11 12 (employees) who collectively worked approximately 3,152 Pay Periods from June 14, 2017 to May 13 28, 2021. Defendant also explained that the vast majority of Axonics' current and former non-exempt 14 employees in California were hired on or after March 2019. Defendant will, if required by the Court, 15 provide a declaration verifying the number of Class Members and Pay Periods worked during the Class Period. 16

h. Individual Settlement Payments to Participating Class Members. Only the following individuals will receive Individual Settlement Payments under the Settlement Agreement: (1) the Named Plaintiffs and (2) Participating Class Members. Individual Settlement Payments will be calculated as follows:

21 i. The NDF will be divided by the total number of pay periods 22 worked by Participating Class Members as employees of Defendant during the Class Period ("Class 23 Pay Period Value") as reflected in Defendant's records. All Participating Class Members shall be paid 24 an amount equal to their Total Class Pay Periods multiplied by the Class Pay Period Value. Total 25 Class Pay Periods and Class Pay Period Value shall be determined by the SA based on data to be 26 provided by Defendant, as may be modified by the resolution of any challenges.

27 ii. The Parties agree that under no circumstances shall Defendant be obligated to pay any amount under this Agreement to any Class Member other than Participating 28 MENDELSON P.C. 19.

Class Members and PAGA Employees. In addition, the Parties agree that in no event shall Defendant be obligated to pay more than the GSA, except for the separate payment of employer-side taxes, as provided above. (All amounts allocated to employee-side withholdings for amounts attributed to alleged unpaid wages in the Individual Settlement Payments shall be paid from the NDF as further detailed below.)

iii. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the formula used to calculate Pay Periods worked, Individual Settlement Payments, PAGA Pay Periods worked, and PAGA Payments does not imply that all of the elements of damages covered by the release are not being taken into account. The above formulas were devised as practical and logistical tools to simplify the payment process as a result of good faith negotiation and a reasonable assessment of the claims at issue, taking into account the inherent uncertainty of litigation and valuation of pending claims.

55. No Credit Toward Benefit Plans. The Individual Settlement Payments made to Participating Class Members and PAGA Payments made to PAGA Employees under this Agreement shall not be utilized to calculate any additional benefits under any benefit plans to which any Participating Class Members or Class Members or PAGA Employees may be eligible, including, but not limited to: profit-sharing plans, bonus plans, 401(k) plans, stock purchase plans, vacation plans, sick leave plans, PTO plans, and any other benefit plan. Rather, it is the Parties' intention that this Agreement will not affect any rights, contributions, or amounts to which any Participating Class Members, Class Members and PAGA Employees may be entitled under any benefit plans.

56. Taxation of Settlement Proceeds. All Individual Settlement Payments shall be paid in a net amount after applicable employee state and federal tax withholdings, including payroll taxes, if any, have been deducted.

a. The Parties agree that thirty-four percent (34%) will be allocated to 24 wages and W-2s shall be issued, thirty-three percent (33%) of the amount distributed to each 25 Participating Class Member will be considered penalties and thirty-three percent (33%) shall be allocated to interest and any other non-wage related amount, if any, and will be reported as such to each Participating Class Member on an IRS Form 1099. The PAGA Payments to PAGA Employees will be designated as payments for alleged penalties and other non-wage amounts.

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b. The SA shall calculate, withhold from the Individual Settlement Payments, and remit to applicable governmental agencies sufficient amounts, if any, as may be owed by Participating Class Members for applicable employee taxes. The SA will issue appropriate tax forms, if required, to each such Participating Class Member consistent with the foregoing breakdown. The SA shall also calculate and obtain from Defendant and remit to applicable governmental agencies sufficient amounts, if any, as may be owed by employers for the wage portion of the Individual Settlement Payments and handle any other tax reporting requirements related to this Settlement.

c. All Parties represent that they have not received, and shall not rely on, advice or representations from other parties or their agents, including Class Members and PAGA Employees, regarding the tax treatment of payments under federal, state, or local law. In this regard, Defendant makes no representations regarding the taxability of the Individual Settlement Payments and PAGA Payments.

13 d. Class Counsel will be issued an IRS Form 1099 for any Court-approved 14 Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Except for the Attorneys' Fees and Costs specifically provided for in this 15 Agreement and approved by the Court, each Party shall bear his, her or its own attorneys' fees, costs, 16 and expenses incurred in the prosecution, defense, or settlement of the Action. Class Counsel agrees 17 that any allocation of fees between or among each of the Class Counsel or among the Class Counsel 18 and any other attorney that may be representing Named Plaintiff or the Class, if any, shall be the sole responsibility of Class Counsel. Each Party to this Agreement (for purposes of this section, the 19 20 "acknowledging party" and each Party to this Agreement other than the acknowledging party, an 21 "other party") acknowledges and agrees that no provision of this Agreement, and no written or oral 22 communication or disclosure or other representation by Defendant and/or Released Parties is or was 23 intended to be, nor shall be construed or be relied upon as, tax advice, and Named Plaintiffs, Class Members and PAGA Employees shall not rely on Defendant and/or Released Parties for any tax advice 24 25 with respect to the Settlement of this Action.

e. The Named Plaintiffs will be issued IRS Form 1099s for any
Enhancement Payments approved by the Court pursuant to this Settlement Agreement. The

