



AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 13-09

**MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013**

PRESENT:

Ellen L. Weintraub, Chair, presiding

Donald F. McGahn II, Vice Chairman

Caroline C. Hunter, Commissioner

Matthew S. Petersen, Commissioner

Steven T. Walther, Commissioner

Alec Palmer, Staff Director

Anthony Herman, General Counsel

Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk

Chair Ellen L. Weintraub called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 11:03 A.M. on Thursday, February 14, 2013 with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Minutes for January 31, 2013
Agenda Document No. 13-08-A**

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman McGahn who

**MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 13-08-A,
the minutes for the open session held on
January 31, 2013.**

The motion carried by a vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Hunter, McGahn, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2012-38

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

Agenda Document No. 13-07 (Drafts A and B)

Chair Weintraub stated that this matter would be held over to a future meeting at the request of the requestor.

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman McGahn who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of documents so that the Commission may consider the late submission of Agenda Document Nos. 13-04-A, 13-05-A, and 13-06-A.

The motion carried by a vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Hunter, McGahn, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

III. PROPOSED FINAL AUDIT REPORT ON MCCAIN-PALIN 2008 INC. AND MCCAIN-PALIN COMPLIANCE FUND, INC.

Agenda Document No. 13-04

**Agenda Document No. 13-04-A
(Submitted Late)**

Chair Weintraub recognized Ms. Rickida Morcomb of the Audit Division who stated that the Report contains one finding for the McCain-Palin Compliance Fund, Inc.: failure to file 48-Hour Notices totaling \$240,700. She also noted that the Report contains an additional issue for McCain-Palin 2008 Inc.: campaign travel billing for the press.

Discussion followed.

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman McGahn who

MOVED to approve the Proposed Final Audit Report on McCain-Palin 2008 Inc. and McCain-Palin Compliance Fund, Inc. as contained in Agenda Document No. 13-04-A and authorize the Audit Division to make any technical and conforming edits.

The motion carried by a vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Hunter, McGahn, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

IV. PROPOSED FINAL AUDIT REPORT ON THE MAINE REPUBLICAN PARTY (A09-09)

Agenda Document No. 13-05

**Agenda Document No. 13-05-A
(Submitted Late)**

Chair Weintraub recognized Mr. Alex Boniewicz of the Audit Division who stated that the Report contains four findings: 1) misstatement of financial activity; 2) reporting of debts and obligations; 3) disclosure of disbursements; and 4) failure to file notices and properly disclose independent expenditures. He also noted that the Report contains one additional issue: reporting payments from non-federal accounts.

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman McGahn who

MOVED to approve the Proposed Final Audit Report on the Maine Republican Party as found in Agenda Document No. 13-05-A and authorize the Audit Division to make any technical and conforming edits.

The motion carried by a vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Hunter, McGahn, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

V. PROPOSED FINAL AUDIT REPORT ON RIGHTMARCH.COM PAC, INC. (A09-25)

Agenda Document No. 13-06

**Agenda Document No. 13-06-A
(Submitted Late)**

Chair Weintraub recognized Mr. Boniewicz of the Audit Division who stated that the Report contains one finding: misstatement of financial activity. He also noted that the Report contains two additional issues: 1) extension of credit by a commercial vendor; and 2) reporting of payments for communications.

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman McGahn who

MOVED to approve the Proposed Final Audit Report on Rightmarch.com PAC, Inc. as found in Agenda Document No. 13-06-A and authorize the Audit Division to make any technical and conforming edits.

The motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioners Hunter, McGahn, Petersen, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.
Commissioner Walther dissented.

VI. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Signed:

**Ellen L. Weintraub
Chair of the Commission**

Attest:

**Shawn Woodhead Werth
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission**