
STATE OF COLORADO
SECRETARY OF STATE
Administrative Hearing Office
1700 Broadway, Suite 550
Denver, CO 80290

Case number:

2026 AHO 12 CPF
(in re ED Nos. 2025-45 & 2025-103)

IN THE MATTER OF:

ELECTIONS DIVISION of the SECRETARY OF
STATE

Complainant

v.

MICHAEL BENNET AND BENNET FOR GOVERNOR,

Respondents

SCHEDULING ORDER

1. Complainant filed an Administrative Hearing Officer Complaint April 30, 2026. The Complaint alleges that Respondents violated Colorado campaign finance law by accepting prohibited contributions from a candidate committee established under federal law in violation of article XXVIII, section 3(6) of the Colorado Constitution, and by failing to timely report campaign expenditures in violation of § 1-45-108, C.R.S.

2. The applicable General Procedural Rules for Administrative Hearings are set forth in Rule 3 of the [General Policies and Administration Rules \(GPAR\), 8 Code Colo. Regs. 1505-3](#).¹ Other rules pertinent to Fair Campaign Practices Act, § 1-45-101, et seq., can be found in the [Campaign and Political Finance \(CPF\) Rules, 8 CCR 1505-6](#).²

¹ GPAR Rules are found at https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/rule_making/CurrentRules/8CCR1505-3General.pdf.

² CPF Rules are found at https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/rule_making/CurrentRules/8CCR1505-6CPF.pdf.

3. The pleadings, actions and events in this case shall happen on the schedule below. All pleadings shall be served on the hearing officer at administrativehearingofficer@coloradosos.gov and on the other people using the address shown for them in the Certificate of Service.

| Pleading or event | Date of event |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Respondents' Answer to the Complaint | Monday, June 1, 2026 |
| Pre-hearing statements due and exhibits filed and exchanged | Monday, June 8, 2026 |
| Objections to exhibits due | Monday, June 15, 2026 |
| Hearing | Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 10 AM |

4. **Prehearing Statements** shall comply with GPAR Rule 3.11.

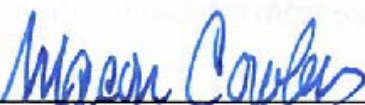
5. **Exhibit format.** Each party shall put its exhibits in a single bookmarked pdf file, with each exhibit labeled (with the Division using numbers and the Respondent using letters). The exhibit "labels" must contain the exhibit number or letter, the hearing date and the case number.

6. **Trial Efficiencies.** Include in the Prehearing Statements an estimate of time needed for direct examination of each witness in each parties' case in chief, as well as the amount of time required to try the case.

7. The Division shall file **a single exhibit list** no later than the day before trial, noting stipulations as to admissibility and objections by the parties.

8. **Hearing in this matter**, pursuant to §1-45-111.7(6)(a) and §24-4-105, C.R.S. will be held in the hearing room of the Secretary of State at 1700 Broadway, Suite 550, Denver, CO 80290.

SO ORDERED this 1st day of May 2026.



Macon Cowles, Hearing Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that one true copy of this Scheduling Order was sent via email on May 1, 2026 to the following:

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