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## CAPTION

Brian T. Baxter and Susan T. Kinniry  
v.  
Philadelphia Board of Elections,  
Republican National Committee,  
and Republican Party of Pennsylvania

Appeal of: Republican National  
Committee and Republican Party  
of Pennsylvania

## CASE INFORMATION

Initiating Document: Notice of Appeal

Case Status: Closed

Case Processing Status: October 30, 2024 Completed

Journal Number: SE-017a-2024

Case Category: Election Case Type(s): Election

## CONSOLIDATED CASES

## RELATED CASES

Docket No / Reason	Type	Docket No / Reason	Type
1305 CD 2024 Same Record Below	Consolidated	1305 CD 2024 Cross Appeal	Related

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## FEE INFORMATION

Fee Dt	Fee Name	Fee Amt	Receipt Dt	Receipt No	Receipt Amt
10/03/2024	Notice of Appeal	90.25	10/07/2024	2024-CMW-H-001513	90.25

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AGENCY/TRIAL COURT INFORMATION

Order Appealed From:	September 27, 2024	Notice of Appeal Filed:	October 3, 2024
Order Type:	Lower Court Order		
Documents Received:	October 3, 2024		

Court Below:	Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas		
County:	Philadelphia	Division:	Philadelphia County Civil Division
Judge:	Crumlish, James C., III	OTN:	
Docket Number:	September Term, 2024 NO. 02481	Judicial District:	01

ORIGINAL RECORD CONTENT

Original Record Item	Filed Date	Content Description
Testimony	October 04, 2024	
Trial Court Record	October 10, 2024	
Trial Court Opinion	October 10, 2024	

Date of Remand of Record:

BRIEFING SCHEDULE

None

None

DOCKET ENTRY

Filed Date	Docket Entry / Filer	Representing	Participant Type	Exit Date
<b>October 3, 2024</b>	Notice of Appeal Filed Republican National Committee Republican Party of Pennsylvania		Appellant Appellant	
<b>October 3, 2024</b>	Consolidated - Same Record Below Commonwealth Court			
<b>October 3, 2024</b>	Order Filed Per Curiam			10/03/2024
	Document Name: Consolidation Order 1305 & 1309 CD 2024 /Scheduling Order			

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	<p>Comment: NOW, October 3, 2024, it is ORDERED as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The above appeals are consolidated sua sponte. All further filings in these consolidated matters shall be captioned as set forth above. The Philadelphia County Board of Elections and the Republican National Committee and Republican Party of Pennsylvania are Designated Appellants.</li> <li>Designated Appellants shall each file a Statement of Issues to be Presented on Appeal by October 8, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., in the Prothonotary's Office in Harrisburg. The Statement of Issues may be filed in person or through the Court's electronic filing system (PACFile). The Statement of Issues may not be filed by facsimile without express prior permission from the Court. The Statement of Issues shall be served on all parties and the presiding judge in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County (trial court), and a proof of service shall be promptly filed with the Court.</li> <li>The trial court shall no later than October 10, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., transmit to this Court the record in this matter, including an opinion or statement in support of its order and the hearing transcript. Transmission shall not be delayed by proceeding under Pa.R.A.P. 1925(b).</li> <li>Designated Appellants and Appellees shall file (4 copies) and serve (1 copy) simultaneous briefs on the merits of the appeal no later than October 15, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., in the Prothonotary's Office in Harrisburg. Briefs may be filed in person or through the Court's electronic filing system (PACFile). Briefs may not be filed by facsimile without express prior permission from the Court. If a brief is filed through the Court's electronic filing system, the party or counsel shall also provide the Prothonotary's Office within one business day, 3 paper copies of the brief.</li> <li>Motions may not be filed by facsimile without the express prior permission of the Court.</li> <li>Designated Appellants are excused from filing reproduced records.</li> <li>These appeals shall be submitted for decision on the briefs filed without oral argument, unless otherwise ordered.</li> <li>In addition to transmitting and mailing copies of this Order to counsel of record and any pro se party, the Prothonotary is directed to transmit and mail a copy to the Honorable James C. Crumlish, III, of the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas and to the Office of Judicial Records - Civil of that court.</li> </ol>			
<b>October 3, 2024</b>	Entry of Appearance			
	Geffen, Benjamin David	Baxter, Brian T.	Appellee	
	Geffen, Benjamin David	Kinniry, Susan T.	Appellee	
	Document Name: Attorney Benjamin D. Geffen for Designated Appellees Brian T. Baxter & Susan T. Kinniry			
<b>October 4, 2024</b>	Entry of Appearance			
	Schneider, Marian Karen	Baxter, Brian T.	Appellee	
	Schneider, Marian Karen	Kinniry, Susan T.	Appellee	
	Document Name: Attorney Marian K. Schneider for Designated Appellees Brian T. Baxter & Susan T. Kinniry			
<b>October 4, 2024</b>	Entry of Appearance			
	Steiker-Ginzberg, Kate Ilana	Baxter, Brian T.	Appellee	
	Steiker-Ginzberg, Kate Ilana	Kinniry, Susan T.	Appellee	
	Document Name: Attorney Kate Steiker-Ginzberg for Designated Appellees Brian T. Baxter & Susan T. Kinniry			
<b>October 4, 2024</b>	Entry of Appearance			
	Walczak, Witold J.	Baxter, Brian T.	Appellee	
	Walczak, Witold J.	Kinniry, Susan T.	Appellee	
	Document Name: Attorney Witold J. Walczak for Designated Appellees Brian T. Baxter & Susan T. Kinniry			

