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

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Case number: 2025 AHO 17 CPF  
(*in re* ED 2024-64)

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IN THE MATTER OF:  
  
ELECTIONS DIVISION of the SECRETARY OF STATE  
  
Complainant  
  
v.  
  
KEN DEGRAAF FOR HD-22,  
  
Respondent

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### **SCHEDULING ORDER**

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1. Complainant filed an Administrative Hearing Officer Complaint May 2, 2025 alleging violations of the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA), § 1-45-101, et seq. C.R.S., in the 2024 election cycle. Respondent has failed to file an answer. Rather than entering Respondent's default, pursuant to CPF Rule 24.7.1, I am issuing this Scheduling Order to get this case on track.

2. The pleadings, actions and events in this case shall happen on the schedule below. Where a date is on the weekend or a holiday, the date is extended to the next business day. All pleadings shall be served on the hearing officer at [administrativehearingofficer@coloradosos.gov](mailto:administrativehearingofficer@coloradosos.gov) and on the other persons using the coordinates shown for them in the Certificate of Service below.

Pleading or action	Days after Complaint	Date
Complaint		Friday, May 2, 2025
Answer [CPF Rule 24.7.1, 8 Code Colo. Regs. 1505-6]	66	Monday, July 7, 2025
Pre-hearing statements and exhibits exchanged and filed [CPF Rule 24.11.2]	80	Monday, July 21, 2025
Exhibits list	83	Thursday, July 24, 2025
Hearing	88	Tuesday, July 29, 2025

3. **Dispositive motions**, if any, shall be filed on the date that pre-hearing statements are due, with responses and replies due 14 and 21 days thereafter. The filing of a dispositive motion by one party relieves both parties of the obligation of filing a prehearing statement at the time set forth above. After a ruling on dispositive motions, an amended scheduling order will issue that establishes new dates for pre-hearing statements, exchange of exhibits and the hearing.

4. Motions shall be handled in accordance with Campaign & Political Finance [CPF] Rule 24.9, 8 Code Colo. Regs. 1505-6.

5. **Prehearing Statements** shall comply with CPF Rule 24.11.

6. **Exchange of exhibits.** Exhibits of the parties are to be exchanged on the same date that Prehearing Statements are filed.

7. **Exhibit format.** Exhibits of the parties are to be filed on the same date as the Prehearing Statements. 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) and bookmarked within the pdf file. The exhibit “labels” must contain the exhibit number or letter, the hearing date and the case number.

8. **Trial Efficiencies.** Include 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.

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9. The Division shall file a **single exhibit list**, noting stipulations as to admissibility and objections by the parties, using the template that will be provided by the Court Clerk on request.

10. **Hearing in this matter**, pursuant to §1-45-111.7(6)(a) and §24-4-105, C.R.S. is hereby scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at 2:00 PM in the hearing room of the Secretary of State at 1700 Broadway, Suite 550, Denver, Co 80290.

**SO ORDERED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025



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Macon Cowles, Hearing Officer

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that one true copy of this Scheduling Order was sent via email on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to the following:

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