



APPROVED AUGUST 3, 2022

**MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022¹**

PRESENT:

Allen Dickerson, Chairman

Steven T. Walther, Vice Chair

Shana M. Broussard, Commissioner

Sean J. Cooksey, Commissioner

James E. "Trey" Trainor III, Commissioner

Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner

Alec Palmer, Staff Director²

Lisa Stevenson, Acting General Counsel

Laura E. Sinram, Acting Secretary and Clerk

Vicktoria J. Allen, Acting Deputy Secretary³

Maureen Benitz, Management and Program Analyst⁴

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

² Deputy Staff Director for Management & Administration Kate Higginbotham represented Staff Director Palmer.

³ Acting Deputy Secretary Vicktoria Allen was the recording secretary for the meeting.

⁴ Management and Program Analyst Maureen Benitz moderated the meeting.

Chairman Allen Dickerson called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:18 A.M. on Thursday, June 23, 2022 with a quorum present.

Chairman Dickerson stated that there are some late-submitted documents and recognized Commissioner Weintraub who

MOVED that the Commission consider Draft Advisory Opinion 2022-08 and that the Commission determine pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 2.7(d)(1) that business so requires and that no earlier public announcement was possible, and

FURTHER MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order that the Commission may consider the late submission of Agenda Documents No. 22-18-B and 22-25-A.

The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

I. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2022-05

DSCC

Agenda Document No. 22-18-A (Draft A)

**Agenda Document No. 22-18-B (Draft B)
(Submitted Late)**

(Held over from the meetings of May 26, 2022 and June 8, 2022)

Chairman Dickerson recognized Ms. Jacquelyn Lopez, Esq. and Mr. Zachary Morrison, Esq., who represented the requestor. Ms. Lopez participated in the discussion that followed.

Chairman Dickerson then recognized Commissioner Weintraub who

MOVED to approve Draft B with the edit described earlier by Commissioner Weintraub at the table and deletion of the paragraph on page 4, lines 8-13 in Agenda Document 22-18-B.

The motion carried by a vote of 4-2 with Commissioners Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Broussard and Cooksey dissented.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2022-03

Democracy Engine, LLC

Agenda Document No. 22-20-A (Draft A)

Agenda Document No. 22-20-A1 (Revised Draft A)

Agenda Document No. 22-20-B (Draft B)

Agenda Document No. 22-20-B1 (Revised Draft B)

(Held over from the meeting of June 8, 2022)

Chairman Dickerson recognized Ms. Carol Laham, Esq., who represented the requestor.

Chairman Dickerson then recognized Commissioner Cooksey who

MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 22-20-B1, which is Revised Draft B.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-3 with Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, and Trainor voting affirmatively for the motion. Commissioners Broussard, Walther, and Weintraub dissented.

Chairman Dickerson then recognized Commissioner Weintraub who

**MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 22-20-A1
(Revised Draft A).**

The motion failed by a vote of 3-3 with Commissioners Broussard, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the motion. Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, and Trainor dissented.

Mr. Robert Knop of the General Counsel's Office participated in the discussion that followed.

Chairman Dickerson then recognized Commissioner Broussard who

MOVED to request that the Office of General Counsel prepare a consensus draft on the issues in which there are four votes in agreement and stating that the Commission was unable to agree by four votes on the remaining issues.

The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

III. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2022-06

Hispanic Leadership Trust by Chris K. Gober, Esq. and Eric Wang, Esq.

This matter was held over to a future meeting.

IV. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2022-08

National Republican Congressional Committee (“NRCC”)

**Agenda Document No. 22-25-A (Draft A)
(Submitted Late)**

Chairman Dickerson recognized Ms. Brandis Zehr, Esq., who represented the requestor.

Discussion followed.

Chairman Dickerson then recognized Commissioner Weintraub who

MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 22-25-A.

The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

V. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:39 A.M.

Signed:



**Allen Dickerson
Chairman of the Commission (2022)**

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Attest:

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