

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) PRE-MUR 630, RR 20L-04,
 Steve Chabot for Congress and Natalie) AR 19-01R and MUR 7677
 Baur as Treasurer; James R. Schwartz II)

CERTIFICATION

I, Vicktoria J. Allen, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on January 26, 2023, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:

PRE-MUR 630, RR 20L-04, and AR 19-01R

- a. Find reason to believe that Steve Chabot for Congress and Natalie Bauer as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102(c), 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 104.2, and 104.14(d) by failing to keep accurate account of receipts, disbursements, and cash on hand balances, and by filing inaccurate reports with the Commission.
- b. Find reason to believe that Steve Chabot for Congress and Natalie Bauer as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30103(b), (c) and 11 C.F.R §§ 102.2(a)(1), (2) by failing to accurately report the Committee's treasurer.
- c. Direct the Office of General Counsel to draft a Factual and Legal Analysis consistent with these findings.
- d. Direct the Office of General Counsel to draft a Conciliation Agreement to reflect the appropriate civil penalty.
- e. Send the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Broussard, Lindenbaum, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion. Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, and Trainor dissented.

2. Decided by a vote of 6-0 to:
- a. Transfer Pre-MUR 630, RR 20L-04, and AR 19-01R to the Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution.
 - b. Find reason to believe that James R. Schwartz II knowingly and willfully violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102(c), 30103(b), (c), 30104(b), 30114(b)(1) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.2(a)(1), (2), 102.9, and 104.3, 104.14(d) by converting Committee funds to personal use, failing to keep complete Committee financial records, and failing to file accurate disclosure reports.
 - c. Enter into conciliation with James R. Schwartz II prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
 - d. Approve the Conciliation Agreement, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated November 8, 2022, [REDACTED]
 - e. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated November 8, 2022.
 - f. Approve the appropriate letter.

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



Attest:

Vicktoria J Allen

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Vicktoria J. Allen
 Acting Deputy Secretary of the
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