



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER SHANA M. BROUSSARD UPON BECOMING CHAIR OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Today, I assume the role of Chair of the Federal Election Commission. This is my second tenure as Chair, and although the circumstances now are very different than when I served in 2021, I look forward to serving the Commission and the public with the same enthusiasm for and commitment to our mission to provide transparency to the public and fairly enforce and administer Federal campaign finance laws.

I extend my thanks to Vice Chairman Trainor for his leadership as Acting Chairman since February 2025. During this uncertain period, the Vice Chairman, Commissioner Lindenbaum, and I have collaborated to promote consistency within our agency.

Since May 2025, the Commission has been without the necessary quorum of four Commissioners. And while this challenging time means that the Commission is unable to perform some of our most critical policymaking and enforcement functions, including issuing advisory opinions and voting on matters under review, the Commission continues to fulfill many of the duties fundamental to our mission. With many thanks to our dedicated staff, we continue to collect and post millions of pages of disclosure information and hundreds of millions of transactions on our website, provide substantive compliance trainings from our Information Division, process and analyze new enforcement complaints in the Office of General Counsel, and respond directly to questions to our Compliance Division about reporting obligations from candidates and committees.

As money in federal elections increases, so does our agency's responsiveness. The 2024 election cycle set numerous records, both in terms of the money raised and spent on federal elections and the amount of financial activity reported to the Commission. Our disclosure work has not stopped: during the first quarter of 2025, over 3,000 committees reported transactions totaling over \$700 million of financial activity.

I am ready to tackle any backlogged matters if a quorum is restored before the end of this year. When I began my first tenure as Chair right after we regained a quorum, I prioritized resolving the backlog of enforcement matters. I will be prepared to do the same here. As of April 2025,

there were only 161 pending enforcement matters.¹ When I became Chair in 2021, there was a backlog of 452 enforcement matters and by the end of my Chair year, I reduced that backlog by more than sixty percent.

We will soon publish an updated webpage in celebration of the Commission's 50th Anniversary. I encourage everyone to explore the interactive timeline, which will highlight events in the Commission's history and educate about Federal campaign finance law.

Finally, I want to praise our hardworking staff once again for their exemplary work during these uncertain times. We do not know when the quorum will be restored, but I will continue to do all I can to support my colleagues. The public can count on the Commission's staff and the Commissioners to continue our work as public servants.

July 1, 2025

Date



Shana M. Broussard
Chair

¹ The Commission publishes its count of pending enforcement matters on a quarterly basis on our website at <https://www.fec.gov/legal-resources/enforcement/enforcement-profile/>.