

<p>STATE OF COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER 1700 Broadway #550 Denver, CO 80290</p> <hr/> <p>ELECTIONS DIVISION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,</p> <p>Complainant, vs.</p> <p>SOLOMON FOR COLORADO, Respondent.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲</p> <p>Cases Number: 2023 AHO 0008</p>
<p>SCHEDULING ORDER</p>	

1. This case was assigned to me May 3, 2024. I have taken note of the file which includes the following:

- a) Initial citizen Complaint dated October 24, 2022
- b) Notice of Initial Review and Opportunity to Cure dated November 3, 2022
- c) Notice of Investigation dated June 20, 2023
- d) Administrative Complaint dated July 20, 2023

2. This matter appears to have escaped attention in the transfer of cases from the Office of Administrative Courts to the Hearing Officer within the Department of State.

3. The Fair Campaign Practices Act and the two major constitutional amendments adopted by Colorado voters in 1996 (Amendment 15) and 2023 (Amendment 27) all call for “strong enforcement of campaign finance requirements.” Colo. Const. art. xxviii, § 1; Fair Campaign Practice Act at § 1-45-102. “Strong enforcement” coincides with the goal of the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure that proceedings be timely and efficient to secure the “just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every action.” Colo.R.Civ.P. 1.

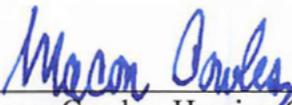
4. On or before June 7, 2024, Respondent shall file an Answer to the Division’s July 20, 2023 Administrative Complaint.

5. Counsel shall promptly confer with each other regarding the schedule for discovery, dispositive motions, motions in limine and filing pretrial statements consistent with Rule 24.11.1. The goal of conferring is to reach an agreement on these matters. After conferring, counsel for the Division is ordered to file a Motion to Set Hearing, on or before June 7, 2024, that sets forth the proposed pretrial schedule including hearing dates. Respondent’s counsel is

ordered to file a Response, if any, to the Motion to Set Hearing on or before June 21, 2024. The Motion and Response are to be served on the Secretary of State's administrative staff and me by using the email address AdministrativeHearingOfficer@ColoradoSOS.gov. Administrative staff will then coordinate the trial setting with the availability of the hearing room, counsel and the Hearing Officer. An order setting out these dates will follow on or before June 28, 2024.

6. Respondent has a continued duty to preserve and maintain all documents and records related to the investigation, including email communications, financial records, and other relevant documentation until the final agency decision has been reached or appeals have been exhausted. This obligation was made explicit in the last paragraph of both the Notice of Initial Review and Opportunity to Cure dated November 3, 2022 and the Notice of Investigation dated June 20, 2023.

SO ORDERED this 6th day of May, 2024.



Macon Cowles, Hearing Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby states and certifies that one true copy of this Scheduling Order was sent via email on May 6, 2024 to the following:

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