

IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Re: Nomination Petition of :
Bethney Finch as Republican :
Candidate for the 132nd Legislative :
District in the General Assembly :
: :
Objection of: Matthew C. Schutter : No. 175 M.D. 2022

SCHEDULING and CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

PER CURIAM

NOW, April 4, 2022, upon consideration of the Petition to Set Aside
Nomination Petition (Objection Petition):

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

A. Hearing on the Objection Petition is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., in Courtroom Number 5001, Fifth Floor, Pennsylvania Judicial Center, 601 Commonwealth Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

B. If signature lines are challenged, Objector shall secure, by request or subpoena, the presence of a Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE) system operator at the hearing.

C. Service of the Objection Petition on Candidate, and of this Order on all parties, is complete upon the posting of the Objection Petition and this Order on the Pennsylvania Unified Judicial System website in accordance with this Court's Notice and Order in *In re: Objections to Nomination Petitions for Pennsylvania General Assembly and State Party Committees – General Primary Election 2022* (Pa. Cmwlth., No. 126 Misc. Dkt. No. 3).

D. At the hearing, Objector shall offer proof of timely service of the Objection Petition on the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

2. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall make a good faith effort to comply with the following in advance of the hearing:

A. Objector shall file a list of all witnesses to be called at the hearing and the curriculum vitae and expert report for each expert witness. Any witness not identified may be precluded from testifying except for good cause shown.

B. Candidate shall file a list of all witnesses to be called at the hearing and the curriculum vitae and expert report for each expert witness. Any witness not identified may be precluded from testifying except for good cause shown.

3. If signature line challenges are at issue, it is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall make a good faith effort to comply with the following in advance of the hearing:

A. Objector and Candidate or Candidate's representative and, if appropriate, a SURE system operator, shall meet to review each and every challenged signature line.

B. Objector and Candidate shall file a stipulation of the parties that identifies:

- (a) the total number of completed signature lines submitted;
- (b) the total number of uncontested signature lines submitted;

- (c) the total number of signature lines challenged;
- (d) each and every signature line to which there is an objection, identified by page number and line number, and the basis for the objection;
- (e) each and every signature line to be stricken as invalid or for which an objection is to be withdrawn, identified by page number and line number, if the parties can reach such a stipulation.

C. Candidate shall file a list of all signature lines, identified by page number and line number, that are facially defective and that Candidate intends to rehabilitate. Candidate shall also state the manner in which Candidate intends to rehabilitate the signature lines.

4. Objector and Candidate may each file a memorandum of law in support of their respective positions. No further memoranda will be permitted unless ordered by the Court.

5. Unless otherwise ordered, the parties shall make a good faith effort to file all items required or permitted by paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of this order no later than 24 hours in advance of the hearing. Filing may be accomplished by PACFile (the Pennsylvania appellate court electronic filing system) or by email to CommCourtFiling@pacourts.us. Parties may **not** file by facsimile without express prior permission from the Court.

6. Failure to comply with any provision of this order may preclude the noncompliant party from entering any evidence and may result in the imposition of monetary sanctions.

Certified from the Record

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And Order Exit