



AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 15-19-A

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING  
OF THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

PRESENT:

Ann M. Ravel, Chair, presiding

Matthew S. Petersen, Vice Chairman

Lee E. Goodman, Commissioner

Caroline C. Hunter, Commissioner

Steven T. Walther, Commissioner

Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner

Patricia Orrock, Chief Compliance Officer<sup>1</sup>

Lisa J. Stevenson, Deputy General Counsel - Law

Shelley E. Garr, Deputy Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Ms. Patricia Orrock, Chief Compliance Officer, represented Staff Director Alec Palmer at the meeting.

Chair Ann M. Ravel called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:10 A.M. on Thursday, March 19, 2015 with a quorum present.

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Chair Ravel recognized Vice Chairman Petersen who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider the late submission of Agenda Document No. 15-10-C-2 (Revised Draft C), Agenda Document No. 15-15-C (Rulemaking Petition REG 2014-09), and Agenda Document No. 15-17-A (Rulemaking Petition REG 2015-01).

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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I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for March 10, 2015  
Agenda Document No. 15-16-A

Chair Ravel recognized Vice Chairman Petersen who

MOVED to approve the minutes for the meeting on March 10, 2015 as set forth in Agenda Document No. 15-16-A.

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 2014-20

Make Your Laws PAC, Inc.  
by Sai, President and Treasurer

(Held over from the March 10, 2015 meeting)

Agenda Document No. 15-10-A (Draft A)

Agenda Document No. 15-10-B (Draft B)

Agenda Document No. 15-10-B-2 (Revised Draft B)

Agenda Document No. 15-10-C (Draft C)

Agenda Document No. 15-10-C-2 (Revised Draft C)  
(Submitted Late)

Chair Ravel stated that Sai, the requestor's representative, was participating in the meeting via telephone and welcomed him to the meeting.

Chair Ravel recognized Mr. Neven Stipanovic of the General Counsel's Office who provided an update of the matter. Mr. Stipanovic asked for authority to make technical and conforming changes if a Draft is approved by the Commission.

Sai participated in the discussion that followed.

Chair Ravel recognized Vice Chairman Petersen who

MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 15-10-C-2, Revised Draft C, in connection with Draft Advisory Opinion 2014-20 and authorize the Office of General Counsel to make any technical and conforming amendments.

Discussion continued.

The motion carried by a vote of 4-2 with Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, and Ravel voting affirmatively for the decision.

Commissioners Walther and Weintraub dissented.

III. RULEMAKING PETITION REG 2014-09: FEDERAL CONTRACTORS, DRAFT NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Agenda Document No. 15-15-A

Agenda Document No. 15-15-B

Agenda Document No. 15-15-C  
(Submitted Late)

Chair Ravel recognized Mr. Stipanovic of the General Counsel's Office who stated that the Commission had received a petition for rulemaking from Public Citizen asking that the Commission amend its regulations regarding federal contractors. Mr. Stipanovic noted that there were three drafts before the Commission. If the Commission approved a draft for publication in the Federal Register, he asked for authority to make technical and conforming amendments.

Discussion followed.

Chair Ravel recognized Vice Chairman Petersen who

MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 15-15-C.

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

IV. RULEMAKING PETITION REG 2015-01: ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND COMMISSION FORMS, DRAFT NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Agenda Document No. 15-17-A  
(Submitted Late)

(Executive Assistant Laura Basford is recused)

Chair Ravel recognized Ms. Holly Ratliff of the General Counsel's Office who stated that the Commission had received a petition for rulemaking from seven campaign finance attorneys asking the Commission to undertake a rulemaking to expand the administrative fines program and to revise and update several Commission forms. Ms. Ratliff summarized the draft. If the Commission approved the draft for publication in the Federal Register, she asked for authority to make technical and conforming amendments.

Discussion followed.

Chair Ravel recognized Vice Chairman Petersen who

MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 15-17-A.

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

V. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 A.M.

Signed:

Ann M. Ravel  
Chair of the Commission

Attest:

Shawn Woodhead Werth  
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission

Shelley E. Garr  
Deputy Secretary of the Commission