

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) RAD REFERRAL 23L-15
 Straight Talk Politics PAC and Wesley)
 Smith in his official capacity as treasurer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Vicktoria J. Allen, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on October 03, 2023, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Failed by a vote of 2-3 to:
 - a. Open a Matter Under Review.
 - b. Find reason to believe that Straight Talk Politics PAC and Wesley Smith in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(g)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.4(c).
 - c. Enter into conciliation with Straight Talk Politics PAC and Wesley Smith in his official capacity as treasurer prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
 - d. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated September 6, 2023.
 - e. Approve the Conciliation Agreement, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated September 6, 2023.
 - f. Approve the appropriate letter.

Commissioners Broussard and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, and Trainor dissented. Commissioner Lindenbaum was recused and did not vote.

2. Decided by a vote of 5-0 to:
 - a. Open a Matter Under Review. MUR 8175
 - b. Find reason to believe that Straight Talk Politics PAC and Wesley Smith in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(g)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.4(c).
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Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Lindenbaum was recused and did not vote.



Attest:

Vicktoria J Allen

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Vicktoria J. Allen
Deputy Secretary of the Commission