



APPROVED JANUARY 10, 2024

**MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023¹**

PRESENT:

Dara Lindenbaum, Chair, presiding

Sean J. Cooksey, Vice Chairman

Shana M. Broussard, Commissioner

Allen J. Dickerson, Commissioner

James E. "Trey" Trainor III, Commissioner

Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner

Alec Palmer, Staff Director

Lisa Stevenson, Acting General Counsel

Laura E. Sinram, Secretary and Clerk

Vicktoria J. Allen, Deputy Secretary²

Zainab Smith, 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 Zainab Smith moderated the meeting.

Chair Dara Lindenbaum called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:34 A.M. on Thursday, October 19, 2023 with a quorum present.

**I. PROPOSED DIRECTIVE REGARDING INVESTIGATIONS
CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

**Memorandum from Commissioner Allen J. Dickerson
dated August 23, 2023**

Agenda Document No. 23-21-A (Draft A)

**Memorandum from Commissioner Allen J. Dickerson
dated October 12, 2023**

Agenda Document No. 23-21-A1 (Revised Draft A)

**(Held over from the meetings of August 30, 2023;
September 14, 2023; and October 5, 2023)**

This matter was held over to a future meeting.

**II. AUDIT DIVISION RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM ON CITIZENS FOR
WATERS (A21-01)**

Memorandum to the Commission dated July 21, 2023

Agenda Document No. 23-17-A

**(Held over from the meetings of August 10, 2023; August 30, 2023;
September 14, 2023; and October 5, 2023)**

Chair Lindenbaum recognized Mr. William Antosz and Ms. Zuzana Pacious of the Audit Division. Mr. Antosz highlighted the four (4) findings within the Memorandum: 1) Misstatement of Financial Activity; 2) Receipt of Contributions

in Excess of the Limit; 3) Cash Disbursements; and 4) Contributions from Unregistered Political Organizations.

Discussion followed.

Chair Lindenbaum recognized Commissioner Weintraub who

MOVED to approve the Audit Division Recommendation Memorandum on the Citizens for Waters (A21-01), as recommended in the Memorandum from the Chief Compliance Officer and the Audit Division dated July 21, 2023.

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

Chair Lindenbaum recognized Commissioner Trainor who

MOVED to approve Findings 1, 2, and 3, as recommended in the Memorandum from the Chief Compliance Officer and the Audit Division dated July 21, 2023.

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

**III. PROPOSED FINAL AUDIT REPORT ON STEVE DAINES FOR
MONTANA (A21-04)**

**Memorandum to the Commission dated September
27, 2023**

Agenda Document No. 23-22-A

This matter was held over to a future meeting.

IV. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**There being no further business to come before the Commission, the
meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.**

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dara Lindenbaum', written over a horizontal line.

**Dara Lindenbaum
Chair of the Commission (2023)**

Attest:

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

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