

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 7527
 News for Democracy; News for)
 Democracy LLC)

CERTIFICATION

I, Vicktoria J. Allen, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on October 18, 2022, the Commission took the following actions, subject to the Errata to First General Counsel's Report dated December 8, 2021, in the above-captioned matter:

1. Failed by a vote of 2-4 to:

Approve the Factual and Legal Analyses, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated November 3, 2021, subject to the Errata circulated by the Office of General Counsel on December 8, 2021.

Commissioners Broussard and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, and Trainor dissented.

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

Find reason to believe that News for Democracy and News for Democracy LLC violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102, 30103, and 30104(a) by failing to register and report as political committees.

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

3. Decided by a vote of 5-1 to:
 - a. Find reason to believe that News for Democracy violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(c)(1) by failing to report independent expenditures.
 - b. Find reason to believe that News for Democracy violated 52 U.S.C. § 30120(a) by failing to include required disclaimer on ads containing express advocacy.
 - c. Take no action at this time as to the allegation that News for Democracy violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121 by accepting foreign national contributions.
 - d. Take no action at this time against News for Democracy LLC.
 - e. Authorize the Office of General Counsel to enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with News for Democracy.
 - f. Send the appropriate letters.

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

4. Decided by a vote of 5-1 to:
 - a. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis for News for Democracy, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated November 3, 2021, and as last circulated by Commissioner Cooksey's Office on September 23, 2022 at 11:05 a.m.
 - b. Direct the Office of General Counsel to draft a Conciliation Agreement for Commission consideration consistent with the Factual and Legal Analysis for News for Democracy, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated November 3, 2021 and as last circulated by Commissioner Cooksey's Office on September 23, 2022 at 11:05 a.m.

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

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Attest:

Vicktoria J Allen

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Vicktoria J. Allen
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