



STATE OF CONNECTICUT STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

April 22, 2025 Post-Election Lottery Introductory Transcript:

Good morning. Thank you for joining us today. My name is **Stephen Palmer** and I am an Elections Officer with the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC). For the record, today is Thursday, June 26, 2025. The time is (inserted time). And I'd like to convene today's lottery. I'm joined today by my colleague **Rhonda Salvatore**, who is an Accounts Examiner within the SEEC's Campaign Disclosure and Audit Unit.

Also joining us from the Commission are: Interim Executive director and General Counsel **Clare Kindall**, Staff Attorney **Maryam Bitar**, Clerk of the Commission **Sheri-Lyn Lagueux**, our Director of Campaign Disclosure and Audit **Salman Munir**, and our terrific IT analyst **Jonathan Ortiz**. We are also pleased to have with us today, **Peter Lewandowski**, Executive Director of the Office of State Ethics. Director Lewandowski will be serving as our independent observer.

We are here today to conduct a lottery, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 9-7b, to determine whether House District 113 will be subject to post-election review for the special election held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. For today's lottery, if the district is selected, all eligible candidate committees that ran in said 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. To be clear, write-in candidates, candidates who registered a committee but were not on the ballot and did not receive a grant, or those not required to form a committee, are not subject to the post-election review.

For this special election, 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.



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For the lottery, we will use the free and public “random number generator” available at www.stattrek.com. The 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, Salman Munir, SEEC’s Director of Campaign Disclosure and Audit Unit, and our independent observer, Mr. Lewandowski. All certified lottery results will be published on SEEC’s website. This lottery is also being recorded, 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 April 22nd special election in House District 113. 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 independent observer initial the printout.

Here we begin: 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 **Four (4)** is drawn and corresponds to a red cell – this district was previously selected and **is not selected this time**. I will now print the StatTrek result 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.