STATE OF COLORADO

SECRETARY OF STATE

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

**OFFICER** 

1700 Broadway #550

Denver, CO 80290

ELECTIONS DIVISION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

Complainant,

VS.

BENNETT AUSLAENDER a/k/a CONCERNED CITIZENS OF CONIFER,

Respondent.

COURT USE ONLY

Case Number: 2024 AHO 0012

(in re ED 2023-40 and 2023-62)

## ORDER STAYING PROCEEDINGS

Yesterday, counsel for Complainant filed herein both a Complaint and a Motion to Stay the proceedings. The Motion to Stay asserts that the parties have agreed to a settlement in principle and need more time to finalize the agreement. I find that there is "good cause" for a continuance of thirty days, as allowed by § 1-45-111.7(6)(a), C.R.S., to finalize settlement of the case. Campaign & Political Finance Rule 24.5.1, 8 Code Colo. Regs. 1505-6.

The Motion to Stay is GRANTED. This matter is stayed for thirty days, pending finalization of the settlement agreement. If no settlement is reached, Respondent RESIGN DPS BOARD is ordered on or before March 29, 2024 to file an Answer to the February 29, 2024 Administrative Complaint.

SO ORDERED this 1st day of March 2024.

Macon Cowles, Hearing Office

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby states and certifies that one true copy of this Order Staying Proceedings herein was sent via email on March 5, 2024 to the following:

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