



## News Release

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### **State Board of Elections hosts election security workshop series with federal, state, and local partners**

**ALBANY, N.Y. (07/29/2024)** Last week, the New York State Board of Elections hosted and participated in four Election Security Workshops and Tabletop Exercises alongside all County Boards of Elections, the Cyber & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the New York State Executive Chamber, the New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (DHSES), the New York State Police (NYSP), and the New York State Office of Information Technology Services (ITS).

The purpose of these events was to ensure readiness by all entities as the General Election approaches, offering a collaborative opportunity for government authorities, election administrators, law enforcement, and information technology experts, alike.

The day-long sessions took place in Westchester, Saratoga, Onondaga, and Erie counties between July 23 – July 26. In addition to representatives from the County Boards of Elections, county information technology professionals, emergency managers, and communications directors participated.

Presentations featured information about election security best practices, incident response processes, cybersecurity regulations, voting equipment and software, and combatting mis- and disinformation about elections. The tabletop exercises examined coordination and response capabilities during a variety of hypothetical cyber and physical security incidents impacting elections.

“The integrity of our elections is a cornerstone of our democracy,” said Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. “We are committed to ensuring that every vote is secure, and that New Yorkers can have full confidence in the electoral process. Working collaboratively with our federal, state, and local partners is essential in achieving this goal as we approach the upcoming General Election.”

“Coordination with our federal, state, and local partners has been vital to ensuring New York maintains safe and secure elections,” said Raymond J. Riley III, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. “Voters across the state can remain confident that the State Board, the County Boards, and a number of government agencies at all levels are ready for Election Day.”

The 2024 General Election is November 5, 2024. Early Voting will occur from October 26, 2024, through November 3, 2024. For information about registering to vote, requesting a ballot, or finding your polling place, voters should visit the New York State Board of Elections website at <https://elections.ny.gov/>.

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