

September 17, 2025, 12:30 p.m.
Public Hearing Meeting Transcript

Summary: The meeting addressed call-in functionality, YouTube accessibility for live streams, and public comments on proposed regulations, but received no feedback during the hearing.

IT Staff: Alright, we're live.

Joshua Foley: Renata, do you have the transcription on?

IT Staff: Yes and it's recording also.

Joshua Foley: Wonderful, I will call to order this public meeting. This public hearing of the State Election Enforcement Commission is regarding public comment on two sets of proposed regulations that we are in the process of amending. The first is the organizational rules of practice 9-7b-1 through 9-7b-97. These proposed regulations revise the commission's organizational structure including updates of its official address commission procedures, accepted methods of communication and statutory citations and other regulations related to operations. The second set of regulations that we're hoping to receive public comment on today are on post-election review procedures, and these are regulations 9-7b-99 to 9-7b-102. The proposed regulations codify and clarify the procedures by which the State Election Enforcement Commission conducts post-election reviews of candidate committees consistent with statutory changes enacted in Public Act 25-26. These proposed regulations are available to review on our website and also on the eRegs website of the Secretary of State's office, under the title post-election review procedures and organizational rules of practice, both for the State Election Enforcement Commission. So with that we're going just do a brief test to make sure that the public has access to this public hearing.

We have an attorney or two or other staff members from the State Election Enforcement Commission who have used our links on the website to join us. Is Attorney Charney available?

Aaron Charney: I'm calling in right now.

Joshua Foley: And you used our links from the agenda or the notice?

Aaron Charney: That's correct. I'm going off the meeting notice and agenda to login.

Joshua Foley: Thank you for joining us. That will be all. I think Mr. Charney is also going to try to call in to make sure that the phone numbers work.

I do not see any other members of the public that have joined us. Our IT staff who are helping to run this meeting, are there any people in the lobby that can be seen?

Aaron Charney: I just called in and the phone line worked.

IT Staff: Not at this moment.

Joshua Foley: Yeah, ok, there's no people in the lobby and Attorney Charney called in successfully using the phone numbers, which is great. Thank you, Attorney Charney. So, not seeing any members of the public. I'm going keep this public hearing open for another few minutes just in case people are late to join us, just to make sure that people have ample opportunity to comment on these regulations. And we will wait then.

So twelve thirty-five, it's been open for five minutes. I think we should give it another five minutes just to make sure that people have ample opportunity to make comments. If they want to.

(Break)

Joshua Foley: For the record I don't think I introduced myself. I'm Joshua Foley. I'm the moderator of this public hearing and I'm an attorney at the State Election Enforcement Commission. We've had this hearing open for ten minutes now, we've had no public comments. And we have tested the system to make sure that they could comment if they wanted to. This is rather new format for our agency, but we wanted to extend to all the citizens of Connecticut the option of virtually commenting on our proposed regulations.

We do have a comment period open on the latter set of regulations for post-election review procedures. That comment period will remain open until September twenty-seventh. So there's still an opportunity to submit written comments through the eReg system or by emailing us at seec.compliance@ct.gov, that's SEEC dot compliance at CT dot gov. You could just email your comments there or go to the eRegs website and upload them.

And with that, seeing no members of the public here to comment, I'm going to close this public hearing on these two sets of proposals, and I thank everybody here at SEEC for their participation and especially Jonathan Ortiz and Renata Rydzewski for helping us make this happen. Thank you very much.