



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

STATEMENT OF CHAIR SHANA M. BROUSSARD ON THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOSS OF A QUORUM

Today marks a sad milestone for the Federal Election Commission. A year has passed since we had a quorum, which is the longest period without a quorum in the Commission's 50+ year history.

The Commission has continued (and continues) to operate since we lost a quorum on May 1, 2025. Our Compliance team is still reviewing campaign finance reports from candidates and committees. Our Office of General Counsel is still accepting complaints alleging violations of federal campaign finance law and making recommendations about whether the Commission should find reason to believe those violations occurred. Our Information Division is still hosting trainings. And our Reports & Analysis Division is still answering calls and emails from committees with reporting questions.

But without a quorum, the Commission cannot fully achieve its mission to provide transparency and fairly enforce and administer federal campaign finance laws. Since we lost a quorum, we have not been able to resolve enforcement and audit matters, implement rules, issue advisory opinions, and litigate most cases.

There's no question that the Commission plays an essential role in the public's trust in federal elections. The data we publish on our website in real time is critical to fight the rampant mis- and dis-information that we'll likely confront again in this year's mid-term elections. Our rulemakings respond to current trends, like the new rule I implemented that allows campaign funds to pay for security expenses in light of the unfortunate heightened threats of political violence. And when the Commission finds a federal campaign finance violation, we hold violators accountable. There's more money in federal elections than ever before, which is why, now more than ever, the Federal Election Commission needs to fully function.

This Commission needs a quorum. Optimally, the Commission should have six commissioners, but we'll take four. While the Administration has taken the initial steps to name two nominees, we're still waiting for resolution. I urge the Administration and the Senate to move on the nominees immediately.

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Date



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Chair