



## JCOPE ETHICS OFFICERS OPEN FORUM: OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES REGULATIONS

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The Joint Commission on Public Ethics (“JCOPE”) will be hosting an informal Open Forum with Agency Ethics Officers on potential modifications to the existing regulations governing Outside Activities.

### WHEN:

Thursday, October 30, 2014 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

### WHERE:

JCOPE’s Albany office - 540 Broadway. Those who are unable to attend in person can participate via WebEx.

- Space will be limited and first preference for seating is reserved for Ethics Officers.
- Space permitting, other agency staff is invited to attend.

### WHY:

As part of JCOPE’s effort to review existing regulations and guidance, it is considering revisions to the outside activity regulations that were adopted by a predecessor agency. The Open Forum is an opportunity for Ethics Officers to discuss with JCOPE staff potential modifications to the regulatory regime as well as any ethics-related issues pertaining to the outside activities of State employees.

- The Open Forum will address a number of aspects of the regulations, such as the two-tiered approval process, monetary thresholds for approval, restrictions on political activities, Board service, and the general scope of the regulatory regime.
- The current regulations are contained in 19 NYCCR Part 932, which can be found on JCOPE’s website at <http://jcope.ny.gov/about/ethc/Part932.html>

### HOW TO REGISTER:

Send an email to [education@jcope.ny.gov](mailto:education@jcope.ny.gov) no later than **October 24, 2014** if you wish to attend the Open Forum, either in person or by WebEx.

- Include the following information: name of person attending; Agency affiliation; contact information.
- The Subject Line should read “Open Forum.”
- JCOPE welcomes suggestions for additional discussion topics related to the outside activity regulations. Please send any suggestions with your email.