INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

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Public Meeting Held November 19, 2026

Regulation No. 63-09 (#3482)
State Ethics Commission
General Revisions Necessitated by Court Opinions and Alignment with Modern Practices

On April 6, 2026, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Ethics Commission (SEC). This rulemaking amends 51 Pa. Code Chapters 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, and 25. The proposed regulation was published in the May 2, 2026 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on June 1, 2026. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 19, 2026.

This rulemaking updates SEC procedures and definitions, incorporates court-mandated changes, and revises ethics and reconsideration provisions. It also establishes standards for investigations, discovery, subpoenas, hearings, and treble penalties, removes complaint notarization requirements, and makes technical updates.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the SEC (65 Pa.C.S. § 1107(1)) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.



George D. Bedwick, Chairman