

STATE OF MAINE  
KENNEBEC, ss

SUPERIOR COURT  
CIVIL ACTION  
DOCKET NO. AP-24-01

**DONALD J. TRUMP,**

Petitioner,

v.

**SHENNA BELLOWS**, in her official  
capacity as **Secretary of State, STATE OF  
MAINE,**

Respondent,

**KIMBERLEY ROSEN, THOMAS  
SAVIELLO, and ETHAN STRIMLING,**

Parties-in-Interest.

**PROCEDURAL ORDER**

This matter comes before the Court on a Complaint/Petition for Review of Final Agency Action pursuant to Rule 80(C) of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure. Petitioner Donald J. Trump (“Petitioner”) herein asks the Superior Court to reverse a December 28, 2023 Ruling of the Secretary of State disqualifying him from the Republican Party presidential primary ballot based on her finding that “the declaration on his candidate consent form is false because he is not qualified to hold the office of the President under Section Three of the Fourteenth Amendment.” (Sec’y of State’s Ruling, at 1).

The Court has conducted chambers conferences on this matter on three occasions, most recently on this date. The purpose of these conferences was to confirm with counsel the very short deadlines facing them for filing briefs, and for the Court to issue a decision. In addition, the Court hoped to be able to issue a Report on the multiple issues of first impression generated by

this litigation, but the parties could not reach an agreement as required by Rule 24(a) of the Maine Rules of Appellate Procedure.

The administrative record has been filed. By agreement of the parties, the Court establishes the following deadlines:

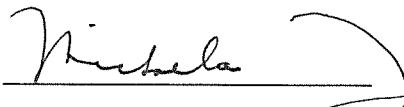
- (1) Petitioner has until Monday, January 8, 2024 to file his Brief;
- (2) Respondent and Parties-in-Interest have until Wednesday, January 10, 2024 to file their Opposing Briefs; and
- (3) Petitioner has until Thursday, January 11, 2024 to file any Reply.

The Court will permit the filing of Amicus Briefs of three pages in length. Any Amici who wishes to file in support of Petitioner has until Monday January 8, 2024 to do so. Any Amici who wishes to file in support of Respondent has until Wednesday, January 10, 2024 to do so.

All briefs may be filed electronically by emailing them to [KenSC@courts.maine.gov](mailto:KenSC@courts.maine.gov), but will not be deemed accepted unless they are also filed in hard-copy form within 24 hours of transmission of the electronic version. As required by statute, the Court intends to file its Order by January 17, 2024. *See* 21-A M.R.S. § 337(2)(D).

This Order may be noted on the Docket by reference pursuant to Rule 79(a) of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

Date: January 5, 2024

  
Justice, Maine Superior Court

Entered on the Docket: 1/5/2024