



STATE OF CONNECTICUT STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

January 2026 Post-Elections Lottery Introductory Transcript:

Good morning. For the record, today is Thursday, April 9, 2026. The time is 11:01 a.m., and I'd like to convene today's Post-Election Review Lottery. In compliance with Public Act 25-26, today's random lottery is being broadcast live on the SEEC's YouTube channel and is also open to the public for in-person attendance. My name is Stephen Palmer and I am an Elections Officer with the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC). I'm joined today by my colleague Rhonda Salvatore, who is an Accounts Examiner within the SEEC's Audit and Disclosure Unit. Also joining us from the Commission are Attorney Maryam Bitar from the Compliance Unit; Krysta Palozie, Associate Accounts Examiner; and from IT, Nathan Diaz-Rolon and Jonathan Ortiz, IT Analysts.

We are here today to conduct a random weighted lottery, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 9-7b, to determine whether **House Districts 25** and **139** will be subject to post-election review for the special elections held on January 6, 2026, and January 13, 2026, respectively. If a district is selected, all eligible candidate committees that ran in that district will be subject to post-election review. To be eligible, a candidate committee must meet both of the following criteria: the candidate was legally required to form a candidate committee at the time of the election; and the candidate either appeared on the ballot in the special election or received a grant from the Citizens' Election Program. Write-in candidates, candidates who registered a committee but were not on the ballot and did not receive a grant, and those not required to form a committee are not subject to post-election review.

For these special elections, as with all special elections held since November 2018, we will use, as required, a random weighted lottery to determine whether the district will be reviewed. The district will be allotted five cells: The first cell will correspond to "non-selection determination" and will be colored yellow. The second, third, and fourth cells represent the district's selection history from the 2020, 2022, and 2024 regular elections; if the district was selected for review in a past cycle, then the cell will be colored red, if the lottery number drawn corresponds with this cell, indicating that a district was chosen before, the district will not be chosen this time. If the district was not selected for review in that cycle, then the cell will be colored green, if the lottery number drawn corresponds with a district that was not chosen previously, then the district will be chosen this time. The fifth cell corresponds to a "selection determination" for the special election and will be colored blue.

Lottery numbers 1 through 5 have been entered into the five cells, respectively. We will use the free and public "random number generator" available at www.stattrek.com. The



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district will be selected for post-election review if the first number drawn in the random number generator corresponds to a green or blue cell. If the number drawn corresponds to a red or yellow cell, the district will not be selected, and none of its candidate committees will be reviewed.

A summary of the result spreadsheet will be printed and initialed by SEEC staff attorney Maryam Bitar and Associate Accounts Examiner Krysta Palozie. All certified lottery results will be published on SEEC's website. This lottery is also being open in-person to public, streamed live on YouTube, and the recording will be also posted to the SEEC's website. After the conclusion of today's lottery, Commission staff will also notify candidates of the lottery results. Rhonda will now walk through each step of the process as we perform it.

Good morning, I'm Rhonda Salvatore, Accounts Examiner. As Stephen mentioned, we are conducting a lottery for the January 6th and January 13th special elections in House Districts 25 and 139. We will use the free, public random number generator available at www.stattrek.com. Once the numbers are generated, we will: Read the selected number aloud; Enter the result on the lottery result spreadsheet; Print it from StatTrek and have our compliance attorney initial the printout.

Here we begin: We will start with **House District 25**, on the StatTrek Random Number Generator page, I will now: Enter 5 for "How many random numbers"; Enter 1 for "Minimum value"; Enter 5 for "Maximum value"; Select False for "Allow duplicate numbers," so no duplicates are generated. Now, I'll hit "Calculate" to run the generator. As mentioned earlier, we use the first number in the set as the drawn result: **Number One (1) is drawn** and corresponds to a yellow cell – this district **will not selected for review this time**. Moving to **House District 139**, on the StatTrek Random Number Generator page, I will now: Enter 5 for "How many random numbers"; 1 for "Minimum value"; 5 for "Maximum value"; False for "Allow duplicate numbers," so no duplicates are generated. Now, I'll hit "Calculate" to run the generator. Again, we use the first number in the set as the drawn result: **Number Five (5) is drawn** and corresponds to a blue cell – this district is selected for review. I will now print the StatTrek results and the spreadsheet for review and signature by our independent observer. The lottery has been completed. The results have been printed, reviewed, and certified. This concludes today's lottery.