



APPROVED DECEMBER 14, 2017

**MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017**

PRESENT:

Steven T. Walther, Chairman, presiding

Caroline C. Hunter, Vice Chair

Lee E. Goodman, Commissioner

Matthew S. Petersen, Commissioner

Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner

Alec Palmer, Staff Director¹

Lisa Stevenson, Acting General Counsel

Dayna C. Brown, Secretary and Clerk

¹ Ms. Patricia Orrock, Chief Compliance Officer, represented Staff Director Palmer

Chairman Steven T. Walther called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 12:56 P.M. on Thursday, October 26, 2017 with a quorum present.

I. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2017-11

Gallegly for Congress by the Honorable Elton Gallegly

Agenda Document No. 17-45-A

**Agenda Document No. 17-45-B
(Submitted Late)**

This request was withdrawn by the requestor.

II. MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF CAMPAIGN GUIDE FOR CORPORATIONS AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

**Memorandum from Chairman Steven T. Walther
dated October 24, 2017**

**Agenda Document No. 17-50-A
(Submitted Late)**

**Memorandum from the Information Division dated
October 18, 2017**

Agenda Document No. 17-46-A

Chairman Walther stated that the Campaign Guide was last updated in 2007 and noted that this latest version would provide extraordinarily up-to-date guidance for the public, making it easier for people to understand the ins and outs of the new issues that have arisen,

particularly since **Citizens United** and a number of **Advisory Opinions** that the Commission has adopted since then. Chairman Walther thanked **Greg Scott, George Smaragdis, and Zainab Smith**, of the **Information Division**, for their hard work. The Chairman highlighted the vast number of labor organizations and corporations that participate in elections, and noted the corresponding importance of this **Campaign Guide**.

Chairman Walther recognized **Commissioner Weintraub** who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order that the Commission may consider Agenda Document No. 17-50-A, Motion for Consideration and Adoption of Campaign Guide for Corporations and Labor Organizations.

The motion carried by a vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

Commissioner Weintraub then

MOVED to approve the Campaign Guide for Corporations and Labor Organizations, as recommended in the Memorandum from the Information Division dated October 18, 2017, subject to the amendments made at the table.

The motion carried by a vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

**III. AUDIT DIVISION RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM ON THE
FREEDOM'S DEFENSE FUND (FDF) (A13-14)**

**Memorandum from the Chief Compliance Officer and Audit
Division dated October 6, 2017**

Agenda Document No. 17-47-A

**This matter was resolved on tally pursuant to the removal of objection(s)
and was not discussed.**

**IV. AUDIT DIVISION RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM ON THE
CONSERVATIVE MAJORITY FUND (CMF) (A13-17)**

**Memorandum from the Chief Compliance Officer and Audit
Division dated October 6, 2017**

Agenda Document No. 17-48-A

**This matter was resolved on tally pursuant to the removal of objection(s)
and was not discussed.**

V. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**There being no further business to come before the Commission,
the meeting adjourned at 1:04 P.M.**

Signed:


Steven T. Walther

Chairman of the Commission

Attest:



Dayna C. Brown

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission