



APPROVED APRIL 20, 2022

**MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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 The meeting was conducted virtually.

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, February 17, 2022 with a quorum present.

Chairman Dickerson recognized Vice Chair Walther who

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. 22-02-B.

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

I. AUDIT DIVISION RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM ON THE DEMOCRACY ENGINE, INC., PAC (A19-18)

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

Agenda Document No. 22-03-A

(Held over from the meeting of January 27, 2022)

Chairman Dickerson recognized Mr. Robert Morcomb and Ms. Nicole Burgess of the Audit Division. There was no additional presentation from the Audit Division.

Chairman Dickerson recognized Commissioner Trainor who

MOVED to terminate the Audit in Democracy Engine, Inc., PAC.

Ms. Dayna Brown of the Audit Division participated in the discussion that followed.

Chairman Dickerson called the vote. The motion failed by a vote of 3-3 with Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, and Trainor voting affirmatively for the motion. Commissioners Broussard, Walther, and Weintraub dissented.

Chairman Dickerson recognized Commissioner Weintraub who

MOVED to approve the Audit Division Recommendation Memorandum on the Democracy Engine, Inc., PAC (A19-18), as recommended in the Memorandum from the Chief Compliance Officer and the Audit Division dated January 3, 2022.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-3 with Commissioners Broussard, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the motion. Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, and Trainor dissented.

II. PROPOSED RULE OF AGENCY PROCEDURE CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF FOREIGN STATE RESPONDENTS AT THE INITIATION OF THE ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

**Memorandum from Chairman Allen Dickerson
dated January 20, 2022**

Agenda Document No. 22-02-A

(Held over from the meeting of January 27, 2022)

**Memorandum from Chairman Allen Dickerson
dated February 14, 2022**

**Agenda Document No. 22-02-B
(Submitted Late)**

**Chairman Dickerson presented his memoranda and then recognized
Commissioner Cooksey who**

**MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 22-02-B, as
recommended in the Memorandum from Chairman Allen
Dickerson dated February 14, 2022.**

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

III. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**There being no further business to come before the Commission, the
meeting adjourned at 10:14 A.M.**

Signed:



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

Attest:

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