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1	Enhancement Payments payable to the Named Plaintiffs shall be in addition to the Individual
2	Settlement Payments and PAGA Payments that they, as applicable, will receive.
3	57. <u>Provisional Approval of Settlement</u> . Named Plaintiffs shall file a motion in the
4	Action and take all other action to request that the Court enter the Preliminary Approval Order based
5	on an agreed-upon Settlement schedule, subject to Court approval:
6	a. Seeking class certification on the terms set forth in this Agreement
7	solely for purposes of class settlement;
8	b. Preliminarily approving the proposed Settlement and this Agreement,
9	including the payments to the Participating Class Members, Class Counsel, the Named Plaintiffs,
10	PAGA Employees, the SA, and the LWDA;
11	c. Preliminarily approving the appointment of the Named Plaintiffs as
12	representative of the Class for settlement purposes, if not otherwise accomplished by class
13	certification;
14	d. Preliminarily approving the appointment of counsel for Named
15	Plaintiffs as Class Counsel;
16	e. Appointing and approving a SA as chosen by the Parties and approved
17	by the Court, to administer the notice, opt-out requests, objections and Individual Settlement Payment
18	and PAGA Payment procedures required by this Agreement;
19	f. Approving the form of the Class Notice mutually agreed by the Parties;
20	g. Scheduling the Final Settlement Approval Hearing for consideration of
21	Final Approval of this Agreement;
22	h. Requiring that any Class Members who object to the Settlement
23	Agreement submit any objection to the SA postmarked by the end of the Exclusion Period or appear
24	in person or by other Court approved means at the Final Approval Hearing, and that the Parties be
25	given an opportunity to file written responses to any objection(s) with the Court;
26	i. Approving the procedure for Class Members to submit Opt-Out
27	Requests, and setting a date after which no Class Members shall be allowed to submit Opt-Out
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ITTLER MENDELSON, I 18565 Jamboree Road Surle 600 Irvine, CA 92612 949 705 1000 j. Approving the procedure for Class Members to object to the Settlement.

k. Defendant shall not oppose Class Counsel's motions for Preliminary Approval and Final Approval of the Settlement so long as the motions and supporting papers are consistent with the terms of this Agreement. Class Counsel shall provide Defendant with an opportunity of at least 5 days to review, and provide comments on the motions for preliminary and Final Approval of the Settlement before the motion and supporting papers are filed with the Court. The Parties will meet and confer and agree upon the wording of the settlement packages to be sent to Class Members, as well as the proposed orders for Preliminary and Final Approval before filing. Failure of the Court to grant the Preliminary Approval Order will be grounds for the Parties to terminate the Settlement and the terms of the Agreement, except that the Parties must work in good faith to comply with any changes to the Settlement proposed by the Court to the extent the changes are acceptable by both Parties, and the Court may award less than the amounts listed in Paragraph subparts 54a through 54e (Settlement Payments and Calculation of Claims) without impacting the validity and enforceability of this Agreement.

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58. Notice Procedure.

16 Settlement Administrator. The Parties will select Phoenix Class Action a. Administration Solutions or a mutually agreeable third-party SA to distribute the Class Notice and the 17 18 Individual Settlement Payments and PAGA Payments and handle the tax reporting and field questions 19 with a hotline. The SA (along with any of its agents) shall represent and warrant that it will: (a) provide reasonable and appropriate administrative, physical and technical safeguards for any personally 20 21 identifiable information ("PII"), which it receives from Defendant; (b) not disclose the PII to Class 22 Counsel, Named Plaintiffs, any party or third parties, including agents or subcontractors, without 23 Defendant's counsel's express written consent; (c) not disclose or otherwise use the PII other than to 24 carry out its duties as set forth herein; (d) promptly provide Defendant with notice if PII is subject to 25 unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction; and (e) continue to protect the PII 26 upon termination of its services.

b. <u>Class Member Data</u>. Within thirty (30) days after filing of the
 Preliminary Approval Order, Defendant shall provide to the SA a list of Class Members and PAGA
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ITTLER MENDELSON, P.C. 18565 Jamboree Road Suite 800 Irvine, CA 92612 949 705 3000 1 Employees that identifies for each Class Member/PAGA Member, his/her Social Security Number, 2 last-known address, and the pay period numbers and other Class Member data to confirm qualifying 3 Pay Periods worked and PAGA Pay Periods worked or will forward the start and end date(s) of 4 employment for the SA to calculate the Pay Periods worked and PAGA Pay Periods worked. 5 Defendant agrees to consult with the SA as required to provide the list in a format reasonably acceptable for the duties of the SA. The SA will keep the list confidential, use it only for the purposes 6 7 described herein, take adequate safeguards to protect confidential or private information and continued 8 safeguarding of the information upon completion of the Settlement Administration process.

Class Notice. The SA will send to each Class Member and PAGA Employee, 9 59. 10 by First-Class U.S. Mail the Class Notice, which includes information on how Class Members may 11 opt-out of or object to the Settlement. The Named Plaintiffs will seek approval of language in the 12 Class Notice in the motion for preliminary approval and will seek permission for the Parties in 13 conjunction with the SA to be able to correct immaterial errors on these forms or other mailed materials without approval from the Court, provided the changes do not alter the preliminary approval by the 14 15 Court.

16 a. Settlement Administrator Duties. Prior to mailing the Class Notice, the SA will update the addresses for the Class Members and PAGA Employees using the National Change of Address database and other available resources deemed suitable by the SA. To the extent this process yields a different address from the one supplied by Defendant ("Updated Address"), that Updated Address shall replace the address supplied by Defendant ("Last Known Address") and be treated as the new Last Known Address for purposes of this Agreement and for subsequent mailings in particular. The Settlement Administrator shall be permitted to provide notices and communicate to the Class Members and PAGA Employees in a format and statement to be provided to the Court, which Named Plaintiffs will submit in conjunction with the motion for preliminary approval and/or motion for Final Approval.

