

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION

Civil Action No. 5:20-cv-411

HELEN JO TALIAFERRO, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

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

Defendants.

**DEFENDANTS’
STATUS REPORT**

NOW COME Defendants, the North Carolina State Board of Elections (“State Board”), Karen Brinson Bell, Damon Circosta, Stella Anderson, Jeff Carmon, III, Stacy Eggers, IV, and Tommy Tucker¹ (collectively “Defendants”), to provide the Court with a Status Report pursuant to paragraph 10 of the Court’s June 15, 2021 Order. [D.E. 62, ¶ 10].

1. Pursuant to the Court Order, the State Board submits the following report ahead of the 2021 municipal election:

- a. The State Board has launched its accessible electronic voting portal through Democracy Live. With that program in place, the State Board provides visually impaired voters the ability to request to vote absentee, to mark their absentee ballots, and to return their absentee ballots for the 2021 municipal election.
- b. The State Board has identified the following vendors who are capable of

¹ Former State Board Members Ken Raymond and David C. Black resigned their positions with the State Board and were replaced by Stacy Eggers, IV and Tommy Tucker. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), as successor officers, Mr. Eggers and Mr. Tucker are automatically substituted as parties to this action.

providing Large Print, Braille, or accessible electronic formats of absentee ballots and other communications related to voting processes:

- i. Democracy Live;
 - ii. Correction Enterprises;
 - iii. The National Braille Press; and
 - iv. NC Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Service for the Blind.
- c. The State Board has designated Matt Stone to serve as ADA Coordinator. He can be reached by telephone at 919-814-0705 and via email at ADACoordinator@ncsbe.gov.
- d. The following attached policy has been generated by the State Board to address ADA Compliance, and implement absentee voting for visually impaired voters:
- i. **Exhibit A** – North Carolina State Board of Elections’ Accessibility Policy for Alternative Formats.

2. Pursuant to paragraph 11 of the Court’s Order, the State Board will next submit a status report 90 days after the November 2, 2021 municipal elections, on or before January 31, 2022. [D.E. 62, ¶ 11].

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Respectfully submitted this the 22nd day of August, 2021.

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