



## Jena M Griswold

Colorado Secretary of State

### Election Order 2022-08

**Re: Supervision of June 2022 Election to Ensure Compliance with Statutory Requirements**

**Date: June 9, 2022**

#### Operative Facts

On May 10, 2022, the Honorable Judge Valerie J. Robison of the Mesa County District Court issued an order finding that Tina Peters and Belinda Knisley committed a neglect of their duties as election officials and are unable to perform the duties of the Designated Election Official (DEO) for Mesa County. This ruling follows Ms. Peters' and Ms. Knisley's repeated failure to comply with election rules, statutes, and orders from the Secretary of State. The Court further appointed Ms. Brandi Bantz as the DEO for the 2022 election cycle.

Given the unprecedented events in Mesa County, the Secretary of State hereby appoints Wayne Williams as an official election advisor in Mesa County. Mr. Williams's extensive experience in election administration will help ensure that the election in Mesa complies with all legal requirements.

#### Order

In accordance with sections 1-1-107, 1-1-110(1), and 1-1.5-104, C.R.S., and Election Rules 1.1.31 and 8.17, I order as follows:

1. The Secretary of State hereby exercises her authority to supervise the elections conduct of Mesa County, including all activities related to the upcoming June 28, 2022 election.
2. Wayne Williams is appointed as an official advisor for all conduct related to elections in Mesa County occurring under the authority of Title 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. This appointment begins immediately and will continue until revoked by the Secretary of State through subsequent order.
3. Mr. Williams is authorized to inspect and review the practices and procedures of the Mesa County elections office, including all documents and election records he deems appropriate or necessary.
4. Mesa County shall provide workspace and appropriate facility access to Mr. Williams and any additional observers authorized by the Secretary of State.
5. Mesa County will reimburse all appropriate expenses for Mr. Williams and any additional observers appointed by the Secretary of State related to the exercise of duties under this order, including travel and accommodation expenses as appropriate.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022



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