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ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Notice of Public Meeting of the Assembly of the Administrative Conference of the United States

AGENCY: Administrative Conference of the United States

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Assembly of the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) will meet during a one-day hybrid plenary session to consider four proposed recommendations and to conduct other business. Written comments may be submitted in advance, and the meeting will be accessible to the public.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Thursday, December 10, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (ET). The meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished.

ADDRESSES: For those attending in person, the meeting will be held at The George Washington University State Room, 1957 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20052. There will be a virtual attendance option. Information on how the public can access the meeting will be available on the agency's website prior to the meeting at https://www.acus.gov/event/86th-plenary-session. ACUS members will receive member-only access information separately.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shawne McGibbon, General Counsel (Designated Federal Officer), Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036; Telephone 202-480-2080; email smcgibbon@acus.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Administrative Conference of the United States makes recommendations to federal agencies, the President, Congress, and the Judicial Conference of the United States regarding the improvement of administrative procedures (5 U.S.C. 594). The membership of the Conference, when meeting in plenary session, constitutes the Assembly of the Conference (5 U.S.C. 595).

Agenda: Four proposed recommendations will be considered by the Assembly. In addition, there will be updates on past, current, and pending Conference initiatives, as well as other business. Summaries of the recommendations appear below:

Improving Transparency in the Review of Applications for Licenses and Permits. This proposed recommendation addresses what information about pending license and permit applications agencies make publicly available and how they do so. It identifies best practices to help agencies collect, analyze, and disclose information about their license programs and pending applications. It also addresses best practices for documenting license processes and identifying core milestones; communicating with applicants more effectively, including through the use of automation; and providing useful information to applicants and the general public in a timely and useful format.

General Permits and Permits by Rule. This proposed recommendation addresses agencies' use of general permits and other standardized approaches to permitting. It identifies best practices to help agencies improve fairness, accuracy, efficiency, and timeliness, and transparency in the granting of permission to undertake regulated activities.

Regulatory Warnings. This proposed recommendation provides best practices for determining whether federal agencies should issue regulatory warnings and ensuring that agencies provide recipients with the opportunity to respond to such warnings. It also addresses how agencies should manage regulatory warnings, when and how agencies should make regulatory warnings publicly available, and how agencies can use regulatory warnings in support of rulemaking to clarify legal requirements.

Frontline Decision Making in the Adjudication of Applications. This proposed recommendation identifies best practices for frontline decision making in the adjudication of benefits, loans, grants, licenses, patents, and other applications in which there is a later opportunity for an evidentiary hearing. It addresses how agencies can improve the management of frontline decision making and communication with applicants and representatives at the frontline level. It

also encourages agencies to facilitate the ongoing mutual exchange of information between frontline components and other agency components.

Additional information about the proposals and the agenda, as well as any changes or updates to the same, can be found at the 86th Plenary Session page on ACUS's website prior to the start of the meeting: https://www.acus.gov/event/86th-plenary-session.

Public Participation: The Conference welcomes the virtual attendance of the public at the meeting. Members of the public wishing to view the meeting are asked to RSVP online at the 86th Plenary Session webpage shown above no later than two days before the meeting to ensure adequate bandwidth. A livestream of the meeting will be posted the morning of the meeting on the 86th Plenary Session webpage. A video recording of the meeting will be available on the Conference's website shortly after the conclusion of the event at https://youtube.com/@AdministrativeConference.

Written Comments: Persons who wish to comment on any of the proposed recommendations may do so by submitting a written statement either by email to info@acus.gov with "December 2026 Plenary Session Comments" in the subject line of the email, or by U.S. Mail addressed to: December 2026 Plenary Session Comments, Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036. Written submissions must be received no later than 10:00 a.m. (ET), Friday, December 4, 2026, to ensure consideration by the Assembly.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 595)

Dated: November 12, 2026.

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