



AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 14-21

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING

OF THE

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 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

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 2:10 P.M. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for March 6, 2014
Agenda Document No. 14-19

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 14-19,
minutes for the open session held on March 6, 2014.

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 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. 14-20, FY 2014
Management Plan.

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

II. FY 2014 MANAGEMENT PLAN - WITHDRAWAL AND RESUBMISSION

Agenda Document No. 14-20
(Submitted Late)

Chairman Goodman recognized Ms. Judy Berning, the Acting Chief Financial Officer, who summarized the Plan. She stated that this high-level Plan describes funding by divisions and object class categories and serves as the basis for the Baseline for Programming and Transfer Authorities document which is to be submitted to Congress.

Chairman Goodman explained that underlying the Plan is a more detailed allocation of resource document which was agreed upon by the Commission. The Plan includes, among its priorities, the hiring of 7 new Reports Analysis Division analysts and it addresses Information Technology improvements.

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 14-20, the
FY 2014 Management Plan.

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

III. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2014-01

Solano County United Democratic Central Committee
by Paul Stichick, Treasurer

Agenda Document No. 14-11 (Draft A)

(Held over from the March 6, 2014 meeting)

Chairman Goodman stated that this matter is being held over to a future meeting.

IV. DRAFT FINAL RULES AND EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 11 OF THE CODE OF
FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Agenda Document No. 14-16

(Held over from the March 6, 2014 meeting)

Chairman Goodman recognized Ms. Joanna Waldstreicher of the General Counsel's Office who stated that no public comments were received on the Draft Rules.

Chairman Goodman recognized Commissioner Hunter who thanked the following staff for providing helpful suggestions for this rulemaking: Dan Buckley, Katie Higginbotham, Lauren Lien, Brad Matheson, Molly Metzler Niewenhous, Duane Pugh, Zainab Smith, Jodi Winship, and Dorothy Yeager.

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who also expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Regulations Committee, to staff for their assistance. While this may not be the most significant regulation, she said it was significant that the Commission had gone forward and accomplished this early in 2014.

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

MOVED to approve the Technical Corrections to Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations as set forth in Agenda Document No. 14-16, and authorize the Office of the General Counsel to make any necessary technical and conforming edits and publish these Technical Corrections in the Federal Register.

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 THE STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ALABAMA ((SDA) A11-22)

Agenda Document No. 14-18

Chairman Goodman recognized Ms. Nicole Burgess of the Audit Division who summarized the finding in the Memorandum regarding recordkeeping for employees. Discussion followed.

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

MOVED to approve the recommendation for the Recordkeeping Finding as set forth in Agenda Document No. 14-18, including the failure to keep monthly time-logs for the \$279,429 in payroll consisting of payments allocated between federal and non-federal funds and 100% non-federal payments, subject to an amendment to include the \$110,908 paid to contract workers.

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

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

MOVED to approve the recommendation for the Recordkeeping Finding as set forth in Agenda Document No. 14-18, related to the failure to keep monthly time-logs for the \$248,930 in payroll allocated between federal and non-federal funds; and direct the Audit Division to include in the Proposed Final Audit Report an Additional Issues section addressing the \$30,499 for 100% non-federal payments.

Discussion continued.

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

VI. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There being no further business to come before the Commission,
the meeting adjourned at 2:23 P.M.

Signed:

Lee E. Goodman
Chairman of the Commission

Attest:

Shawn Woodhead Werth
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission