



**AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 18-47-A**

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING  
OF THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018

PRESENT: Caroline C. Hunter, Chair, presiding  
Ellen L. Weintraub, Vice Chair  
Matthew S. Petersen, Commissioner  
Steven T. Walther, Commissioner  
Alec Palmer, Staff Director<sup>1</sup>  
Lisa Stevenson, Acting General Counsel  
Dayna C. Brown, Secretary and Clerk

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<sup>1</sup> Ms. Patricia Orrock, Chief Compliance Officer, represented Staff Director Palmer.

Chair Caroline C. Hunter called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:25 A.M. on Thursday, October 25, 2018 with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for October 11, 2018  
Agenda Document No. 18-44-A

Chair Hunter recognized Vice Chair Weintraub who

MOVED to approve the minutes for the meeting of October 11, 2018 as set forth in Agenda Document No. 18-44-A.

The motion carried by a vote of 4-0 with Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2018-12

Defending Digital Campaigns, Inc. by Marc Elias, Esq. and Michael Toner, Esq.

Agenda Document No. 18-43-A (Draft A)

Agenda Document No. 18-43-B (Draft B)  
(Submitted Late)

(Held over from the meeting of October 11, 2018)

(Held over to the meeting of December 13, 2018)

Chair Hunter indicated that the requestors requested additional time to review Draft B in this matter, which was made public on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

She further stated that the requestors specifically requested to discuss this matter at the last open meeting for the calendar year, December 13, 2018.

III. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Chair Hunter recognized Ms. Debbie Chacona of the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) to provide an update on RAD's efforts during this election season, as it is the Commission's last meeting before the mid-term elections.

Ms. Chacona stated that it has been a busy election-cycle, with the reports containing the highest activity levels yet to come. RAD is responsible for ensuring that campaign finance reports are placed on the public record timely, and for reviewing reports for completeness and accuracy. For the 2018 election-cycle thus far, RAD has coded and entered over 54 million transactions on the public record; 99% of paper filed reports were made public within two (2) days of receipt; and 100% of the transaction level data for those documents were entered within 30 days of receipt. RAD has reviewed just over 121,000 documents so far, the page count for which is just over 51 million and will dramatically increase with the arrival of the heavy filing periods. Phone calls and meetings handled so far is just over 22,000 and RAD has responded to approximately 500 electronic inquiries following the September 2017 rollout of their new Correspondence Tracking System via the Commission's website. In addition, RAD partnered with several divisions within the agency, to include the Information Division, the Press Office, the Office of General Counsel, the

Congressional Affairs Office, and the Office of the Chief Information Officer, to ensure the filing community was informed and the agency was prepared following the enactment of the law that made the Commission the point of contact for all Senate filings. The group ensured there was a process in place to handle the transition, and developed clear guidance that was conveyed to the filing community through several mediums, including through the Commission's homepage, the FEC Digest, Tips for Treasurers, and via email. The team also contacted all Senate filers that met the electronic filing threshold and had not yet obtained a password prior to the filing deadline of the October Quarterly Report. The collaborative effort resulted in a seamless transition, with the Commission successfully receiving 252 October Quarterly Reports from Senate filers on the filing deadline. Ms. Chacona thanked the entire team for all their efforts in making this transition a huge success.

Chair Hunter expressed her congratulations for this amazing amount of work and indicated that she received feedback that Senate filers were able to file with ease. The Chair thanked the team and stated that the Commission is excited because it has been part of the Commission's legislative recommendations for several years to ask the Senate to file their paperwork with the FEC. Chair Hunter highlighted that this will make the filings more accurate and available to the public more quickly.

The Chair noted that the work of the Office of General Counsel (OGC) is more difficult to discuss in a public setting, but thanked OGC for all of the hard work they are doing as well.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 A.M.

Signed:

Caroline C. Hunter  
Chair of the Commission

Attest:

Dayna C. Brown  
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission