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Connecticut Launches Electronic Public Meeting Calendar

Secretary of the State's office creates a Public Meeting Calendar for all state agencies and citizens

HARTFORD, Conn. – July 7, 2016 – The state of Connecticut recently launched a new online [Public Meetings Calendar](#) that displays state agencies' public meetings in one, centralized location. The Connecticut Secretary of the State's Office (SOTS) developed the Public Meeting Calendar in partnership with Connecticut Interactive (CI) as part of the state's digital government initiative. The application supports the state government's focus to drive greater efficiencies and cost savings while retaining and expanding public services and transparency both online and through mobile channels.

Connecticut Secretary of the State Denise Merrill said, "By giving state agencies a direct link to the public, we will make government more open and accessible. This will enhance the visibility of public forums and other events, which will in turn promote dialogue between state officials and the public they serve. It will also make government more efficient and transparent, something all of us can support."

The new Public Meeting Calendar features an easy-to-use interface that is consistent with the look and feel of the state's new [CT.gov](#) website. The Public Meeting Calendar utilizes a responsive design that allows the tool to function on mobile devices. The tool also features multiple calendar views, filters, and search capabilities assisting visitors with finding current, upcoming, and past public meetings associated with state agencies. Each meeting entry includes detailed information with agendas and minutes. A map provides the location, allowing visitors to determine quickly where a public meeting is being held.

All public state agencies are statutorily required to post public meetings through the Secretary of the State's Office. The new online Public Meeting Calendar application replaces a paper-based approval process and allows agencies the ability to create events instantly and post their meetings electronically through a single, statewide system. The tool also tracks event changes allowing agencies to meet standard FOIA requirements. All public meetings accessible in one location further propels Connecticut's digital government initiatives and engagement with citizens.

Connecticut Department of Administrative Services CIO Mark Raymond said, "This new tool will help connect our agencies and our citizens. Having our public meetings organized in one location both eliminates duplicate work and improves accuracy of our notices."

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