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<b>October 4, 2024</b>	Transcripts of Testimony Court Reporters, Digital Recording, and Interpreters Administration - First Judicial District of Pennsylvania			
<b>October 7, 2024</b>	Entry of Appearance McKenzie, Mary M. McKenzie, Mary M.	Baxter, Brian T. Kinniry, Susan T.	Appellee Appellee	
	Document Name: Atty. McKenzie for Appellees Baxter and Kinniry			
<b>October 7, 2024</b>	Application for Relief Loney, Stephen Allen Loney, Stephen Allen	Baxter, Brian T. Kinniry, Susan T.	Appellee Appellee	
	Document Name: Appellees' Application for Expedited Briefing Schedule			
<b>October 8, 2024</b>	Filed - Other Gallagher, Kathleen A. Gallagher, Kathleen A.	Republican Party of Pennsylvania Republican National Committee	Appellant Appellant	
	Document Name: Republican Appellants' Statement of Issues			
<b>October 8, 2024</b>	Filed - Other McKenzie, Mary M. McKenzie, Mary M.	Baxter, Brian T. Kinniry, Susan T.	Appellee Appellee	
	Document Name: Notice of Family Relation with Judge			
<b>October 8, 2024</b>	Filed - Other Stohr, Alison L.	Philadelphia County Board of Electic	Appellee	
	Document Name: Philadelphia County Bd. of Elections' Statement of Issues			
<b>October 8, 2024</b>	Answer to Application for Relief Gallagher, Kathleen A. Gallagher, Kathleen A.	Republican Party of Pennsylvania Republican National Committee	Appellant Appellant	
	Document Name: Republican Appellants' Opposition to Expedited Briefing			
<b>October 8, 2024</b>	Order Granting Application for Relief Per Curiam			10/08/2024
	Document Name: IN PART/ Parties Briefs are due Oct. 14, 2024, 12:00 Noon			
	Comment: NOW, October 8, 2024, upon review of the October 7, 2024 Application for Expedited Briefing Schedule (Application) filed by Brian T. Baxter and Susan T. Kinniry, which the Philadelphia Board of Elections does not oppose, and the Answer in Opposition to Expedite Briefing filed on behalf of the Republican National Committee and Republican Party of Pennsylvania, the Application is GRANTED in part. Designated Appellants and Appellees shall file an electronic copy and serve (1 copy) simultaneous briefs on the merits of the appeal no later than Monday, October 14, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., in the Prothonotary's Office through the Court's electronic filing system. (PAC-file). Counsel shall also provide the Prothonotary's Office within one business day 8 paper copies of the brief. The remainder of the Court's October 3, 2024 Order remains in full force and effect.			