26 b. Class Notice Procedure. Within seven (7) days after receipt of the above 27 information from Defendant, the SA shall send the Class Notice to each Class Member's and PAGA Member's Last Known Address or Updated Address (if applicable) via First-Class U.S. mail. 28

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1 Exclusion Period. Class Members will have sixty (60) days from the c. 2 postmark of the initial mailing of the Class Notice by the SA to submit by U.S. mail their Opt-Out Requests, with proof of date of submission to be the postmark date of the completed Opt-Out Request. 3 Class Members will also have sixty (60) days to object to the Settlement by submitting a written 4 5 objection (see Exhibit B) with the SA that sets forth the basis of the objection pursuant to Paragraph 6 61, which the SA shall submit to the Parties within 10 days after the end of the Exclusion Period, and 7 Class Counsel shall submit to the Court. Opt-Out Requests do not apply to the Settled PAGA Claims 8 and will not exclude PAGA Employees from the release of Settled PAGA Claims. All PAGA 9 Employees will receive their pro-rated portion of the PAGA Employee portion of the PAGA Award 10 as detailed above regardless of whether she/he opts out of the Settlement for purposes of the non-11 PAGA claims. 12 d. SA Follow-up efforts. 13 i. The SA shall re-mail by First-Class U.S. mail the Class Notice 14 returned by the Post Office with a forwarding address, and shall re-mail by First-Class U.S. mail the 15 Class Notice to any Class Member/PAGA Member who personally provides an updated address to the SA. 16

ii. In the event that the first mailing of the Class Notice to any Class
Member/PAGA Employee is returned without a forwarding address, the SA will immediately perform
skip trace(s) if necessary using social security numbers provided by Defendant and National Change
of Address searches, as needed, to verify the accuracy of the addresses provided and will conduct a
second round of mailings of the Class Notice by First-Class, U.S. mail within five (5) days for those
forms returned to sender provided they are received prior to the 60-day deadline to opt out or submit
a written objection to the Settlement.

iii. If the SA re-mails the Class Notice, it shall note for its own
 records the date and the address of each re-mailing. Those Class Members who receive a re-mailed
 Class Notice, whether by skip-trace or forwarded mail, will have an additional ten (10) days to
 postmark an Exclusion Form, or file and serve an objection to the Settlement or dispute the information
 provided in their Class Notice provided that the written objection or dispute is received no later than

70 days following the date the SA originally mailed the Class Notice to all Class Members. The Settlement Administrator shall mark on the envelope whether the Class Notice is a re-mailed notice.

e. <u>Documenting Communications</u>. The SA shall date stamp documents it receives, including Opt-Out Requests, Objections and any correspondences and documents from Class Members/PAGA Employees.

f. <u>Settlement Administrator Declaration</u>. At least ten (10) days prior to the filing of the motion for final approval, the SA shall prepare, subject to Class Counsel's, Class Members/PAGA Employee's and Defendant's counsel's input and approval, a declaration setting forth the due diligence and proof of mailing of the Class Notices, the results of the SA's mailings, including tracing and re-mailing efforts, and the Class Members'/PAGA Member's responses to those mailings and provide additional information deemed necessary to approve the Settlement.

g. <u>SA Written Reports</u>. Each week during the Exclusion Period, the SA shall provide the Parties with a report listing the number of Class Members that submitted Opt-Out Requests and Objections. Within seven (7) days of the Response Deadline (i.e., the close of the Exclusion Period), the SA will provide a final report listing the number of Class Members who submitted Opt-Out Requests or Objections.

h. <u>SA Calculations of Individual Settlement Payments</u>. Within seven (7) days after resolving all challenges made by Participating Class Members, and following the Final Approval Order, the SA shall provide to the Parties a report showing its calculation of all Individual Settlement Payments to be made to Participating Class Members and PAGA Employees including only a unique ID number for each individual receiving a payment with no personal identifying information (i.e., no names, addresses, social security numbers, phone numbers, etc.). These calculations will be provided to give Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel the opportunity to notify the SA if either counsel does not believe the calculation is consistent with the Agreement. After receipt of comments from counsel, the SA shall finalize its calculation of Individual Settlement Payments and PAGA Payments, at least five (5) days prior to the distribution of such payments, and shall provide Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel with a final report listing the amount of all payments to be made to each Participating Class Member from the NDF and listing the amount of all payments to be

1 made to each PAGA Employee from the amount allocated for PAGA Payments including only a 2 unique ID number for each individual receiving a payment with no personal identifying information 3 (i.e., no names, addresses, social security numbers, phone numbers, etc.). The SA will also provide 4 information that is requested and approved by both Parties regarding its duties and other aspects of the 5 Settlement and that is necessary to carry out the terms of the Settlement, with the exception that the 6 SA will not provide personal identifying information (i.e., names, addresses, social security numbers, 7 phone numbers, etc.) on Class Members or PAGA Employees except to Defendant's counsel, unless 8 specifically provided for in this Agreement or as otherwise required by Court order.

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60. Requirements for Recovery of Individual Settlement Payments.

10 Class Members. No claim form is necessary to participate in the a. 11 Settlement. Unless a Class Member submits a valid and timely Opt-Out Request (as described in 12 Paragraphs 22 and 60d and Exhibit B), a Class Member who takes no action will be a Participating Class Member, bound by the Judgment, and will receive a payment from the NDF. All Class Members 13 14 except for those who timely and validly opt-out of the Settlement shall be bound by the release of 15 Settled Claims in this Agreement. All PAGA Employees will release the Settled PAGA Claims 16 covered by this Agreement and receive their pro-rated portion of the PAGA Employee portion of the 17 PAGA Award as detailed above regardless of whether they opt out of the Settlement for purposes of 18 the non-PAGA claims.

19 b. Late Submissions. The SA shall not accept as valid any Opt-Out Request postmarked after the end of the Exclusion Period, absent agreement from the Parties or order of the Court. It shall be presumed that, if an Opt-Out Request is not postmarked on or before the last day of the Exclusion Period (i.e., the Response Deadline), the Class Member did not return the Opt-Out Request in a timely manner.

24 Challenges. Class Members will have the right to challenge the number c. 25 of Pay Periods worked allocated to them. The following challenge procedure will be established for 26 the Participating Class Member to dispute information on which his/her payment amount is based: Challenges to the number of Pay Periods Worked shall be sent directly to the SA at the address indicated on the Class Notice. A Class Member challenging the number of Pay Periods Worked 27.

