



AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 14-47-A
APPROVED OCTOBER 9, 2014

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING

OF THE

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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

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 10:27 A.M. on Thursday, September 18, 2014 with a quorum present.

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 No. 14-44 (Draft of AO 2014-13, ActBlue) and Agenda Document No. 14-46 (Draft of AO 2014-11, HCSC).

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

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Minutes for August 14, 2014
Agenda Document No. 14-45**

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 14-45, minutes for the open session held on August 14, 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 2014-11

**Health Care Service Corporation Employees' Political
Action Committee by Kenneth A. Gross, Esq. and
Charles M. Ricciardelli, Esq.**

**Agenda Document No. 14-46
(Submitted Late)**

(Executive Assistant Andrew Woodson is recused)

**Chairman Goodman stated that the Commission publicly released a
Draft yesterday but, at the request of a Commissioner, will defer action on it
today. The Commission may resolve it on a tally vote basis or at the next
open meeting.**

III. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2014-13

ActBlue by Stephen Gold, Esq., General Counsel

**Agenda Document No. 14-44
(Submitted Late)**

**Chairman Goodman recognized Mr. Gold and Ms. Melissa Flores, the
requestor's counsel, who were present to answer Commissioners' questions.**

**Chairman Goodman recognized Mr. Neven Stipanovic 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 ActBlue's request concerning its contribution
forms through which contributions may be made on its website. ActBlue, a
registered nonconnected political committee, receives earmarked**

contributions through its website and forwards them to designated candidates and political committees. ActBlue's users can configure these forms to allow contributions to be made to multiple committees at one time. Such multiple-recipient forms include a box labeled "Split It!" that allows a contributor to enter a single contribution amount and split the amount among the recipient committees. ActBlue asks two questions concerning the use of the "Split It!" box: 1) does use of the box result in ActBlue exercising direction or control over the contributions; and 2) does use of the box subject the activity to the joint fundraising rules. Mr. Stipanovic asked for authority to make any necessary technical and conforming changes if the Commission approves the Draft.

Discussion followed.

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 14-44 subject to the edits proposed by Chairman Goodman at the table and authorize the Office of the General Counsel to make any necessary technical and conforming edits.

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

**IV. AUDIT DIVISION RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM ON CANSECO
FOR CONGRESS (CFC) (A11-03)**

Memorandum from the Audit Division dated August 22, 2014

Agenda Document No. 14-43

Chairman Goodman stated that this matter was resolved prior to the meeting.

V. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**There being no further business to come before the Commission,
the meeting adjourned at 10:37 A.M.**

Signed:



Lee E. Goodman

Chairman of the Commission

Attest:



Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission