STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

TAMBIR AHMED,

Plaintiff,

v

Case No. 26-000086-MB

JOCEYLN BENSON, in her official capacity as Michigan Secretary of State,

Hon. James Robert Redford

Defendant.

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SCHEDULING ORDER

Plaintiff filed suit on April 27, 2026, seeking an order compelling the Secretary of State to not certify the candidacy of Kahlilia Davis for 36th District Court Judge. The Secretary of State did not certify Davis's candidacy, and Davis has appealed to this Court in Docket No. 26-000091-MB. The Court will consider these matters together. To that end, the Court ORDERS:

1. The Secretary of State to respond to the complaint in this action by **noon, Monday, June 1, 2026.**

2. If the Secretary of State's pleading is one for which a response is authorized, plaintiff shall file a response not later than **Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 12:00 noon.**

3. The Secretary of State shall not be authorized at this time to file a reply pleading to any response filed by plaintiff.

4. The parties are directed to appear for a hearing, which may, among other things, include oral argument on any matters then before the court at **1:30 p.m. on Friday June 5, 2026**, at the Hall of Justice in Lansing. Parties will be allowed to appear by Zoom if they determine this is necessary.

5. Given the expedited nature of these proceedings, in addition to filing all pleadings with the Clerk of the Court of Claims, the parties are DIRECTED to send all pleadings to Court of

Claims Commissioner Amber Tykoski at atykoski@courts.mi.gov. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Tykoski as well.

Date: May 27th, 2026

James Robert Redford
Judge, Court of Claims