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<b>October 9, 2024</b>	Entry of Appearance Josefovits, M. David Eisenstein, Ilana H. Benjet, Brian Howard Fabens-Lassen, Ben Caldwell	Philadelphia County Board of Electic Appellee Philadelphia County Board of Electic Appellee Philadelphia County Board of Electic Appellee Philadelphia County Board of Electic Appellee		
	Document Name: Attys. Benjet, Eisenstein and Faben-Lassen for Phila. Co. Bd. of Elections			
<b>October 10, 2024</b>	Trial Court Record Received Philadelphia County Civil Division			
<b>October 10, 2024</b>	Trial Court Opinion Received Philadelphia County Civil Division			
<b>October 10, 2024</b>	Certificate of Service Filed Loney, Stephen Allen Loney, Stephen Allen	Baxter, Brian T. Kinniry, Susan T.	Appellee Appellee	
	Document Name: Service on Atty. General			
<b>October 14, 2024</b>	Memorandum of Law Filed Eisenstein, Ilana H.	Philadelphia County Board of Electic Appellee		
	Document Name: Designated Apt. Brief			
<b>October 23, 2024</b>	Application to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice Filed Gallagher, Kathleen A. Gallagher, Kathleen A.	Republican Party of Pennsylvania Republican National Committee	Appellant Appellant	
	Document Name: PHV - John Gore, Esq.			
<b>October 25, 2024</b>	Order Granting Application to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice Per Curiam			10/25/2024
	Document Name: John M. Gore, Esq. is admitted Pro Hac Vice for Republican Party Appellants			
	Comment: NOW, October 25, 2024, upon consideration of Kathleen A. Gallagher, Esquire's Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice for John M. Gore, Esquire on behalf of Appellants Republican National Committee and Republican Party of Pennsylvania, it is hereby ordered: (1) John M. Gore, Esquire is admitted pro hac vice to the bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under Pennsylvania Bar Admission Rule 301, as co-counsel on behalf of Appellants Republican National Committee and Republican Party of Pennsylvania in this matter; (2) John M. Gore, Esquire shall abide by the rules of this Court including all disciplinary rules; (3) John M. Gore, Esquire shall immediately notify this Court of any matter affecting his standing at the bar of any other court where he may be admitted to practice; and, (4) Kathleen A. Gallagher, Esquire, the moving attorney herein, shall continue to be responsible as counsel of record for the conduct of this matter on behalf of Appellants Republican National Committee and Republican Party of Pennsylvania.			

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<b>October 30, 2024</b>	Affirmed Ceisler, Ellen			10/30/2024
	Document Name: Memorandum Opinion : Orders of Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas are AFFIRMED.			
	Comment: AND NOW, this 30th day of October, 2024, the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County's (trial court) September 26 and September 28, 2024 orders are AFFIRMED. The Philadelphia County Board of Elections is ORDERED to count the undated mail-in ballots cast by Designated Appellees Brian T. Baxter and Susan T. Kinniry, and the absentee and mail-in ballots cast by the other 67 qualified electors whose ballots were rejected due to outer envelope dating errors, in the September 17, 2024 Special Election in the 195th and 201st Legislative Districts in Philadelphia County, and take any other steps necessary in accordance with the parties' Consent Order of Court entered by the trial court on September 25, 2024.			
	[10/30/2024 - Subsequent to the Memorandum Opinion being docketed, Court staff realized that the Supreme Court's August 27, 2024 Order (temporarily modifying the appeal period in matters related to the November 5, 2024 General Election) was erroneously appended to the docket entry. See Memorandum Opinion at p. 13, n. 16. Accordingly, the Supreme Court's Order has been removed from this docket entry.]			
<b>October 31, 2024</b>	Filed - Other Republican National Committee Republican Party of Pennsylvania		Appellant Appellant	
	Document Name: 76-77 EM 2024.Application for Extraordinary Relief.			
<b>November 1, 2024</b>	Order Filed Supreme Court of Pennsylvania			11/01/2024
	Document Name: 76-77 EM 2024-Order Granting Emergency App. for Extraordinary Relief Pending Filing of PAA.			
	Comment: AND NOW, this 1st day of November, 2024, the Emergency Application for Extraordinary Relief Pending Filing of Petition for Allowance of Appeal is GRANTED only [76 and 77 EM 2024] - 2 to the extent that the Commonwealth Court's decision docketed at 1305 C.D. 2024 and 1309 C.D. 2024 is stayed and shall not be applied to the November 5, 2024 General Election. This stay is entered without prejudice to the filing and due consideration on the merits of any petition for allowance of appeal that the parties may file or the disposition of an appeal should this Court grant such petition. The Application for Leave to File Amicus Brief on Behalf of Restoring Integrity and Trust in Elections, Inc. and the Application for Leave to File Amicus Brief by Pennsylvania Department of State and Secretary of the Commonwealth Al Schmidt are GRANTED. The Proposed Intervenor-Respondents' Combined Application to Intervene and Response to the RNC's and RPP's Emergency Stay Application by the Democratic National Committee and Pennsylvania Democratic Party is DENIED as moot without prejudice to renew their request in connection with any forthcoming petition for allowance of appeal or appeal in the above-captioned matter.			
	Justice Donohue files a concurring statement in which Chief Justice Todd joins .			
	Justice Dougherty files a concurring statement.			