1 identified may also submit documentary evidence in order to prove the number of Pay Periods Worked 2 during the Class Period as an employee of Defendant. Defendant shall have the right to respond to 3 the challenge by any Participating Class Member. No challenge to the number of Pay Periods worked 4 will be accepted unless sent by U.S. mail within sixty (60) days from the initial mailing of the Class 5 Notice by the SA, with proof of date of submission to be the postmark date unless ordered by the 6 Court. Additional time may be provided to a Participating Class Member only upon a showing of good cause and within an amount of time determined by the SA that will not delay the distribution of 7 8 Individual Settlement Payments to other Participating Class Members/PAGA Employees and in no 9 event beyond the date of filing of the motion for final approval. The SA will inform Class Counsel 10 and Defendant's counsel in writing of any timely filed challenges and will determine all such disputes 11 after consulting with the Parties regarding the number of Pay Periods worked. Challenges will be resolved without hearing by the SA, who will make a decision based on Defendant's records and any 12 13 documents or other information presented by the Participating Class Member making the challenge. 14 Class Counsel or Defendant. Subject to Court approval, the SA's determination is final and binding 15 without a right of appeal. The SA will inform the Parties of its final dispositions of all such challenges.

16 d. Opt-Out Procedure. Unless a Class Member timely opts out of the 17 Settlement described in this Agreement (see Exhibit B), he/she shall be bound by the terms and 18 conditions of this Agreement, and shall also be bound by the Final Judgment. A Class Member will 19 not be entitled to opt-out of the Settlement established by this Agreement unless he or she submits to 20 the SA a request or notice of opting out via U.S. mail postmarked on or before the expiration of the 21 Exclusion Period. The request must be in writing on an Opt-Out Request Form and include the Class 22 Member's full name, address, social security number or employee number, date, signature, and state that he or she "opts out" of the Settlement (see Exhibit B). As specified above, Opt-Out Requests do 23 24 not apply to the Settled PAGA Claims and will not exclude PAGA Employees from the release of 25 Settled PAGA Claims.

i. Upon receipt of any Opt-Out Request within the Exclusion
 Period, the SA shall review the request to verify the information contained therein, and confirm that
 the request complies with the requirements of this Agreement.

Any Class Member who fails to submit via U.S. mail a timely, ii. complete and valid Opt-Out Request shall be barred from opting out of this Agreement or the Settlement. The SA shall not have the authority to extend the deadline for Class Members to file a request to opt out of the Settlement absent agreement by both Parties or an order of the Court.

iii. Class Members shall be permitted to rescind in writing their request to opt-out by submitting a written rescission statement to the SA no later than the Response Deadline.

iv. Defendant alone has the option to withdraw from the Settlement if the number of Class Members who opt out exceeds ten percent (10%). Defendant shall provide written notice of such withdrawal to Class Counsel. In the event that Defendant elects to so withdraw, the withdrawal shall have the same effect as a termination of this Agreement and the Agreement shall become null and void and the Parties will return to the same position they were in prior to having executed this Agreement. In the event that Defendant exercises this option, it will be solely responsible for any Settlement Administrator's costs associated with settlement administration duties up to and following Defendant's notice of election to withdraw.

16 61. Objections to Settlement. Any Participating Class Member may object to the Settlement. Any such objection may be submitted to the SA in writing on or before the Response 18 Deadline (i.e., the close of the Exclusion Period) or may appear at the Final Approval Hearing to 19 object. If any Participating Class Member wishes to object in writing, any such written Objection 20 shall include: (1) the full name of the Participating Class Member; (2) address of the Participating Class Member; (3) social security number or employee ID number of the Participating Class Member; (4) the basis for the objection; and (5) if the Participating Class Member intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing. The Parties shall be permitted to file responses to the Objection in addition to any motion for final approval documents. Participating Class Members may also appear at the Final Approval Hearing to object. At no time shall any of the Parties or their counsel seek to solicit or otherwise encourage Participating Class Members to object to the Settlement or appeal from the Order granting final approval and/or Final Judgment. Class Counsel shall not represent any Participating Class Members with respect to any such objections.

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Final Fairness Hearing, Final Approval and Final Judgment.

Entry of Final Judgment. At the Final Approval Hearing, Named a. Plaintiff will request, and Defendant will concur in said request, that the Court enter a Final Judgment.

b. Motion. Named Plaintiff will draft and file a motion for final approval and for approval of any attorneys' fees and costs and enhancement payment in conformity with any requirements from the Court and will take other action to request the entry of Final Judgment in accordance with this Agreement. The motion for final approval and corresponding paperwork will be subject to input and proposed changes and additions from Defendant's counsel and will be provided to Defendant's counsel for review at least five (5) days prior to filing. Defendant will concur in or not object to said request that the Court enter Final Judgment in accordance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement. In conjunction with the motion for final approval, Class Counsel shall file a declaration from the SA confirming that the Class Notice and related forms were mailed to all Class Members as required by this Agreement, as well as any additional information Class Counsel, with the input of Defendant, deems appropriate to provide to the Court.

