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**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of )  
 ) AUDIT REFERRAL 15-03  
Kentucky State Democratic Central )  
Executive Committee and M. Melinda )  
Karns in her official capacity as treasurer )

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Shelley E. Garr, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on September 17, 2015, the Commission took the following/  
actions in the above-captioned matter:

- I. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:
  - a. Open a MUR in AR 15-03.
  - b. Find reason to believe that Kentucky State Democratic Central Executive Committee and M. Melinda Karns in her official capacity as treasurer violated 11 C.F.R. §.106.7(d)(1).
  - c. Authorize conciliation with Kentucky State Democratic Central Executive Committee and M. Melinda Karns in her official capacity as treasurer prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
  - d.
  - e. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 9, 2015.
  - f. Approve the appropriate letter.

Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, and Petersen dissented.

2. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:

- a. Open a MUR in AR 15-03.
- b. Find reason to believe that Kentucky State Democratic Central Executive Committee and M. Melinda Karns in her official capacity as treasurer violated 11 C.F.R. § 106.7(d)(1).
- c. Authorize conciliation with Kentucky State Democratic Central Executive Committee and M. Melinda Karns in her official capacity as treasurer prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- d.
- e. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 9, 2015 and as last circulated by Commissioner Petersen's Office at 5:10 P.M. on September 16, 2015.
- f. Approve the appropriate letter.

Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, and Petersen dissented.

3. Decided by a vote of 6-0 to:

- a. Open a MUR in AR 15-03.

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- b. Find reason to believe that Kentucky State Democratic Central Executive Committee and M. Melinda Karns in her official capacity as treasurer violated 11 C.F.R. § 106.7(d)(1).
- c. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 9, 2015 and as last circulated by Commissioner Petersen's Office at 5:10 P.M. on September 16, 2015.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

4. Decided by a vote of 5-1 to:

- a. Authorize conciliation with Kentucky State Democratic Central Executive Committee and M. Melinda Karns in her official capacity as treasurer prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- b.
- c.
- d. Approve the appropriate letter.

Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Goodman dissented.

5. Decided by a vote of 6-0 to:

- a. Approve the appropriate letter.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

September 18, 2015  
Date

Shelley E. Garr  
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Deputy Secretary of the Commission