



AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 14-26

APPROVED APRIL 23, 2014

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING

OF THE

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014

PRESENT:

Lee E. Goodman, Chairman, presiding

Ann M. Ravel, Vice Chair

Caroline C. Hunter, Commissioner

Matthew S. Petersen, Commissioner

Steven T. Walther, Commissioner

Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner

**Patricia Orrock, Chief Compliance Officer,
representing Alec Palmer, Staff Director**

Lisa J. Stevenson, Deputy General Counsel - Law

Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk

Chairman Lee E. Goodman called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:24 A.M. on Thursday, April 3, 2014 with a quorum present.

Chairman Goodman recognized Commissioner Weintraub for a moment of personal privilege to state that April 2 was World Autism Awareness Day and April is Autism Awareness Month in the U.S., and to explain that she wore a blue shirt and the Puzzle Ribbon in solidarity with the autism community. She highlighted the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's recently released statistics which reflect a stunning increase in the number of children diagnosed with autism. She acknowledged the medical community, legislators, grassroots level fundraisers, teachers, caregivers, and individuals and their families for their efforts in the fight against autism.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Minutes for March 18, 2014
Agenda Document No. 14-21**

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

**MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 14-21,
minutes for the open session held on March 18, 2014.**

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

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2014-01

**Solano County United Democratic Central Committee
by Paul Stichick, Treasurer**

(Held over from the March 18, 2014 meeting)

Agenda Document No. 14-11 (Draft A)

Agenda Document No. 14-11-A (Draft B)

**Agenda Document No. 14-11-B (Draft C)
(Submitted Late)**

**Agenda Document No. 14-11-C (Revised Draft A)
(Submitted Late)**

**Agenda Document No. 14-11-D (Revised Draft C)
(Submitted Late)**

Chairman Goodman stated that Mr. Paul Stichick, Treasurer, was available via telephone to answer Commissioners' questions.

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider the late submission of Agenda Document Nos. 14-11-C (Revised Draft A), 14-11-B (Draft C), and 14-11-D (Revised Draft C) for Draft AO 2014-01, Solano County United Democratic Central Committee.

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

Chairman Goodman recognized Mr. Kevin Paulsen of the General Counsel's Office who presented the draft advisory opinion concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and Commission regulations to Solano County United Democratic Central Committee's request. The requestor seeks to use approximately \$11,000 in its predecessor committee's federal account for federal election activity. The requestor stated that the predecessor committee failed to file reports for 2004 or 2005 and was administratively terminated. When the predecessor committee's chairman learned in 2008 of the termination, the federal account was isolated, unused, and it was nearly forgotten until it was discovered by the requestor in 2012. The requestor has subsequently located bank records associated with the account for most of the period between 2004 and 2008 and confirmed that it transferred funds from the non-federal to the federal account in 2004 and 2012. Mr. Paulsen summarized the distinctions among the five Drafts and requested the authority to make any necessary technical and conforming changes to any Draft approved by the Commission.

Mr. Stichick participated in the discussion that followed.

Chairman Goodman recognized Commissioner Weintraub who

MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 14-11-C, Revised Draft A, in Advisory Opinion 2014-01, Solano County United Democratic Central Committee.

The motion failed by a vote of 1-5 with Commissioner Weintraub voting affirmatively for the motion. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, and Walther dissented.

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 14-11-D, Revised Draft C, and authorize the Office of the General Counsel to make any conforming technical edits.

The motion carried by a vote of 5-1 with Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, and Walther voting affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Weintraub dissented.

Chairman Goodman told Mr. Stichick that Mr. Robert Knop of the Policy Division and Ms. Kaitlin Eger of the Reports Analysis Division would be available to help him implement the guidance provided in the Commission's response.

Chairman Goodman recognized Commissioner Hunter who acknowledged Vice Chair Ravel's published op-ed article in today's New York Times entitled "How Not to Enforce Campaign Laws." Commissioner Hunter asked Vice Chair Ravel if she would be willing to entertain some questions

about the article. Vice Chair Ravel stated that she would not respond to questions at this time but would be happy to make herself available to discuss her views with Commissioner Hunter at another time. Discussion continued.

III. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2014-02

Make Your Laws PAC, Inc. by Sai

Chairman Goodman stated this matter will be held over and discussed at the next open meeting.

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who stated that public comments on a draft response to be released in a few weeks would be appreciated.

IV. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**There being no further business to come before the Commission,
the meeting adjourned at 10:48 A.M.**

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Goodman", written over the printed name.

Lee E. Goodman

Chairman of the Commission

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Woodhead Werth", written over the printed name.

Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission