



AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 14-10

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING

OF THE

**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2014**

PRESENT:

Lee E. Goodman, Chairman, presiding

Ann M. Ravel, Vice Chair

Caroline C. Hunter, Commissioner

Matthew S. Petersen, Commissioner

Steven T. Walther, Commissioner

Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner

Alec Palmer, Staff Director

Lisa J. Stevenson, Deputy General Counsel - Law

Shelley E. Garr, Deputy Secretary

Chairman Lee E. Goodman called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:27 A.M. on Thursday, January 30, 2014 with a quorum present.

I. AUDIT DIVISION RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM ON THE DALLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY ((DCRP) A11-14)

Memorandum from the Audit Division dated December 30, 2013

Agenda Document No. 14-3

(Held over from the meeting of January 16, 2014)

Chairman Goodman introduced the matter. Mr. Doug Kodish of the Audit Division participated in the discussion that followed.

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

MOVED to find that DCRP failed to keep monthly time logs for the \$85,520 in payroll consisting of payments allocated between federal and non-federal funds and 100% non-federal payments, subject to an amendment to include the \$56,407 paid to contract workers.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-3 with Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the motion. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, and Petersen dissented.

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

MOVED to take the following actions:

- 1. Find that DCRP misstated its financial activity for calendar year 2010.**
- 2. Find that DCRP failed to maintain logs to document the time employees spent on federal election activity totaling \$85,520.**

The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

II. AUDIT DIVISION RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM ON THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF IOWA (RPIA) (A11-24)

Memorandum from the Audit Division dated December 20, 2013

Agenda Document No. 14-4

(Held over from the meeting of January 16, 2014)

Chairman Goodman recognized Ms. Rhonda Gillingwater of the Audit Division who summarized the two findings in the Memorandum:

1) recordkeeping for employees; and 2) failure to itemize debts and obligations.

Discussion followed.

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

MOVED to find that RPIA failed to keep monthly time-logs for the payroll consisting of payments allocated between federal and non-federal funds and 100% non-federal payments, subject to an amendment to include \$58,424 paid to contract workers.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-3 with Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the motion. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, and Petersen dissented.

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

MOVED to take the following actions:

- 1. Find that RPIA failed to keep monthly time-logs for the \$336,596 in payroll allocated between federal and non-federal funds.¹**
- 2. Direct the Audit Division to include in the Proposed Final Audit Report an Additional Issues section addressing the remaining amount for 100% non-federal payments.**

The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

MOVED to find that RPIA failed to itemize debts and obligations totaling \$179,856.

The motion carried by a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively for the decision.

¹ Because the dollar amount cited in the original motion should have been \$336,569, the Commission subsequently agreed, without objection, to correct it pursuant to an email from Vice Chair Ravel's Office.

III. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**There being no further business to come before the Commission,
the meeting adjourned at 10:54 A.M.**

Signed:

**Lee E. Goodman
Chairman of the Commission**

Attest:

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

**Shelley E. Garr
Deputy Secretary**