



**AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 14-1-A**  
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**MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING  
OF THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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 10:10 A.M. on Thursday, December 5, 2013 with a quorum present.**

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**Chair Weintraub welcomed three visitors from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Career Day Program: Joseph Levine, Hari Damodaran, and Julia Matteson.**

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**I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes for October 31, 2013  
Agenda Document No. 13-53-A**

**Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman Goodman who**

**MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 13-53-A,  
minutes for the open session held on October 31, 2013.**

**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 INTERPRETIVE RULE REGARDING DATE OF POLITICAL PARTY NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN NEW YORK**

**Agenda Document No. 13-48**

**(Discussed at November 21, 2013 meeting)**

**Chair Weintraub noted that the Draft Interpretive Rule was discussed at the November 21, 2013 meeting and the public was provided an opportunity to submit comments on it.**

**Chair Weintraub recognized Ms. Cheryl Hemsley of the Office of General Counsel who stated that no comments were received on the Draft, and the next step is for the Commission to approve its publication in the Federal Register. Ms. Hemsley also asked for the authority to make any necessary technical and conforming amendments.**

**Discussion followed.**

**Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman Goodman who**

**MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 13-48, Notice of Interpretive Rule Regarding the Date for Political Party Nominations of Candidates for Special Primary Elections in New York, and authorize the Office of the General Counsel to make any technical and conforming edits as necessary.**

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

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**Chair Weintraub stated that Item IV (Audit Division Recommendation Memorandum on the Caesars Entertainment Corporation Political Action Committee) was resolved prior to the meeting and would not be discussed.**

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**III. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2013-19**

**Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.  
by Bryan P. Tyson, Esq.**

**Agenda Document No. 13-51 (Drafts A and B)**

**Chair Weintraub recognized requestor's counsel, Mr. Bryan Tyson, who was participating by telephone and available to answer Commissioners' questions.**

**Chair Weintraub recognized Mr. David Adkins 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 Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.'s request to solicit contributions to its separate segregated fund from the executive and administrative personnel of its Marine Division's dealers and service centers. Mr. Adkins summarized the distinctions between both Drafts and also requested the authority to make necessary technical and conforming changes to any Draft approved by the Commission.**

**Mr. Tyson, and Mr. Adkins and Mr. Adav Noti of the General Counsel's Office participated in the discussion that followed.**

**Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman Goodman who**

**MOVED to approve Draft B of Agenda Document No. 13-51 subject to the following:**

- 1) In the second sentence, Footnote 1, Page 1, change “approve a” to “render an opinion in.”**
- 2) Authorize the Office of the General Counsel to make any necessary technical and conforming edits.**

**The motion failed by a vote of 3-3 with Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, and Petersen voting affirmatively for the motion. Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub dissented.**

**IV. AUDIT DIVISION RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM ON THE CAESARS ENTERTAINMENT CORPORATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (A12-01)**

**Memorandum from the Audit Division dated November 5, 2013**

**Agenda Document No. 13-52**

**This matter was resolved prior to the December 5, 2013 meeting.**

**V. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 A.M.**

**Signed:**

**Ellen L. Weintraub  
Chair of the Commission (2013)**

**Attest:**

**Shawn Woodhead Werth  
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission**