



AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 14-2-A
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APPROVED JANUARY 16, 2014

**MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013**

PRESENT:

Ellen L. Weintraub, Chair, presiding

Lee E. Goodman, Vice Chairman

Caroline C. Hunter, Commissioner

Matthew S. Petersen, Commissioner

Ann M. Ravel, Commissioner

Steven T. Walther, Commissioner

Alec Palmer, Staff Director

Lisa J. Stevenson, Deputy General Counsel - Law

Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk

Chair Ellen L. Weintraub called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:32 A.M. on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 with a quorum present.

Chair Weintraub noted that the Commission is still working on Items IV (Agency Procedure for Notice to Named Respondents in Enforcement Matters of Additional Material Facts and/or Additional Potential Violations) and V (Proposed Directive Re: Information Sharing with Other Law Enforcement Agencies); therefore, these matters would not be discussed today.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Minutes for November 14, 2013
Agenda Document No. 13-54**

**Minutes for November 21, 2013
Agenda Document No. 13-56**

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman Goodman who

MOVED to approve Agenda Document Nos. 13-54 and 13-56, minutes for the open sessions held on November 14 and November 21, 2013.

The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman Goodman who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider the late submission of Agenda Document Nos. 13-58, 13-58-A, and 13-57.

The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

II. AUDIT DIVISION RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM ON THE NORTH DAKOTA REPUBLICAN PARTY (NDRP) (A11-11)

Memorandum from the Audit Division dated November 13, 2013

Agenda Document No. 13-55

Chair Weintraub recognized Mr. Kendrick Smith of the Audit Division who summarized the two findings in the Memorandum: 1) misstatement of financial activity and 2) reporting of debts and obligations.

Mr. Smith participated in the discussion that followed.

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman Goodman who

MOVED to approve the Audit Division Recommendation Memorandum on the North Dakota Republican Party (A11-11) as set forth in Agenda Document No. 13-55.

The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

III. 2013 LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Memorandum from the Office of Congressional, Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs dated December 16, 2013

**Agenda Document No. 13-58
(Submitted Late)**

Memorandum from Chair Ellen L. Weintraub dated December 17, 2013

**Agenda Document No. 13-58-A
(Submitted Late)**

Chair Weintraub recognized Mr. Duane Pugh of the Office of Congressional, Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs who summarized the seven 2013 legislative recommendations which are considered priorities by all Commissioners. Four of the recommendations are from 2012: 1) electronic filing of Senate reports; 2) making permanent the Administrative Fine Program for reporting violations; 3) conversion of campaign funds; and 4) authority to create Senior Executive Service positions. Three of the recommendations are new for 2013: 1) authority to accept gifts; 2) electronic filing of electioneering communication reports; and 3) increase and index for inflation registration and reporting thresholds. Although the recommendations were approved in May last year, it was decided to move the process to the end of 2013 to enable the Commission

to begin 2014 with recently approved recommendations. Mr. Pugh thanked the Commissioners and staff for their contributions to this year's recommendations.

Chair Weintraub summarized the two additional legislative recommendations contained in her Memorandum: 1) increasing the frequency of political committee reporting in non-election years; and 2) fraudulent misrepresentation of campaign authority which was adopted unanimously by the Commission in 2012.

Discussion followed.

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman Goodman who

MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 13-58, Draft Legislative Recommendations 2013, and the "Fraudulent Misrepresentation of Campaign Authority" recommendation as set forth in Agenda Document No. 13-58-A, Additional Proposed 2013 Legislative Recommendations.

The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

IV. AGENCY PROCEDURE FOR NOTICE TO NAMED RESPONDENTS IN ENFORCEMENT MATTERS OF ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FACTS AND/OR ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS

This matter was not discussed at the meeting.

V. PROPOSED DIRECTIVE RE: INFORMATION SHARING WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

This matter was not discussed at the meeting.