Objections. Before and/or at the Final Fairness Hearing, Named c. Plaintiffs and Defendant, through their counsel of record, may address any written objections from Participating Class Members or any concerns from Class Members who attend the hearing as well as any concerns of the Court.

d. Order. Named Plaintiffs will also draft and submit a proposed Order of 20 Final Approval and Final Judgment in the form that is consistent with this Agreement and subject to prior review, revision and approval by Defendant (See Exhibit D). The Parties shall take all reasonable efforts to secure entry of the Order of Final Approval and Final Judgment. If the Court rejects the Agreement, fails to enter the Order of Final Approval, or fails to enter the Final Judgment, even after good faith efforts by the Parties to meet and confer and remedy where agreement can be 25 reached any perceived deficiencies in the Settlement, this Agreement shall be void ab initio, and Defendant shall have no obligation to make any payments under the Agreement and the Parties will evenly split any payments to the SA for services performed up to that time. The Named Plaintiffs will

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1 submit a proposed Order of Final Approval subject to the review and approval of Defendant that will 2 contain provisions: i. Wherein the Court enters Final Judgment, finding that this 3 4 Agreement and Settlement is fair, just, equitable, reasonable, adequate and in the best interests of the 5 Class and was reached as a result of intensive, serious, and non-collusive arms-length negotiations and 6 was achieved with the aid of an experienced mediator and in good faith as to each Class Member; 7 ii. Affirms that each side will bear its own costs and fees (including 8 attorneys' fees), except as provided by the Agreement, and that Defendant shall not be required to pay 9 any amounts other than as set forth in the Agreement and the Order of Final Approval, and in no event 10 any amount above the GSA, except for employer-side taxes; 11 iii. That confirms the certification of the Class for purposes of 12 Settlement; 13 iv. That confirms that Plaintiff's counsel provided all required 14 notices to the LWDA of the settlement of the PAGA claims in the Action: 15 That confirms that nothing in the Final Approval Order, the v. 16 Settlement Agreement, nor any related document, nor any action taken to carry out the Settlement 17 Agreement is, may be construed as, or may be used as an admission by or against Axonics or any of 18 the other Released Parties of any fault, wrongdoing or liability whatsoever; 19 vi. That finds that the Settlement Administration process as carried out afforded adequate protections to Class Members, provided the best notice practicable, and satisfied 20 21 the requirements of law and due process: 22 vii. That rejects any Objections to the Settlement; 23 viii. That approves the settlement of PAGA Claims consistent with 24 the Settlement: 25 ix. That confirms the full, binding and complete release of all 26 claims released in accordance with this Settlement Agreement as set forth herein, including the Settled 27 Claims, the Settled PAGA Claims, and the general release of all claims the Named Plaintiffs; 28 TLER MENDELSON, P.C 31.

1	x. That retains Court jurisdiction after entry of judgment to oversee
2	administration and enforcement of the terms of the Agreement; and
3	xi. That requires the Parties and SA to carry out the provisions of
4	this Agreement.
5	63. Post-Final Approval Requirements and Procedures. Following entry of the
6	Court's Order Granting Final Approval of Settlement and Final Judgment and Effective Date (as
7	defined above), the Parties will act to assure the timely execution and fulfillment of all its provisions,
8	including, but not limited to, the following:
9	a. Should an appeal be taken from the Final Approval of the Settlement,
10	all Parties will support the Order of Final Approval and Final Judgment on appeal;
11	b. The Parties will assist the SA as needed or requested in the process of
12	identifying and locating Participating Class Members entitled to Individual Settlement Payments from
13	the NDF and PAGA Employees entitled to PAGA Payments and assuring delivery of such payments;
14	c. Class Counsel will assist the SA as needed or requested in completing
15	the distribution of any uncashed checks as directed by the Court; and
16	d. Class Counsel and the SA will certify to the Court completion of all
17	payments required to be made by this Settlement Agreement.
18	64. <u>Payment of Settlement</u> . Defendant will deposit the Funding Payment into an
19	account established by the SA within fifteen (15) days of the Effective Date. In the event an appeal,
20	writ, motion challenging the judgment, motion to intervene, or other collateral attack is made, the
21	funds shall not be distributed until the Effective Date is reached and the challenge or other collateral
22	attack is resolved in a manner that upholds the terms of this Settlement Agreement in its entirety. The
23	remittance of the Funding Payment to the SA shall constitute full and complete discharge of the entire
24	monetary obligation of Defendant under this Agreement. No Released Party shall have any further
25	monetary obligation or liability to Class Counsel or any other counsel, the State of California
26	(including the LWDA), Named Plaintiffs, or Participating Class Members under this Agreement after
27	receipt by the SA of the Funding Payment pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
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1a.All employee taxes imposed on the gross income of the settlement fund2established by the SA and any tax-related expenses arising from any income tax returns or other3reporting documents that may be required by the Internal Revenue Service or any state or local taxing4body will be paid from the Funding Payment by the SA.

5 The distribution of Individual Settlement Payments to Participating b. Class Members shall occur no later than the Settlement Proceeds Distribution Deadline. The SA shall 6 be deemed to have timely distributed Individual Settlement Payments if it places said payment in the 7 8 mail (First-Class U.S.). If the SA receives notice from Participating Class Members that they have 9 not received such Individual Settlement Payments due to changes of address or other circumstances, 10 the SA shall be deemed to have timely distributed those Individual Settlement Payments if (after 11 satisfying itself that the amounts have not been received or negotiated) it re-mails the payments to the 12 updated addresses or provides for delivery by other reasonable methods requested by such 13 Participating Class Members, provided that any and all requests for re-mailing shall be actually 14 received and acknowledged by the SA before the 150-day deadline referenced in Paragraphs 65 and 66 or will be deemed ineffective, and have no effect and the original mailed amount shall be deemed 15 timely distribution of the Individual Settlement Payment. If any checks are returned to the SA without 16 17 a forwarding address, the SA shall conduct a skip-trace and re-mail the checks if an updated address 18 is identified. The SA shall mail all Individual Settlement Payments by the Settlement Proceeds 19 Distribution Deadline. To comply with California Rule of Court 3.771, settlement checks shall include 20 the following language on the check: "A Court has approved settlement of the class action and PAGA 21 representative actions and entered judgment for claims asserted in Itzep v. Axonics Modulation 22 Technologies, Inc., Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-202001140962-CU-OE-CXC." No 23 person shall have any claim against the SA, Defendant or Released Parties, Class Counsel, Defendant's 24 counsel, or any other agent designated by Named Plaintiffs or Defendant based upon the distribution 25 of Individual Settlement Payments made substantially in accordance with this Agreement or further orders of the Court. 26

c. The distribution of attorneys' fees, costs, and the Named Plaintiffs' enhancement/general release awards shall occur after the Effective Date and Funding Deadline 33. (defined above) and no later than the Settlement Proceeds Distribution Deadline. Under no circumstances shall the foregoing payments be made prior to the distribution of Individual Settlement Payments to Participating Class Members.

d. Upon Defendant's transfer of the Funding Payment and employer-side taxes to the SA, Defendant and the Released Parties shall have fully and completely fulfilled their obligations to fund this Settlement and shall have no further financial responsibility or obligation to make any further payments of any kind to Class Counsel, other plaintiffs' counsel, the SA, or to any vendors or third parties employed by the Named Plaintiff or Class Counsel in connection with the Action.

