



APPROVED MARCH 30, 2022

**MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 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 Director²

Lisa Stevenson, Acting General Counsel

Laura E. Sinram, Acting Secretary and Clerk

Vicktoria J. Allen, Acting Deputy Secretary³

Maureen M. Benitz, Program Management Analyst⁴

¹ The meeting was conducted virtually.

² Chief Compliance Officer Patricia Orrock represented Staff Director Palmer.

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

⁴ Program Management Analyst Maureen Benitz moderated the meeting.

Chair Shana M. Broussard called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:07 A.M. on Thursday, September 30, 2021 with a quorum present.

II. STATEMENT OF REASONS IN SUPPORT OF REPAYMENT DETERMINATION AFTER ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW – DR. JILL STEIN, JILL STEIN FOR PRESIDENT (LRA #1021)

Agenda Document No. 21-35-A (Draft A)

(Resolved on tally)

III. CAMPAIGN GUIDE FOR CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES

Agenda Document No. 21-36-A (Draft A)

(Resolved on tally)

I. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2021-09

Certified Voter by Chris Truax, CEO

Agenda Document No. 21-34-A (Draft A)

Agenda Document No. 21-34-B (Draft B)

**Agenda Document No. 21-34-C (Draft C)
(Submitted Late)**

Chair Broussard recognized Vice Chair Dickerson 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. 21-34-C.

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 2021-09 (continued)

Chair Broussard welcomed Mr. Chris Truax, who is appearing on behalf of the requestor. Chair Broussard then recognized Mr. Kevin Paulsen and Mr. Robert Knop of the General Counsel's Office. Mr. Paulsen presented the draft advisory opinion request from Certified Voter, LLC. The request asks whether Certified Voter's provision of services to political committees, whereby it creates individualized sponsored versions of the committee's own political advertisements for a commercially reasonable fee, is permissible under the Act and Commission regulations. All three (3) Drafts conclude that Certified Voter may provide these services for a commercially reasonable fee because in doing so it would not make any in-kind contributions to client political committees.

Chair Broussard recognized Commissioner Cooksey who asked Mr. Truax which draft they preferred and if they had any other comment on the drafts. Mr.

Truax stated that any of the drafts are acceptable to Certified Voter, LLC, but they would prefer the third draft.

Chair Broussard recognized Vice Chair Dickerson who

**MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 21-34-C
(Draft C).**

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

IV. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

Signed:



**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**