## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Richmond Division

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF VIRGINIA, et al.,	) )
Plaintiffs,	)
v.	) Civil Action No. 3:21-cv-756–HEH
ROBERT H. BRINK, in his official Capacity as the Chairman of the Board of Elections, et al.,	) ) )
Defendants.	

## **ORDER**

(Continuing Trial, Scheduling Certain Deadlines, and Canceling Settlement Conference)

THIS MATTER is before the Court on a scheduling issue raised by Defendants. The Court held a conference call with the parties on April 20, 2022 to resolve the matter. Defendants argue that the current trial dates of August 2–4, 2022 do not give them enough time for discovery. Plaintiffs contend that no continuance is warranted. Upon due consideration, and finding it appropriate to do so, the Court CONTINUES the trial date a mere three weeks. This matter shall be set for a bench trial on August 23–24, 2022. The Court will not delay the trial any further.

Based on the new trial dates, the parties have agreed on a timeline for discovery and motions and the Court ORDERS this schedule adopted. The party bearing the burden of proof on any issue shall disclose any experts on such issue no later than **April 26, 2022**. The disclosure of opposing experts shall occur no later than **May 12,** 

2022 and the disclosure of rebuttal experts, no later than May 27, 2022. All factual discovery shall be completed no later than May 25, 2022 and expert discovery no later than June 6, 2022. Lastly, any motions for summary judgment shall be filed no later than June 14, 2022. In all other respects, this Court's Pretrial Scheduling Order entered on March 3, 2022 (ECF No. 53) shall remain in effect as adjusted based on the new trial date.

Lastly, the parties inform the Court that the settlement conference scheduled for May 3, 2022 is no longer necessary. Therefore, the settlement conference is CANCELED. If the parties seek a new settlement conference date in the future, they may contact the Chambers of Magistrate Judge Elizabeth W. Hanes.

The Clerk is DIRECTED to send a copy of this Order to all counsel of record.

It is so ORDERED.

Henry E. Hudson

Senior United States District Judge

Date: April 25, 2022 Richmond, Virginia