10 e. Defendant shall not be obligated to make any payments contemplated by this Agreement unless and until the Court enters the Final Approval Order and Final Judgment, and 12 after the Effective Date of the Agreement (as defined above), and no amounts will be owed or payable 13 until the appeal deadline has run and/or all appeals if taken or other collateral attacks have lapsed or 14 have been favorably resolved in favor of the Settlement and no further challenge to the Settlement is 15 possible.

65. 16 Participating Class Members who are sent Individual Settlement Payments shall 17 have one hundred fifty (150) days after mailing by the SA to cash their settlement checks.

18 66. If such Participating Class Members do not cash their checks within that period, 19 those checks will become void and a stop payment will be placed on the uncashed checks. Settlement 20 checks that are not cashed within one hundred and fifty (150) days of mailing shall, subject to Court 21 approval, will be distributed by the SA to the State Controller Unclaimed Property Fund, or as 22 otherwise directed by California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384 ("Section 384") and as ordered 23 by the Court. The Parties agree that if the remaining funds are not able to be distributed to the State 24 Controller Unclaimed Property Fund and if a cy pres fund is required, subject to Court instruction, that 25 the SA shall forward the entire amount of any amounts remaining from uncashed checks, plus any 26 interest that has accrued thereon, to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County & the Inland Empire, 27 a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that is dedicated to providing great mentors to children facing adversity to help them reach their full potential and decrease the number of disconnected, at-risk youth 28 34.

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in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. See https://www.ocbigs.org (providing additional 1 2 details about the organization); Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 384 (specifying that nonprofit organizations 3 dedicated to "child advocacy" qualify as acceptable organizations for distributing unpaid residue or unclaimed or abandoned class member funds). In such event, those Participating Class Members will 4 5 be deemed to have waived irrevocably any right in or claim to an Individual Settlement Payment subject to their rights, if any, to recover the Individual Settlement Payments from the Unclaimed 6 Property Fund if ordered or otherwise will be extinguished. Participating Class Members who fail to 7 8 negotiate their check(s) in a timely fashion shall, like all Participating Class Members who did not 9 validly opt out of the Settlement, remain subject to the terms of the Settlement and the Final Judgment, 10 including the release of claims set forth in this Agreement.

67. The SA shall keep Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel apprised of all distributions from the GSA. Upon completion of administration of the Settlement, the SA shall provide written certification of such completion to the Court, Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel.

14 68. Binding Effect of Agreement on Participating Class Members and PAGA Employees. Subject to final Court approval, all Participating Class Members and PAGA Employees. 16 shall be bound by this Agreement, and Final Judgment shall be entered in the Action pursuant to the terms specified herein. As set forth more fully in Paragraph 73, if the Court does not enter an Order of Final Approval and Final Judgment granting Final Approval of the Settlement pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, which becomes final and Effective, the Settlement shall become null and void, and its terms and all documents setting out its terms shall be inadmissible in further litigation of this Action or any other case.

69. Non-Interference with Opt-Out Procedure. The Parties and their counsel agree that they shall not seek to solicit or otherwise encourage Class Members to submit Opt-Out Requests or objections to the Settlement or to appeal from the Final Judgment.

25 70. Waiver of Appeal. Subject to preliminary and Final Approval of this 26 Settlement, all Class Members, except those Class Members who make timely and valid objections 27 pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, waive the right to appeal.

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1 71. LWDA Notice. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 2699(1), Class 2 Counsel will provide a copy of this Settlement Agreement to the LWDA concurrently with Class 3 Counsel's filing of the motion for preliminary approval. Class Counsel will also file a declaration in support of Plaintiff's motion for preliminary approval confirming that Class Counsel has submitted 4 5 the Settlement Agreement to the LWDA in compliance with California Labor Code section 2699(1). 6 The Parties intend to and believe that the notice pursuant to the procedures described in this Paragraph complies with the requirements of the PAGA, and the Parties will request that the Court adjudicate 7 8 the validity of the notice in the motion for final approval of the Settlement.

72. Preliminary Timeline for Completion of Settlement. The preliminary schedule 10 for notice, approval, and payment procedures carrying out this Settlement is set forth in the subsections below. This schedule may be modified depending on whether and when the Court grants necessary approvals and orders notice to the Class and PAGA Employees, and sets further hearings. In the event of such modification, the Parties shall cooperate in order to complete the Settlement procedures as expeditiously as reasonably practicable.

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Preliminary Approval Hearing as permitted by the Court; a.

