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Meridian Alert

SEC Publishes Updated Regulatory Agenda

The Securities and Exchange Commission's 2026 Agenda indicates that the agency aspires to release proposed amendments to executive compensation disclosure requirements by October 2026.¹

In revising the current disclosure framework, the SEC is expected to address concerns raised by corporate stakeholders during its June 2025 roundtable discussion, including the broadly held view that executive compensation disclosures should (i) be less burdensome and (ii) focus on materiality and usefulness to investors.²

Any SEC proposed rules would be subject to a multi-month comment period before being finalized. Final rules would likely be effective for proxies filed no earlier than mid-2027.

However, the SEC is under no obligation to meet its self-imposed deadlines under the Agenda and often does not.

¹ See Statement on the 2026 Regulatory Agenda, Paul S. Atkins, Chairman, July 7, 2026, available at: <https://www.sec.gov/newsroom/speeches-statements/atkins-statement-2026-regulatory-agenda-070726/>.

² See Meridian Client Alert, "SEC Holds Roundtable Discussion on Executive Compensation Disclosure Requirements" dated July 3, 2026. Available at: <https://www.meridiancp.com/insights/sec-holds-roundtable-discussion-on-executive-compensation-disclosure-requirements/>.

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