



APPROVED JULY 23, 2025

**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025¹**

PRESENT:

James E. "Trey" Trainor III, Acting Chairman, presiding

Shana M. Broussard, Commissioner

Allen J. Dickerson, Commissioner

Dara Lindenbaum, Commissioner

Alec Palmer, Staff Director

Lisa Stevenson, Acting General Counsel

Laura E. Sinram, Secretary and Clerk

Vicktoria J. Allen, Deputy Secretary²

Romy Adame-Wilson, Management and Program Analyst³

¹ This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting with virtual and in-person participants.

² Deputy Secretary Vicktoria Allen was the recording secretary for the meeting.

³ Management and Program Analyst Romy Adame-Wilson moderated the meeting.

Acting Chairman James E. “Trey” Trainor III called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday April 30, 2025 with a quorum present.

I. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2025-05

PoliticalMeetings.com by Sue Rose

Agenda Document No. 25-09-A (Draft A)

Acting Chairman Trainor invited the requestor, Ms. Sue Rose, to the table, explained how the matter would proceed, and recognized Ms. Joanna Waldstreicher of the General Counsel’s Office who presented the matter.

Acting Chairman Trainor recognized Ms. Rose, who participated in the discussion that followed.

Acting Chairman Trainor recognized Commissioner Broussard who

MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 25-09-A.

The motion carried by a vote of 4-0 with Commissioners Broussard, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, and Trainor voting affirmatively for the decision.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2025-07

Libertarian Party of Maryland, Libertarian Party of Maine, Libertarian Party of Idaho, and Libertarian Party of Vermont (“4 Libertarian State Committees)” by Lorenzo Holloway, Esq.

Agenda Document No. 25-08-A (Draft A)

Acting Chairman Trainor recognized the requestor, Mr. Lorenzo Holloway, Esq., and then recognized Ms. Margaret Forman of the General Counsel's Office who presented the matter.

Mr. Holloway participated in the discussion that followed.

Acting Chairman Trainor recognized Commissioner Lindenbaum who

**MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 25-08-A,
which is Draft A.**

The motion carried by a vote of 4-0 with Commissioners Broussard, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, and Trainor voting affirmatively for the decision.

III. REQUEST FOR COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 69 GUIDANCE (LRA 1219)

Acting Chairman Trainor recognized Ms. Jennifer Waldman of the General Counsel's Office who presented the matter.

Ms. Jessica Selinkoff of the General Counsel's Office participated in the discussion that followed.

Acting Chairman Trainor⁴

MOVED to reject the recommendation of the Office of General Counsel, as stated in the redacted Memorandum to the Commission dated April 8, 2025.

⁴ Acting Chairman Trainor stated LRA 1218 when introducing his motion; however, without objection, he clarified that intended to move LRA 1219.

The motion failed by a vote of 2-2 with Commissioners Trainor and Dickerson voting affirmatively for the motion. Commissioners Broussard and Lindenbaum dissented.

Ms. Selinkoff participated in the discussion that followed.

Acting Chairman Trainor recognized Commissioner Lindenbaum who

MOVED to conclude that the committee's disbursement to a charitable organization in unrefunded general election contributions was not permissible, as stated in the redacted Memorandum to the Commission dated April 8, 2025.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lindenbaum clarified her motion.

Acting Chairman Trainor called the vote. The motion failed by a vote of 2-2 with Commissioners Broussard and Lindenbaum voting affirmatively for the motion. Commissioners Dickerson and Trainor dissented.

Discussion followed.

IV. OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE INITIAL STAGE OF THE ENFORCEMENT PROCESS (PURSUANT TO 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a))

Acting Chairman Trainor recognized Commissioner Dickerson who presented the matter.

Discussion followed.

Acting Chairman Trainor recognized Commissioner Dickerson who

MOVED to adopt Agenda Document No. 25-07-A.

The motion failed by a vote of 2-2 with Commissioners Trainor and Dickerson voting affirmatively for the motion. Commissioners Broussard and Lindenbaum dissented.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICER (CHAIR)

(Held over from the meeting of March 27, 2025)

Acting Chairman Trainor called the item.

Deputy Secretary Vicktoria Allen confirmed for Acting Chairman Trainor that Commissioner Dickerson had a pending motion.

Acting Chairman Trainor recognized Commissioner Dickerson who withdrew his previous motion and

MOVED to nominate Commissioner Shana M. Broussard to the position of Chair of the Federal Election Commission effective upon the first of July, 2025.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lindenbaum offered remarks thanking Acting Chairman Trainor and Commissioner Broussard.

Commissioner Dickerson also offered remarks thanking Commissioner Broussard and Acting Chairman Trainor.

Acting Chairman Trainor offered remarks thanking Commissioner Broussard.

Commissioner Broussard joined with the other remarks and offered her own remarks thanking Acting Chairman Trainor. Commissioner Broussard also offered remarks on her upcoming term as Chair.

Acting Chairman Trainor called the vote. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0 with Commissioners Broussard, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, and Trainor voting affirmatively for the decision.

Acting Chairman Trainor recognized Commissioner Dickerson for a point of personal privilege. Commissioner Dickerson gave remarks on his time at the agency and his resignation as commissioner⁵.

Acting Chairman Trainor recognized Commissioner Lindenbaum for a point of personal privilege. Commissioner Lindenbaum gave remarks on Commissioner Dickerson's time at the agency and thanked him for his service⁶.

Acting Chairman Trainor recognized Commissioner Broussard for a point of personal privilege. Commissioner Broussard gave remarks on Commissioner Dickerson's time at the agency and thanked him for his service⁷.

⁵ Commissioner Dickerson's remarks are attached in full at the end of these minutes.

⁶ Commissioner Lindenbaum's remarks are attached in full at the end of these minutes.

⁷ Commissioner Broussard's remarks are attached in full at the end of these minutes.

Acting Chairman Trainor took a point of personal privilege. Commissioner Trainor gave remarks on Commissioner Dickerson's time at the agency and thanked him for his service⁸.

Commissioner Dickerson thanked everyone for their gracious words.

Acting Chairman Trainor, without objection, asked for unanimous consent that any commissioner may have their remarks submitted for the record.

VI. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 A.M.

Signed:



**James E. "Trey" Trainor III
Acting Chairman of the Commission**

Attest:

**Vicktoria J. Allen
Deputy Secretary of the Commission**

**Laura E. Sinram
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission**

⁸ Commissioner Trainor's remarks are attached in full at the end of these minutes.