16 b. Defendant to provide information described in Paragraph 58b (name, 17 address, dates of employment, etc. of Class Members and PAGA Employees) no later than thirty (30) 18 days after filing of the Preliminary Approval Order;

19 The SA to mail the Class Notice by U.S. First Class mail to Class c. 20 Members and PAGA Employees by approximately fourteen (14) days after receipt from Defendant of 21 the information described in the preceding subparagraph;

22 d. The SA to conduct trace/search efforts and send a follow up mailing, no later than ten (10) days after initial mailing, to individuals whose Class Notice was returned as 23 24 undeliverable or whose listed address is found to be inaccurate or outdated;

25 Opt-Out Requests and Objections to the Settlement must be postmarked e. 26 no later than sixty (60) days after the date of initial mailing of the Class Notice;

27 f. The SA will provide to the Parties, and to the Court as directed by the Parties, information regarding Opt-Out Requests and written objections or statements of intention to 28 ER MENDELSON, P.C. 36.

object to the Settlement received from Class Members within seven (7) days of the close of the Exclusion Period (i.e., the Response Deadline);

Class Counsel will file a timely motion for final approval of the g. 4 Settlement and a separate application for award of attorneys' fees and costs and an enhancement payment to the Named Plaintiffs by the date set by the Court, or if no date is set, at least sixteen (16) court days prior to the scheduled Final Approval Hearing date;

h. The Parties will request a Final Approval Hearing before the Court within a reasonable time after the close of the Exclusion Period, or as soon thereafter as the Court will hear the Motion for Final Approval. Defendant shall remit the Funding Payment to the SA by the Funding Deadline (i.e., 15 days after the Effective Date).

11 i. Individual Settlement Payments to Participating Class Members, 12 including the Named Plaintiffs, and payments to Class Counsel for litigation costs and expenses and 13 awarded attorneys' fees, the approved payment to the SA, and the approved enhancement payment to 14 Named Plaintiffs, and payment to the LWDA shall be made by the Settlement Proceeds Distribution 15 Deadline by mailing of checks by First Class U.S. mail or by wire (as to Class Counsel's payments 16 only).

73. Automatic Voiding of Agreement if Settlement Not Finalized. As specified above, if for any reason the Effective Date does not occur, the Settlement shall be null and void and the orders, judgment, and dismissal to be entered pursuant to this Agreement shall be vacated; and the Parties will be returned to the status quo prior to entering this Agreement with respect to the Action. as if the Parties had never entered into this Agreement. In addition, in such event, the Agreement and all negotiations, court orders and proceedings relating thereto shall be without prejudice to the rights of any and all Parties hereto, and evidence relating to the Agreement and all negotiations shall not be admissible or discoverable in the Action or otherwise in any other proceeding.

25 74. No Injunctive Relief. The Parties agree that the Settlement does not include injunctive relief against Defendant or the Released Parties. 26

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75. Confidentiality and Non-Disparagement.

Parties and their counsel will keep the Settlement confidential, through a. the Court's order granting the Parties' Motion for Preliminary Approval, but the Parties will be able to disclose to the Court, when and as necessary before preliminary approval, that they have reached an agreement in principle, subject to completion of a final Agreement and Court approval.

6 b. Following the Court's order granting the Parties' Motion for 7 Preliminary Approval, the Parties and their counsel agree to not publicize this Settlement, including, 8 but not limited to, issuing press releases, posting summaries online, or otherwise speaking to the press regarding the terms of this Settlement, except that Class Counsel may post on its firm website only the following with respect to this Action and Settlement: "The Firm settled a class action with a California company for \$225,000." If Named Plaintiffs or Class Counsel are contacted by members of the press or other third parties, they will respond only that the lawsuit exists and has been resolved. This shall not restrict Class Counsel from responding to inquires posed by Class Members. Further, Class Counsel may include the case name, number, and settlement information in declarations setting out their qualifications as class counsel.

16 Named Plaintiffs and Class Counsel agree to maintain the c. confidentiality of any documents produced, formally or informally, during the course of the Action. Named Plaintiffs and Class Counsel agree to return to Defendant's counsel or destroy, at their option, any information designated as Confidential during the course of the Action, including but not limited to any information and/or documents provided to Class Counsel for purposes of mediation.

d. Defendant shall direct all inquiries by the Class to the SA, which shall 22 provide general information about the lawsuit, including responding to questions about the lawsuit, by 23 providing neutral information about the Settlement consistent with the Agreement.

24 Defendant agrees it will adopt a neutral reporting policy regarding any e. 25 future employment inquiries related to Named Plaintiff. Thus, in the event that any potential or future 26 employers should inquire regarding Defendant's employment of Named Plaintiffs, they will be 27 informed only of Named Plaintiffs' dates of employment with Defendant, job title(s) during their 28 employment with Defendant, and starting and final rates of pay.

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1 f. As permitted by law, Plaintiff agrees that he shall make no negative 2 statements about the Axonics, Axonics' performance, its employees, officers, or owners, or conduct 3 to any third person or entity, unless compelled to do so by law or required for purposes of the 4 Settlement. In the event that Plaintiff is required to make any such negative statements pursuant to 5 lawful process or as otherwise may be required by law, Plaintiff agrees to advise Defendant and its 6 counsel as soon as reasonably possible in advance of such statements to allow Defendant a reasonable 7 opportunity to seek appropriate relief. If prompted by anyone to discuss any dispute they had with 8 Defendant, Plaintiffs may state simply that "the matter has been resolved."

9 76. Invalidation of Agreement for Failure to Satisfy Conditions. The Court may 10 allocate less to the Named Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Named Plaintiffs, the SA, and/or the LWDA than 11 indicated in this Agreement without impacting the validity and enforceability of the Agreement. 12 Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, if this Agreement is terminated for failure to satisfy 13 any material terms or material conditions of this Agreement:

Defendant shall not be obligated to create or maintain any type of а. settlement fund, and shall not be obligated to make any Individual Settlement Payment to any Class Member, PAGA Employee and/or any payment to Class Counsel or to the Named Plaintiffs.

b. The Agreement and all negotiations, Court orders and proceedings relating thereto shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Named Plaintiffs, PAGA Employees, Class Members, and Defendant, each of whom shall be restored to their respective positions existing prior to the execution of this Agreement, and evidence relating to the Agreement and all negotiations shall not be discoverable or admissible in the Action or any other litigation;

c. Defendant will not have waived, and instead expressly reserves, its right to challenge the continuing propriety of class certification for any purpose; and

d. To the extent one exists, the Preliminary Approval Order shall be 25 vacated in its entirety and neither this Agreement, the Preliminary Approval Order, nor any other 26 document in any way relating to any of the foregoing, shall be relied upon, referred to or used in any way for any purpose in connection with any further proceedings in this Action or any related action, including class certification proceedings.

