



**APPROVED DECEMBER 11, 2017**

**MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING  
OF THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

**Steven T. Walther, Chairman, presiding**

**Caroline C. Hunter, Vice Chair**

**Lee E. Goodman, Commissioner**

**Matthew S. Petersen, Commissioner**

**Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner**

**Alec Palmer, Staff Director**

**Lisa Stevenson, Acting General Counsel**

**Dayna C. Brown, Secretary and Clerk**

**Chairman Steven T. Walther called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:14 A.M. on Thursday, March 9, 2017 with a quorum present.**

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**Chairman Walther opened the meeting recognizing Lynne McFarland, the FEC's Inspector General. Chairman Walther stated that Ms. McFarland had been with agency for 40 years, 27 of them as Inspector General. He noted that Ms. McFarland was both the first ever Inspector General for the FEC and the longest serving Inspector General of any Federal agency. In honor of her retirement, the Chairman thanked Ms. McFarland for her service, and recognized her and her staff for their hard work and competence. Chairman Walther presented Ms. McFarland with a small gift. Ms. Carla Smith of the Office of the Inspector General offered remarks and appreciation to Ms. McFarland on behalf of their office.**

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**I. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2016-23**

**Socialist Workers Party by Michael Krinsky, Esq.  
and Lindsey Frank, Esq.**

**Agenda Document No. 17-01-A (Draft A)**

**Agenda Document No. 17-01-B (Draft B)  
(Submitted Late)**

**This matter was held over to the next open meeting.**

**II. AUDIT DIVISION RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM ON THE COLORADO  
REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE (CRC) (A13-12)**

**Memorandum from the Chief Compliance Officer and Audit  
Division dated February 16, 2017**

**Agenda Document No. 17-12-A**

**Chairman Walther recognized Ms. Mary Moss of the Audit Division who summarized the four Findings in the Memorandum: 1) Misstatement of Financial Activity; 2) Reporting of Apparent Independent Expenditures; 3) Recordkeeping for Communications; 4) Failure to Itemize Debts and Obligations. Ms. Moss reminded the Commission of the Audit Hearing held in this case at the Colorado Republican Committee's (CRC) request, and that the Commission granted CRC an opportunity to submit banking documentation for portions of Finding 1. She noted that no such documentation had been received from CRC to-date.**

**Discussion followed.**

**Commissioner Goodman requested time to review the matter following the discussion.**

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**The meeting recessed at 10:34 A.M. and reconvened at 10:38 A.M. with a quorum present.**

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**II. AUDIT DIVISION RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM ON THE COLORADO REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE (CRC) (A13-12) (continued)**

**Chairman Walther recognized Commissioner Goodman who resumed discussion of the matter. Ms. Moss of the Audit Division and Mr. Joshua Blume of the General Counsel's Office participated in the discussion.**

**Commissioner Goodman requested that the matter be moved to the next open meeting. He asked the Audit Division to make an additional attempt to contact CRC to inform them that the Commission was expecting some follow-up from them, and that an affirmative indication as to whether they intend to make any additional submissions would be appreciated.**

**Chairman Walther stated that the matter would be considered at the next open meeting.**

**III. 2017 CHIEF FOIA OFFICER REPORT**

**Memorandum from the Chief FOIA Officer, Deputy General Counsel – Administration, dated February 2, 2017**

**Agenda Document No. 17-11-A**

**This matter was held over to a future open meeting.**

**IV. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 A.M.**

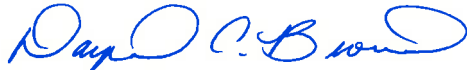
**Signed:**



**Steven T. Walther**

**Chairman of the Commission**

**Attest:**



**Dayna C. Brown**

**Secretary and Clerk of the Commission**