



AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 14-27

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING

OF THE

**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 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

Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk

Chairman Lee E. Goodman called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 11:51 A.M. on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Minutes for April 3, 2014
Agenda Document No. 14-26**

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

**MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 14-26,
minutes for the open session held April 3, 2014.**

**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 suspend the rules on the timely submission of
agenda documents in order to consider the late submission
of Agenda Document No. 14-24-A (Draft B, Advisory Opinion
2014-02, Make Your Laws PAC, Inc.) and Agenda Document
No. 14-25-A (Proposed Final Audit Report for the State
Democratic Executive Committee of Alabama).**

**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
NEBRASKA DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP) (A11-18) (RESUBMISSION)**

Agenda Document No. 14-23

Chairman Goodman introduced the matter.

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

MOVED to approve the recommendation for Finding 1 (Recordkeeping), as set forth in Agenda Document No. 14-23, including \$282,882 for which the committee allocated payroll between federal and non-federal funds and \$17,826 for 100% non-federal payments.

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. Approve the recommendation in Finding 1 (Recordkeeping), as set forth in Agenda Document No. 14-23, related to the \$282,882 that the committee disclosed as having been paid with an allocation of federal and non-federal funds and \$3,642 that was paid from an exclusively non-federal account during periods in which they were also paid with federal funds.**
- 2. Direct the Audit Division to include in the Proposed Final Audit Report an Additional Issues section addressing the \$14,184 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 approve the recommendation in Finding 2
(Reporting of Debts and Obligations) as set forth in
Agenda Document No. 14-23.**

**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 Commissioner Petersen who

**MOVED to approve the recommendation in Finding 3
relating to Excessive Coordinated Party Expenditures
as set forth in Agenda Document No. 14-23.**

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

Chairman Goodman recognized Commissioner Weintraub who

MOVED to take the following actions:

- 1. That, with respect to Finding 3 of the Audit Division Recommendation Memorandum on the Nebraska Democratic Party, the reported expenditures of \$94,610 (the amount associated with the candidate mailer) should not be attributed to NDP's coordinated expenditure limit due to the lack of clarity on the volunteer materials exemption. Further, the reported expenditures of \$578 (the amount associated with the window sign) should not be attributed to NDP's coordinated expenditure limit because the expenditure was not a public communication.**
- 2. To direct the Audit Division to include an Additional Issues section addressing the \$4,596 related to the candidate postcard.**

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

III. PROPOSED FINAL AUDIT REPORT ON THE STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ALABAMA (A11-22)

Agenda Document No. 14-25

**Agenda Document No. 14-25-A
(Submitted Late)**

Chairman Goodman introduced the matter.

Chairman Goodman recognized Vice Chair Ravel who

**MOVED to approve Agenda Document No. 14-25-A, the
Proposed Final Audit Report on the State Democratic
Executive Committee of Alabama.**

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

IV. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2014-02

Make Your Laws PAC, Inc. by Sai

(Held over from the April 3, 2014 meeting)

Agenda Document No. 14-24 (Draft A)

**Agenda Document No. 14-24-A (Draft B)
(Submitted Late)**

Chairman Goodman stated that Sai, the requestor, was available by telephone to answer Commissioners' questions.

Chairman Goodman introduced the matter. Sai and Ms. Jessica Selinkoff of the Office of General Counsel also participated in the discussion that followed.

It was agreed, by consensus, to resume consideration of this matter at the next meeting.

V. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Chairman Goodman recognized Mr. Jeff Chumley of the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) who discussed the enhanced and expanded search capability on the FEC website which now provides for the ability to search 10 different data sources in addition to static content. For this first phase of the project, Mr. Chumley demonstrated four different search types; explained the improved help screen functionality; provided the email address (webmanager@fec.gov) for the public to offer comments about the website; and summarized future improvements.

Mr. Wei Luo of the OCIO and Staff Director Palmer also participated in the discussion that followed.

Chairman Goodman congratulated and thanked Mr. Chumley and Mr. Luo for their efforts in enhancing the public's access to the Commission's website.

Chairman Goodman stated that the Commission will hold a public forum on June 4, 2014 to discuss party committees.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Signed:

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

Attest:

**Shelley E. Garr
Acting Secretary and Clerk of the Commission**