



APPROVED AUGUST 9, 2023

**MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023¹**

PRESENT:

Dara Lindenbaum, Chair, presiding

Sean J. Cooksey, Vice Chairman

Shana M. Broussard, Commissioner

Allen J. Dickerson, Commissioner

James E. "Trey" Trainor III, Commissioner

Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner

Alec Palmer, Staff Director²

Lisa Stevenson, Acting General Counsel

Laura E. Sinram, Secretary and Clerk

Vicktoria J. Allen, Deputy Secretary³

Zainab Smith, Program Management Analyst⁴

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

² Deputy Staff Director for Management & Administration Kate Higginbothom represented Staff Director Palmer.

³ Deputy Secretary Vicktoria Allen was the recording secretary for the meeting.

⁴ Program Management Analyst Zainab Smith moderated the meeting.

Chair Dara Lindenbaum called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:31 A.M. on Thursday, July 13, 2023 with a quorum present.

I. AUDIT DIVISION RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM ON STEVE DAINES FOR MONTANA (A21-04)

Memorandum to the Commission dated May 25, 2023

Agenda Document No. 23-15-A

This matter was held over to a future meeting.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2023-04

Guy for Congress by Shohin Vance, Esq.

Agenda Document No. 23-16-A (Draft A)

Chair Lindenbaum recognized Mr. Shohin Vance who appeared on behalf of the requestor. Chair Lindenbaum also recognized Mr. Tony Buckley of the General Counsel's Office who presented the matter.

The requestor, Guy for Congress, is the principal campaign committee of Congressman Guy Reschenthaler. The requestor asks whether, considering certain threats made against the Congressman, it may pay for the purchase and installation of a special security film on the windows of Congressman Reschenthaler's home. The draft concludes that because the window film is a removable security measure designed to mitigate potential threats arising from

the Congressman's duties as a federal office holder, the Committee's payment for the purchase and installation of the security film is permissible.

Mr. Vance participated in the discussion that followed.

Chair Lindenbaum recognized Vice Chairman Cooksey who

**MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 23-16-A,
which is draft A.**

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

III. PROPOSED DIRECTIVE REGARDING CONGRESSIONAL REFERRALS

This matter was held over to a future meeting.

IV. PROPOSED AGENCY PROCEDURE REGARDING LITIGATION BROUGHT PURSUANT TO 52 U.S.C. §30109(a)(8)

**Memorandum from Commissioner Allen Dickerson
dated June 15, 2023**

Agenda Document No. 23-13-A

(Held over from the meeting of June 22, 2023)

Chair Lindenbaum recognized Commissioner Dickerson who presented the memorandum.

Discussion followed.

Chair Lindenbaum recognized Commissioner Dickerson who

**MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 23-13-A,
subject to a 30-day delay in its implementation and to
an understanding that this matter will be discussed at
the next executive session.**

**The motion carried by a vote of 5-1 with Commissioners Broussard,
Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, and Trainor voting affirmatively for the
decision. Commissioner Weintraub dissented.**

V. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**There being no further business to come before the Commission, the
meeting adjourned at 10:48 A.M.**

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dara Lindenbaum', written over a horizontal line.

**Dara Lindenbaum
Chair of the Commission**

Attest:

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