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<b>November 12, 2024</b>	Petition for Allowance of Appeal to PA Supreme Court Filed Republican National Committee Republican Party of Pennsylvania Document Name: 395-396 EAL 2024 Comment: 395 EAL 2024		Appellant Appellant	
<b>November 27, 2024</b>	Application to Publish Opinion De Palma, Claudia De Palma, Claudia Document Name: Voter-Appellees' Application to Report Unreported Opinion	Baxter, Brian T. Kinniry, Susan T.	Appellee Appellee	
<b>December 2, 2024</b>	Answer Filed Gallagher, Kathleen A. Gallagher, Kathleen A. Document Name: Republican Party Appellants' Opposition to Application to Report Opinion	Republican Party of Pennsylvania Republican National Committee	Appellant Appellant	
<b>January 17, 2025</b>	Order Filed Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Document Name: 1-2 EAP 2025-PAA GRANTED. Record electronically transmitted to Supreme Court docket by Comment: Supreme Court, Eastern District.			01/17/2025

## SESSION INFORMATION

Journal Number: SE-017a-2024  
 Consideration Type: Submitted Briefs-EnBanc  
 Listed/Submitted Date: October 15, 2024

## Panel Composition:

The Honorable Renee Cohn Jubelirer	President Judge
The Honorable Patricia McCullough	Judge
The Honorable Michael H. Wojcik	Judge
The Honorable Ellen Ceisler	Judge
The Honorable Matthew S. Wolf	Judge

## DISPOSITION INFORMATION

Final Disposition:	Yes	Judgment Date:	
Related Journal No:		Disposition Author:	Ceisler, Ellen
Category:	Decided	Disposition Date:	October 30, 2024
Disposition:	Affirmed		



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Disposition Comment: AND NOW, this 30th day of October, 2024, the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County's (trial court) September 26 and September 28, 2024 orders are AFFIRMED. The Philadelphia County Board of Elections is ORDERED to count the undated mail-in ballots cast by Designated Appellees Brian T. Baxter and Susan T. Kinniry, and the absentee and mail-in ballots cast by the other 67 qualified electors whose ballots were rejected due to outer envelope dating errors, in the September 17, 2024 Special Election in the 195th and 201st Legislative Districts in Philadelphia County, and take any other steps necessary in accordance with the parties' Consent Order of Court entered by the trial court on September 25, 2024.

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Disposition Filing: Memorandum Opinion Filing Author: Ceisler, Ellen
Filed Date: 10/30/2024 12:00:00AM
Disposition Filing: Dissenting Opinion Filing Author: Wolf, Matthew S.
Filed Date: 10/30/2024 12:00:00AM
Disposition Filing: Dissenting Opinion Filing Author: McCullough, Patricia
Filed Date: 10/30/2024 12:00:00AM