

## **MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING**

## **OF THE**

# **FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 20211

PRESENT:	Shana M. Broussard, Chair, presiding
	Allen Dickerson, Vice Chair
	Sean J. Cooksey, Commissioner
	James E. "Trey" Trainor III, Commissioner
	Steven T. Walther, Commissioner
	Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner
	Alec Palmer, Staff Director
	Lisa Stevenson, Acting General Counsel
	Laura E. Sinram, Acting Secretary and Clerk <sup>2</sup>
	Vicktoria J. Allen, Acting Deputy Secretary <sup>3</sup>

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The meeting was conducted virtually.
<sup>2</sup> Acting Secretary Laura Sinram moderated the meeting.
<sup>3</sup> Acting Deputy Secretary Vicktoria Allen was the recording secretary for the meeting.

### Chair Shana M. Broussard called the Federal Election Commission to

order in an open meeting at 11:03 A.M. on Thursday, February 25, 2021 with

a quorum present.

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Chair Broussard stated that ITEMS II (DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2021-

03) and III (AUDIT DIVISION RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM ON DR. RAUL

**RUIZ FOR CONGRESS (A19-03)) were being held over.** 

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#### I. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2021-02

Full Employment Now-Political Action Committee (FEN-PAC) by Mr. Harrison Hiner, Executive Director

#### Agenda Document No. 21-08-A (Draft A)

Chair Broussard recognized Mr. Joseph Wenzinger and Mr. Robert Knop of the General Counsel's Office. Mr. Wenzinger presented the draft advisory opinion request from Full Employment Now-Political Action Committee (FEN-PAC). The requestor, an independent expenditure only committee, asks whether it may use aggregate data about FEN-PAC's contributors in communications with Members of Congress and congressional candidates. The Draft concludes that because the acting Commission regulations do not prohibit such use of aggregate data, that the proposal is permissible. Federal Election Commission Minutes of an Open Meeting February 25, 2021

Mr. Wenzinger then stated that the General Counsel's Office had one table edit for clarity that they would ask to be made in a motion, but which would not change anything substantively. That proposed edit would be on page 3 in the sentence beginning on line 21 to remove the word "included" and replace it with the words "derived from information provided".

Chair Broussard recognized Commissioner Weintraub who suggested a

small edit in the same sentence to replace the word "that" with "whether".

**Commissioner Weintraub then** 

MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 21-08-A, Draft A of Advisory Opinion 2021-02 (FEN-PAC), subject to the edits described at the table by the Office of General Counsel and by Commissioner Weintraub.

The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Broussard,

Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the

decision.

### II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2021-03

National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) and National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) by Jessica Johnson, Esq., Chris Winkelman, Esq., Ryan Dollar, Esq., and Erin Clark, Esq.

(To be circulated)

This matter was held over to a future meeting.

# III. <u>AUDIT DIVISION RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM ON DR. RAUL RUIZ</u> <u>FOR CONGRESS (A19-03)</u>

Memorandum from the Chief Compliance Officer and Audit Division dated January 8, 2021

Agenda Document No. 21-09-A

This matter was held over to a future meeting.

## IV. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the

meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.

Signed:

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Shana M. Broussard Chair of the Commission (2021)

Attest:

Laura E. Sinram Secretary and Clerk of the Commission

Vicktoria J. Allen Deputy Secretary of the Commission