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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:

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

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IN THE MATTER OF:

ELECTIONS DIVISION of the SECRETARY OF  
STATE

Complainant

v.

MICHAEL BENNET AND BENNET FOR GOVERNOR,

Respondents

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### AMENDED SCHEDULING ORDER

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1. Complainant filed an Administrative Hearing Officer Complaint April 30, 2026, and an Amended Complaint on May 29, 2026. The Amended Complaint resets the date for filing an answer and requires an Amended Scheduling Order.
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.](#)<sup>1</sup> 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.](#)<sup>2</sup>
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](mailto:administrativehearingofficer@coloradosos.gov) and on the other people using the address shown for them in the Certificate of Service.

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<sup>1</sup> GPAR Rules are found at [https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/rule\\_making/CurrentRules/8CCR1505-3General.pdf](https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/rule_making/CurrentRules/8CCR1505-3General.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> CPF Rules are found at [https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/rule\\_making/CurrentRules/8CCR1505-6CPF.pdf](https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/rule_making/CurrentRules/8CCR1505-6CPF.pdf).

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<b>Pleading or event</b>	<b>Date of event</b>
Respondents' Answer to the Complaint	June 29, 2026
Pre-hearing statements due and exhibits filed and exchanged	July 8, 2026
Objections to exhibits due	July 15, 2026
Joint exhibit list, with stipulations and objections	July 22, 2026
Hearing	July 28, 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.

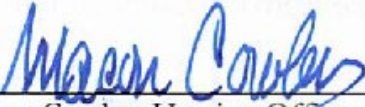
6. **Trial Efficiencies.** Include in the Prehearing Statements an estimate of time needed for direct examination of each witness in each parties' case in chief, as well as the amount of time required to try the case.

7. The parties shall file **a single exhibit list** noting stipulations as to admissibility and objections.

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.

9. The case will unfold without the tight timelines previously forced by the primary on June 30. If the hearing date threatens to derail summer plans of witnesses or counsel, the parties should work with each other to set another date. This should be done in consultation with the Administrative Court Clerk, Nathan Borochoff-Porte—but only after he returns from holiday on June 15. He can be reached by email at [administrativehearingofficer@coloradosos.gov](mailto:administrativehearingofficer@coloradosos.gov) or by telephone at (303) 894-2200, ext. 6136.

SO ORDERED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

  
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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 Amended Scheduling Order was sent via email on May 29, 2026 to the following:


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