

## BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
 ) RAD REFERRAL 20L-13 and Pre-MUR  
 Kern County Republican Central ) 646  
 Committee; Laura Sheffield in her )  
 official capacity as treasurer; Bryan )  
 Williams )

CERTIFICATION

I, Laura E. Sinram, Acting Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, having reviewed the audio recording of the executive session of the Federal Election Commission for July 27 and 29, 2021, do hereby certify that on July 29, 2021, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:
  - a. Open a MUR for Pre-MUR 646 and RAD Referral 20L-13.
  - b. Find reason to believe that Bryan Williams knowingly and willfully violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102(b)(3), 30102(c), 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.9, 102.15, and 104.3 by failing to keep complete records and file accurate reports with the Commission and by commingling Committee funds and personal funds.
  - c. Find reason to believe that Kern County Republican Central Committee and Laura Sheffield in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) by failing to file accurate reports with the Commission.
  - d. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis for Bryan Williams, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated June 16, 2021.

- e. Direct the Office of General Counsel to draft a Factual and Legal Analysis for Kern County Republican Central Committee and Laura Sheffield in her official capacity as treasurer.
- f. Authorize the Office of General Counsel to enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with Bryan Williams and Kern County Republican Central Committee and Laura Sheffield in her official capacity as treasurer.
- g. Approve the Conciliation Agreement for Bryan Williams, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated June 16, 2021.
- h. Direct the Office of General Counsel to draft a Conciliation Agreement for Kern County Republican Central Committee and Laura Sheffield in her official capacity as treasurer, including language that the Committee will adopt within a certain period of time an internal control policy that conforms with the Commission's guidance.
- i. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Broussard, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, and Trainor dissented.

2. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:
  - a. Transfer Pre-MUR 646 and RR 20L-13 to the extent they allege violations by the Kern County Republican Central Committee and Laura Sheffield in her official capacity as treasurer to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office.
  - b. Open a Matter Under Review in RR 20L-13 with regard to Bryan Williams.
  - c. Find reason to believe that Bryan Williams knowingly and willfully violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102(b)(3), 30102(c), 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.9, 102.15, and 104.3 by failing to keep complete records and file accurate reports with the Commission and by commingling Committee funds and personal funds.
  - d. Enter into conciliation with Bryan Williams prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.

- e. Approve the Conciliation Agreement for Bryan Williams, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated June 16, 2021.
- f. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated June 16, 2021.
- g. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Broussard, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, and Trainor dissented.

3. Decided by a vote of 6-0 to:

- a. Transfer Pre-MUR 646 and RR 20L-13 to the extent they allege violations by the Kern County Republican Central Committee and Laura Sheffield in her official capacity as treasurer to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office.
- b. Open a Matter Under Review in RR 20L-13 with regard to Bryan Williams.
- c. Find reason to believe that Bryan Williams knowingly and willfully violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102(b)(3), 30102(c), 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.9, 102.15, and 104.3 by failing to keep complete records and file accurate reports with the Commission and by commingling Committee funds and personal funds.
- d. Enter into conciliation with Bryan Williams prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- e. Approve the Conciliation Agreement for Bryan Williams, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated June 16, 2021 with the exception of paragraph 6 subsection 3.
- f. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated June 16, 2021.
- g. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.



August 9, 2021

Date

Attest:

**Laura  
Sinram**

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Laura E. Sinram  
Acting Secretary and Clerk of the  
Commission