

No. 23-2317

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In the  
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

**RODNEY D. PIERCE and MOSES MATTHEWS,**

*Plaintiff-Appellants,*

v.

**THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, et al.,**

*Defendant-Appellees.*

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On Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of North Carolina, James E. Dever, III, District Judge  
No. 4:23-cv-193-D-RN

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**STATE BOARD DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO  
PLAINTIFF-APPELLANTS' EMERGENCY MOTION  
TO EXPEDITE BRIEFING AND DECISION**

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Defendant-Appellees, The North Carolina State Board of Elections, and Alan Hirsch, Jeff Carmon, Stacy Eggers, IV, Kevin N. Lewis, and Siobhan O'Duffy Millen, all in their official capacities (collectively "State Board Defendants"), respond to Plaintiff-Appellants' emergency motion to expedite briefing and decision as follows.

State Board Defendants take no position on Plaintiff-Appellants' emergency motion to expedite briefing and decision.

Respectfully submitted, this the 4th day of January, 2024.

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Respectfully submitted, this the 4th day of January, 2024.

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