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77. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests, demands and other communications required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be delivered by First-Class U.S. mail to the attorneys listed in the caption above and the SA, with additional copies to be sent via electronic mail.

78. <u>Modification in Writing</u>. This Agreement may be altered, amended, modified or waived, in whole or in part, only in a writing signed by counsel for the Parties and approved by the Court, and supersedes any memorandum of understandings or prior agreement(s). This Agreement may not be amended, altered, modified or waived, in whole or in part, orally. Any waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other provision of this Agreement unless expressly so indicated.

11 79. Ongoing Cooperation. Named Plaintiffs and Defendant, and each of their 12 respective counsel, shall cooperate in good faith to execute all documents and perform all acts 13 necessary and proper to effectuate and implement the terms of this Agreement, including but not 14 limited to drafting and submitting the motions for Preliminary and Final Approval, and defending the 15 Agreement and Final Judgment against objections and appeals. Plaintiff shall, as necessary, properly 16 and completely take all steps, including but not limited to submitting any required documents to the 17 LWDA and take any other actions necessary to resolve the Released PAGA Claims pursuant to this 18 The Parties to this Agreement shall use their best efforts, including all efforts Agreement. 19 contemplated by this Agreement and any other efforts that may become necessary by order of the 20 Court or otherwise, to effectuate this Agreement and the terms set forth herein.

80. <u>No Prior Assignments</u>. The Parties hereto represent, covenant, and warrant that
 they have not directly or indirectly, assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer,
 or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action
 or rights herein released and discharged except as set forth herein.

81. <u>Binding on Successors</u>. This Agreement shall be binding and shall inure to the
 benefit of the Parties and their respective successors, assigns, executors, administrators, heirs and legal
 representatives, including the Released Parties.

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82. 1 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the full, complete and entire 2 understanding, agreement and arrangement between Named Plaintiffs and the Class Members/PAGA 3 Employees on the one hand, and Defendant and Released Parties on the other hand, with respect to 4 the Settlement of the Action and the Settled Claims against the Released Parties, including Defendant. 5 This Agreement supersedes any and all prior oral or written understandings, agreements and 6 arrangements between the Parties with respect to the Settlement of the Action and the Settled Claims 7 against the Released Parties. Except those set forth and included expressly in this Agreement, there 8 are no other agreements, covenants, promises, representations or arrangements between the Parties 9 with respect to the Settlement of the Action and the Settled Claims/Settled PAGA Claims against the 10 **Released Parties.**

83. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts. A scanned or faxed copy of a signature shall be treated as an original signature for all purposes. All executed copies of this Agreement, and photocopies thereof (including facsimile, PDF, or email copies of the signature pages), shall have the same force and effect and shall be as legally binding and enforceable as the original. Parties shall execute by hand with "wet" signatures.

16 84. <u>Captions</u>. The captions and section numbers in this Agreement are inserted for 17 the reader's convenience, and in no way define, limit, construe, or describe the scope or intent of the 18 provisions of this Agreement.

19 85. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be interpreted, construed, enforced, and 20 administered in accordance with the laws of the State of California, without regard to conflict of law rules.

86. Reservation of Jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the entry and filing of Final Judgment, the Court shall retain jurisdiction under Section 664.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure and California Rule of Court 3.769 for purposes of interpreting and enforcing the terms of this Agreement.

25 Mutual Preparation. The Parties have had a full opportunity to negotiate the 87. 26 terms and conditions of this Agreement. Accordingly, this Agreement shall not be construed more 27 strictly against one Party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by

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counsel for one of the Parties, it being recognized that, because of the arms-length negotiations between the Parties, all Parties have contributed to the preparation of this Agreement.

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88. Warranties and Representations. With respect to themselves, each of the Parties to this Agreement and/or their agents or counsel represent, covenant and warrant that (a) they have full power and authority to enter into and consummate all transactions contemplated by this Agreement and have duly authorized the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, and (b) the person executing this Agreement has the full right, power and authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the Party for whom he/she has executed this Agreement, and the full right, power and authority to execute any and all necessary instruments in connection herewith, and to fully bind such Party to the terms and obligations of this Agreement, except that the Parties understand that the Named Plaintiffs and Class Counsel only have the power to bind Class Members to the extent this Agreement is approved by the Court.

13 89. Representation by Counsel. The Parties acknowledge that they have been 14 represented by counsel throughout all negotiations that preceded the execution of this Agreement, and 15 that this Agreement has been executed with the consent and advice of counsel. Further, the Named 16 Plaintiffs and Class Counsel warrant and represent that there are no liens on the Agreement, and that after entry by the Court of the Final Judgment, Defendant, through the SA, may distribute funds to 17 18 Participating Class Members, PAGA Employees, Class Counsel, and the Named Plaintiffs as provided 19 by this Agreement.

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1	90. <u>Authorization by Named Plaintiffs</u> . Named Plaintiffs authorize Class Counsel
2	to sign this Agreement and further agree not to request to be excluded from the Class and not to object
3	to any terms of this Agreement. Any such Opt-Out Request or Objection shall therefore be void and
4	of no force or effect.
5	IT IS SO AGREED:
6	Dated:, 2022
7	Suite, 2022
8	SULENI ITZEP
9	Named Plaintiff
10	Dated:, 2022
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12	ROBERTA MOSER Named Plaintiff
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14	APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:
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16	Dated: May 18, 2022 JUSTICE LAW CORPORATION
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18	BY: DOUGLAS HAN
19	Attorneys for SULENI ITZEP and ROBERTA
20	MOSER, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated and aggrieved employees, and
20	on behalf of the general public.
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