

IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Leigh M. Chapman, Acting	:	
Secretary of the Commonwealth	:	
and the Pennsylvania Department	:	
of State,	:	
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Petitioners	:	
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v.	:	
	:	
Berks County Board of Elections,	:	
Fayette County Board of Elections,	:	
and Lancaster County Board	:	
of Elections,	:	
	:	
Respondents	:	No. 355 M.D. 2022

PER CURIAM

ORDER

NOW, July 27, 2022, after consultation with the Capitol Police and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) regarding the hearing on Petitioners’ Emergency Application for Peremptory Judgment and Summary Relief (Emergency Application), which is scheduled to begin on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom 3001 (Courtroom), Third Floor, Pennsylvania Judicial Center (PJC), the Court hereby **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Any schedule changes will be posted to the Court’s website and/or social media as soon as practicable.
2. Seating for the public and media to observe the hearing shall be limited on a “first come, first seated” basis. Ten seats will be reserved for properly credentialed members of the media until 9:50 a.m. After 9:50 a.m., any remaining reserved seats for properly credential members of the media in the Courtroom will be released to the public. **The hearing**

may also be viewed via a public livestream web link that will be posted to the Court's website and social media pages in advance. Broadcasting, televising, recording, and/or photographing of the proceedings, including the public livestream, is prohibited.

3. No one other than Court personnel or the Capitol Police will be permitted to stand at the back of or along the sides of the Courtroom. Attorneys not involved in this case shall be treated as members of the public.
4. Decorum shall be maintained at all times by all persons present in the Courtroom.
5. No signs or banners may be brought into the PJC. No company or media logos; clothing, buttons, facemasks, or other items with messages; or other material that may be deemed distracting, disruptive, or potentially improperly prejudicial may be brought into, worn, or displayed in the PJC.
6. No electronic devices may be used in either the Courtroom except by the Court and by counsel of record. Except for those electronic devices used by the Court and counsel, no electronic devices will be allowed in the Courtroom, with the exception of cellular or smart phones and watches. Cellular or smart phones and watches may be carried and/or worn into the Courtroom, but they must be turned off at all times.
7. The PJC will be open at 8:00 a.m. for counsel of record and other authorized personnel. The Courtroom will be unlocked and available for counsel of record and other authorized personnel approximately 30 minutes before the opening of Court. Counsel of record who require

earlier access must make prior arrangements with the Prothonotary. The Capitol Police will begin screening and admitting members of the media and public approximately 30 minutes before the opening of Court.

8. No person who has symptoms of respiratory illness or fever, or is currently diagnosed with COVID-19, may attend the hearing as counsel, a party, witness, credentialed member of the media, or public observer.
9. Facemasks are recommended in the Courtroom.
10. Any person who participates in or observes the hearing and subsequently tests positive for COVID-19 within five days of attending the hearing shall notify the Prothonotary at (717) 255-1661. If the Court receives such notification, a generic notice to that effect will be posted on the Court's website.
11. Persons who fail to comply with this Order or maintain proper courtroom decorum may be removed by Court personnel or the Capitol Police.
12. AOPC's Director of Communications, Stacey Witalec, is the media liaison. She can be reached at (717) 231-3334 (office) or (717) 877-2997 (cell).