



## STATE OF CONNECTICUT STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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### **May 22, 2025 Post-Election Lottery-Introductory Transcript:**

Good afternoon, today is Thursday, May 22, 2025. The time is 2:00 P.M. I am Election Officer **Ashley Socquet**, and this is Accounts Examiner **Rhonda Salvatore**. We are employees of the State Elections Enforcement Commission and here today to conduct two lotteries to determine whether each of the following districts, which held a special election on February 25, 2025, will be subject to post-election review: House Districts 40 and Senate District 21.

Also joining us from the Commission are *Salman Munir, Maryam Bitar, Richard Bramande, Stephen Palmer, and Shannon Kief*.

Serving as our independent observer today is **Attorney John Day**, the Deputy Chief Public Defender.

**For each of today's lotteries**, if a district is selected, all *eligible* candidate committees that ran in the 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, or those not required to form a committee, are not subject to the post-election review.

As with all special elections since November 2018, we will use a random weighted lottery to determine whether each district will be reviewed. This method mirrors the one used in the November 2024 general election. Each district will be assigned five cells in the lottery: 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, the cell will be colored red. If the number drawn corresponds with a district that was chosen before, the district will not be chosen this time and if the district **was not selected** for review in that cycle, the cell will be colored green. If the number drawn corresponds with a district that was not chosen that previous time, 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. The numbers 1 through 5 have been entered into the five cells, respectively.



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For each lottery, we will use the free and public “random number generator” available at [wwwstattrek.com](http://wwwstattrek.com). A 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 lottery result spreadsheet will be printed and initialed by our independent observer as well. All initialed results will be: Scanned and stored in Laserfiche; Physically archived by the Clerk of the Commission; Electronically saved in the SEEC’s filing repositories. This lottery is being live-streamed on YouTube and is accessible to the public. The recording will be stored both in the SEEC's electronic filing system and on a flash-drive held by the Clerk of the Commission. Commission staff will notify candidates of the lottery results. Rhonda will now walk through each step of the process as we perform it. Let's begin!

Good afternoon, I’m **Rhonda Salvatore**, Accounts Examiner. As **Ashley** mentioned, we are conducting two lotteries today for the February 25<sup>th</sup> special election. The districts involved are House District 40 Senate District 21. For each lottery, we will use the free, public random number generator available at [wwwstattrek.com](http://wwwstattrek.com). Once the numbers are generated, we will: Read each of the selected numbers aloud; Enter each result with its corresponding district on the lottery result spreadsheet, and; Print each result from StatTrek and have our independent observer initial the printout.

We’ll begin with **House District 40**: 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, and; 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 **Three (3)** is selected and corresponds to a green cell – the district was not previously selected and is selected this time. I will now print the StatTrek result and the spreadsheet for review and signature.

Next, we move to **Senate District 21**: Inputting 5 for the number of random numbers, with 1 being the minimum value and 5 being the maximum value, not allowing duplicates, and hit “Calculate” to run the generator. The first number in the set is number Five (5). **Number 5** is selected and corresponds to a blue cell – the district is selected for review. I will now print the StatTrek result and the spreadsheet for review and signature. The two lotteries have been complete. The results have been printed, reviewed, and signed. This concludes today’s lottery.