

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Sulaiman Ahmad, Benjamin Longnecker and
Katherine West,

C.A. No.: 2016-CP-23-05477

Plaintiffs,

v.

Conway Belangia, Director of the Greenville
County Board of Voter Registration and
Elections, in His Official Capacity; The
Greenville County Board of Voter Registration
and Elections; Marci Andino, Executive
Director of the South Carolina State Election
Commission, in Her Official Capacity; and The
South Carolina State Election Commission,

Defendants.

CONSENT ORDER OF DISMISSAL

Pursuant to the agreement of the parties and Rule 41, SCRCP, the Court finds that this matter should be dismissed in its entirety, subject to the following terms:

1. The parties acknowledge and the Court finds that the plaintiffs have been registered to vote in Greenville County.
2. The parties further acknowledge and the Court finds that the Greenville County Board of Voter Registration and Elections unanimously voted to discontinue use of questionnaires for determining residency at its meeting on October 20, 2016.
3. The Greenville County Board of Voter Registration and Elections further agrees that future on-campus applications for voter registration will be treated in the same manner as all other applications for voter registration.

4. In making decisions relating to future applications for voter registration, the Greenville County Board of Voter Registration and Elections further agrees that it will be guided by the South Carolina Election Law (S.C. Code Ann. § 7-1-10, *et seq.*) and any guidance provided by the South Carolina Election Commission, including, but not limited to, the then-current Voter Registration and Elections Handbook.

5. The parties agree and the Court finds that all parties have acted in good faith and that this consent order is made to resolve this matter and avoid further litigation and is not to be construed as an admission of liability or wrongdoing with respect to any past conduct by any party.

6. This action, including all claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, and third-party claims that each party asserted or could have asserted, is hereby dismissed and ended with prejudice. In addition, the previous Order for Temporary Injunctive Relief dated October 7, 2016 is hereby null and void.

7. The Greenville County Board of Voter Registration and Elections has agreed to pay the plaintiffs a total of \$1,500 to compensate for certain costs incurred in bringing this action. With the exception of this \$1,500, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs. The parties agree that no party will seek an additional award of fees and/or costs.

The Court finds these terms to be proper as required by Rule 41(a)(2), SCRCF.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

_____, 2016

Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

WE SO CONSENT:

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So Ordered

s/Letitia H. Verdin, SC Judge 2162