STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER NEW HANOVER COUNTY #: 21-CVS-3915

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DAVID A. PERRY,

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ORDER ON PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT

NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION and NEW HANOVER COUNTY SHERIFF,

Defendants.

THIS MATTER came on for hearing before the undersigned Superior Court Judge in and for the County of New Hanover on the 5th day of January, 2022 on Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Default as to defendant New Hanover County Sheriff pursuant to Rule 55 of the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. The Plaintiff appeared pro se. Defendant New Hanover County Sheriff appeared through New Hanover County attorney Sharon Huffman. The Court having heard the arguments of counsel and having reviewed the record finds:

- 1. That the defendant has made a general appearance in this action through counsel.
- 2. That the defendant contends no answer was necessary in that no affirmative relief was sought against the defendant Sheriff, only injunctive relief.
- 3. That no answer has been filed by the New Hanover County Sheriff as of the date of this hearing.

WHEREFORE, based on the forgoing findings of fact, the court concludes as a matter of law:

- 1. That the complaint seeks only a prohibitory injunction against the New Hanover County Sheriff;
- 2. That Rule 8 of the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure require an answer be filed to a complaint without regard to the nature of the relief sought.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. That Plaintiff's motion for entry of default is denied.

2. Defendant New Hanover County Sheriff is directed to file an answer to the complaint within twenty days of the entry of this order.

This the 5th day of January, 2021.

R. Kent Harrell

Superior Court Judge Presiding