VI. 2014 MEETING DATES

**Memorandum from Vice Chairman Lee Goodman
dated December 16, 2013**

**Agenda Document No. 13-57
(Submitted Late)**

**Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman Goodman who presented
the January 2014 meeting dates.**

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman Goodman who

**MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 13-57, Meeting
Dates for the Month of January 2014.**

**The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Goodman,
Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the
decision.**

VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Chairman

Chair Weintraub recognized Commissioner Ravel who

**MOVED to elect Vice Chairman Lee E. Goodman to
serve as Chairman of the Federal Election Commission
for 2014.**

**The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Hunter,
Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the
decision. Commissioner Goodman did not vote.**

B. Vice Chair

Chair Weintraub recognized Commissioner Hunter who

**MOVED to elect Commissioner Ann M. Ravel
to serve as Vice Chair of the Federal Election
Commission for 2014.**

**The motion carried on a vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Goodman,
Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the
decision. Commissioner Ravel did not vote.**

**Chair Weintraub recognized Commissioner Walther for a moment of
personal privilege. Commissioner Walther thanked the Chair for again
serving as Chairman as well as her hard work and diplomacy during some
difficult times in 2013.**

**Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman Goodman for a moment
of personal privilege. Vice Chairman Goodman said that in honor of
Commissioner Weintraub's service as Chair, each Commissioner made a
donation which will be sent collectively to the local charity Food and
Friends.**

**Chair Weintraub expressed her appreciation to her colleagues for
their generous gift and stated that she couldn't think of a better way to be
thanked than with a donation for those who are home-bound with life-
threatening illnesses.**

Chair Weintraub recognized Commissioner Petersen for a moment of personal privilege. Commissioner Petersen thanked the Chair for her tireless and often thankless service and leadership in 2013.

Chair Weintraub recognized Commissioner Ravel for a moment of personal privilege. Commissioner Ravel found the Chair's commitment to and belief in the Commission to be most inspiring.

VIII. REMARKS AND EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION BY THE CHAIR

Chair Weintraub stated that 2013 was a challenging year with less than a full complement of Commissioners, the sequester, government shutdown, and resignation of the General Counsel. She noted that despite sequester funding, the Commissioners avoided furloughing staff by not filling vacant positions. Although this resulted in a lower staffing level, everyone did an extraordinary job to keep the agency running.

Looking to the future, Chair Weintraub suggested that the Commission hold a global hearing focusing on the Commission's regulations to discuss how these regulations impact the political process and affect how people express their political views and exercise their franchise.

Because the Commission did not hold an awards ceremony this year due to sequester funding, Chair Weintraub thanked particular staff for their exceptional service to the Commission with a certificate in recognition of their performance and achievements. She acknowledged the following

individuals: Ms. Kate Higginbotham of the Administrative Law Team; Ms. Jessica Selinkoff, Mr. Anthony Bell, and Mr. Theodore Lutz of the Policy Division; Ms. Margaret Forman and Colonel Albert Veldhuyzen of the Compliance Advice Team; Mr. Leonard Evans and Mr. Mark Allen of the Enforcement Division; Mr. Charles Kitcher of the Litigation Division; Mr. Vito Pietanza and Mr. Sam Stewart of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Dayna Brown of the Office of Human Resources; Mr. Christian Hilland of the Press Office; the Government Shutdown Response Team (Ms. India Robinson, Mr. Esteve Mede, Ms. Wenchun Jiang, Ms. Jun Li, Mr. Jim Allen, Mr. Wei Luo, Mr. Paul Clark, Mr. Jeff Chumley, Mr. Rohan Jayasekera, Mr. Gashaw Mengistu, Ms. Pat Phongsvirajati, Mr. Scott Wang, and Mr. Larry Calvert); and the Reports Analysis Division analysts (Mr. Ben Holly, Mr. Brad Matheson, Mr. Chris Jones, Mr. Chris Whyrlck, Ms. Jill Sugarman, Ms. Robin Kelly, Mr. Tyler Culberson, Ms. Vicki Davis, Ms. Laura Beaufort, Ms. Carolina Mongeon, Mr. Ryan Furman, Mr. Brian Jones, Mr. Chris Morse, Mr. David Butler, Mr. Ed Ryan, Ms. Kaitlin Eger, Mr. Kevin Fortklewicz, Ms. Laura Sinram, Ms. Maureen Benitz, Ms. Nicole Miller, Mr. Paul Stoetzer, Mr. Quy Vuong, Ms. Rosa Lewis, Ms. Sarah Juris, and Mr. Arman Tarzi).

IX. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**There being no further business to come before the Commission,
the meeting adjourned at 11:32 A.M.**

Signed:



Ellen L. Weintraub

Chair of the Commission (2013)

Attest:



Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission