

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Attending an In-Person Open Commission Meeting



All open meetings of the Securities and Exchange Commission are webcast at www.sec.gov. When they are held in person, they take place at SEC headquarters in Washington, DC, located at 100 F Street NE, in the lower-level auditorium.

Open Commission Meetings are open to the public. No registration is needed. When they are scheduled, information regarding the meetings, including the agenda and whether they are in-person or virtual, will be posted here: <https://www.sec.gov/news/upcoming-events>

Q: Where are in-person open meetings held?

- All SEC open meetings are webcast at SEC.gov. When they are held in person, they take place in the auditorium on the lower level of the agency's Washington D.C. headquarters. Visitors must enter through the main entrance located at 100 F Street NE.
- The SEC building is adjacent to Union Station with public transportation available via Metro's red line. There is a pedestrian bridge that connects to the SEC building from Union Station near McDonald's.

Q: Do members of the public or press need to register to attend?

- No, neither members of the public nor the press need to register ahead of time to attend.
- All visitors will need to check in at the security desk and show a valid, government-issued identification (driver's license, passport, etc.) to gain entry.

Q: When can members of the public arrive?

- Meeting start times will be published in the agency's Sunshine Act Notices announcing the meetings. Most meetings begin at 10:00 am. Public attendees will be permitted to enter the auditorium 30 minutes before the meeting begins.
- Please allow at least 15 minutes to be cleared through security.

Q: Does the SEC make special accommodations for individuals with disabilities?

- The SEC [provides reasonable accommodations](#) for individuals with disabilities to access SEC facilities.

- Submit a request form at least five business days in advance of the date you need the requested accommodation. Contact the SEC's Disability Program Manager at ReasonableAccommodation@sec.gov with any questions.

Q: Can members of the public or press ask questions or otherwise participate during an Open Commission Meeting?

- Meetings are open to the public and press for observation only. Those wishing to comment on the subject matter of a meeting should submit a comment online during the open comment period via [SEC.gov](https://www.sec.gov).

Q: What are the SEC's security procedures?

- All visitors to the SEC, including members of the public and press, must check-in at the security desk and receive a visitor badge that must be worn at all times.
- All visitors and their belongings will be scanned via metal detector or handheld screening device.
- No weapons of any kind will be permitted in the building.
- Disruptive behavior is prohibited.
- Members of the public are not allowed to take photos or make audio or video recordings while inside of the building.
- Members of the press are allowed to take photos and make audio or video recordings while inside the auditorium during the meeting.
- Anyone who fails to follow the SEC's procedures may be denied entry or removed from the premises.