

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

Contreras et al)	
Plaintiff(s),)	1:21-cv-03139
v.)	Magistrate Judge Beth W. Jantz
)	
Illinois State Board of Elections et al)	
Defendant(s),)	

ORDER

Telephonic status conference held on 11/22/21, and continued to 12/1/21 at 1:00 p.m. CT. To join the status conference by phone, dial 888-273-3658 and enter access code 2217918. Members of the public and media will be able to call in to listen to this hearing as well. Additional deadlines and discussion are set out below. The parties should monitor the docket for any possible time change for the 12/1/21 hearing.

STATEMENT

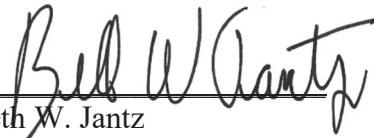
Telephonic status conference held on 11/22/21, and continued to 12/1/21 at 1:00 p.m. CT. Fact discovery is complete, and the parties are considering whether and which expert depositions will take place during the necessarily compressed time that the three-judge panel has allotted for them (December 1-6). In order to maximize availability of all concerned, and given that Plaintiffs have already disclosed their experts in their 11/10/21 submissions, Defendants are directed to inform Plaintiffs by 2:00 p.m. CT on 11/24/21 which, if any, of Plaintiffs' experts they intend to depose, and the anticipated length of time for each deposition, so that scheduling of those can begin.

The parties are directed to meet and confer by the close of business on 11/29/21 on: (1) a complete expert deposition schedule for both Plaintiffs' and Defendants' expert(s), including dates, times, and approximate anticipated length for each requested deposition; (2) any requests by Plaintiffs for combined additional deposition time with Defendants' expert(s); (3) proposed stipulations of fact and conclusions of law, and (4) whether deposition testimony may be utilized in place of hearing/trial time. It is understood, however, that these topics may continue to evolve as the parties prepare for their 12/7/21 presentations to the panel, and the panel's ultimate determination of the format of that hearing. Relatedly, the parties agree on the record that expert reports and expert and fact depositions disclosed or obtained in one of these three cases shall be considered disclosed or obtained in all of them.

In order to plan the courtroom technology logistics for their 12/7/21 trial/hearing before the panel, the parties are further directed, if they are so interested, to jointly contact the Court's Systems Department at the number provided by the Court by the close of business on 11/30/21 to reserve a time for an in-court test in the Ceremonial Courtroom. Relatedly, the parties are reminded of Judge Dow's invitation to contact his Courtroom Deputy to arrange a physical

inspection of the Ceremonial Courtroom if they request one. The parties are also invited to reach out to this Court's Courtroom Deputy to arrange such an inspection in the event that Judge Dow has limited availability for such an inspection.

Date: 11/23/2021


Beth W. Jantz
United States Magistrate Judge