



APPROVED JULY 13, 2022

**MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022¹**

PRESENT:

Allen Dickerson, Chairman

Steven T. Walther, Vice Chair

Shana M. Broussard, Commissioner

Sean J. Cooksey, Commissioner

James E. "Trey" Trainor III, Commissioner

Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner

Alec Palmer, Staff Director

Lisa Stevenson, Acting General Counsel

Laura E. Sinram, Acting Secretary and Clerk

Vicktoria J. Allen, Acting Deputy Secretary²

Maureen Benitz, Management and Program Analyst³

¹ This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting with virtual and in-person participants.

² Acting Deputy Secretary Vicktoria Allen was the recording secretary for the meeting.

³ Management and Program Analyst Maureen Benitz moderated the meeting.

Chairman Allen Dickerson called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:06 A.M. on Thursday, April 28, 2022 with a quorum present.

Chairman Dickerson noted that today is “Bring Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day” at the FEC.

Chairman Dickerson recognized Vice Chair Walther who

MOVED that the Commission consider Audit Division Recommendation Memorandum on UtePAC(A19-07) and that the Commission determine pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 2.7(d)(1) that business so requires and that no earlier public announcement was possible.

FURTHER MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order that the Commission may consider the late submission of Agenda Document No. 22-13-A.

The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

I. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2022-02

Congressman W. Gregory Steube and Greg Steube for Congress

**Agenda Document No. 22-13-A (Draft A)
(Submitted Late)**

Chairman Dickerson recognized Ms. Cheryl Hemsley of the General Counsel's Office who presented the matter. Congressman W. Gregory Steube asks if his principal campaign committee may use campaign funds to purchase and install a steel locking gate at the entrance to the drive to the Congressman's residential property. The draft follows a line of previous advisory opinions concerning federal officeholder security measures. It concludes that, given the specific and ongoing threats made against Congressman Steube, as well as the general heightened threat environment for federal officeholders, the use of campaign funds to purchase and install the requested gate is permissible and would not constitute personal use because the need would not arise irrespective of his status as a federal officeholder.

Discussion followed.

Chairman Dickerson then recognized Commissioner Weintraub who

**MOVED to approve Agenda Document 22-13-A (Draft A),
proposed response to the Advisory Opinion request.**

The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

II. AUDIT DIVISION RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM ON THE UTEPAC (A19-07)

Memorandum from the Chief Compliance Officer and the Audit Division dated January 3, 2022

Agenda Document No. 22-12-A

Chairman Dickerson recognized Chief Compliance Officer Patricia Orrock.

Ms. Rickida Morcomb of the Audit Division provided an update on the status of the Audit and highlighted the six (6) Findings with the Memorandum: 1)

Misstatement of Financial Activity; 2) Increased Activity; 3) Cash

Disbursements; 4) Recordkeeping for Disbursements; 5) Recordkeeping for Communications; and 6) Disclosure of Disbursements.

Ms. Morcomb participated in the discussion that followed.

Chairman Dickerson recognized Commissioner Broussard who

MOVED to approve the Audit Division Recommendation Memorandum on the UtePAC (A19-07), Agenda Document No. 22-12-A, as recommended in the Memorandum from the Chief Compliance Officer and the Audit Division dated March 16, 2022, and subject to the addition of the word “corrected” in the heading of Finding 2, so that it reads “Increased Activity Corrected”.

The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

Chairman Dickerson recognized Commissioner Weintraub who asked for a point of personal privilege. Commissioner Weintraub noted that it is Yom

**HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) and the importance of standing up to
tyranny.**

III. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**There being no further business to come before the Commission, the
meeting adjourned at 10:16 A.M.**

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allen Dickerson", written over a horizontal line.

**Allen Dickerson
Chairman of the Commission (2022)**

Attest:

**Laura E. Sinram
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission**