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CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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(Via Videoconference)

Phoenix, Arizona

March 19, 2026

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1 PUBLIC MEETING, BEFORE THE CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS  
 2 COMMISSION, convened at 11:00 a.m. on March 19, 2026, via  
 3 videoconference, in the presence of the following Board  
 4 Members:  
 5 Mr. Mark S. Kimble, Chairman  
 6 Ms. Christina Werther  
 7 Mr. Sam Crump  
 8 Mr. Galen Paton  
 9 Mr. Steve Titla  
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 11 OTHERS PRESENT:  
 12 Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director  
 13 Paula Thomas, Executive Officer  
 14 Avery Xola, Voter Education Manager  
 15 Alec Shaffer, Web Content Manager  
 16 Mary O'Grady, Osborn Maledon  
 17 Alexandra Karpurk, Osborn Maledon  
 18 Jessica Painter, KCA  
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1 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Hearing none, do I have a  
 2 motion to go into executive session on Item Number II?  
 3 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I move to  
 4 go into executive session.  
 5 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you.  
 6 COMMISSIONER TITLA: I second that motion.  
 7 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla, thank  
 8 you for seconding that. And let the record show Commissioner  
 9 Titla is with us, and we have all five commissioners.  
 10 I'm now going to call the roll on motion to go into  
 11 executive session on Item II.  
 12 Commissioner Werther.  
 13 I think -- I think you're on.  
 14 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye.  
 15 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: I can now hear you, yes.  
 16 Commissioner Crump.  
 17 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye.  
 18 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton.  
 19 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.  
 20 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla.  
 21 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye.  
 22 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. The vote  
 23 is 5-to-nothing. We will go into executive session.  
 24 (Whereupon the proceeding is in executive session  
 25 from 11:20 a.m. until 11:29 a.m.)  
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 3 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Good morning. I'm Mark  
 4 Kimble. Agenda Item I is the call to order. It is  
 5 11:00 a.m. on March 19, 2026, and I call this meeting of the  
 6 Citizens Clean Elections Commission to order.  
 7 With that we will take attendance. Commissioners,  
 8 please identify yourselves for the record.  
 9 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Christina Werther.  
 10 COMMISSIONER PATON: Galen Paton.  
 11 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Sam Crump.  
 12 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: And I'm Mark Kimble. We  
 13 have four out of the five commissioners here; we have a  
 14 quorum.  
 15 With that we'll proceed to Item II. Discussion  
 16 possible action on notice of cross-appeal *Montenegro v.*  
 17 *Fontes.*  
 18 Commissioners, Item II concerns whether to file a  
 19 notice of cross-appeal in the Montenegro matter. Mary  
 20 O'Grady who has been representing the Commission on this  
 21 matter is here.  
 22 Do we have any comments from Commissioners in open  
 23 session before we entertain a motion to go into executive  
 24 session?  
 25 (No audible response.)  
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 3 (Whereupon all members of the public are present  
 4 and the proceeding resumes in general session.)  
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 6 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. I think we are still  
 7 waiting for...  
 8 Okay. We have all the Commissioners back in open  
 9 session as well as our attorneys and Tom.  
 10 So to the Commission, do I have any motion  
 11 regarding the filing of a notice of cross-appeal?  
 12 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman. I move  
 13 to --  
 14 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Werther.  
 15 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: -- direct legal counsel  
 16 to file a motion to cross-appeal in the *Montenegro v. Fontes*  
 17 case as discussed in executive session.  
 18 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Commissioner  
 19 Werther.  
 20 Is there a second?  
 21 COMMISSIONER TITLA: I second that motion,  
 22 Chairman.  
 23 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Commissioner  
 24 Titla.  
 25 It's been moved and seconded that we authorize  
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1 Counsel to file a notice of cross-appeal.  
 2 I will call the roll.  
 3 Commissioner Werther.  
 4 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye.  
 5 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump.  
 6 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye.  
 7 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla.  
 8 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye.  
 9 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Patton.  
 10 COMMISSIONER PATTON: Aye.  
 11 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. The motion  
 12 is approved 5-to-nothing.  
 13 Thank you.  
 14 That will move on to Item III, public comment.  
 15 This is the time for consideration of comments and  
 16 suggestions from the public. Action taken as a result of  
 17 public comment will be limited to directing staff to study  
 18 the matter, rescheduling the matter for further consideration  
 19 or responding to criticism. Please keep your comments  
 20 concise.  
 21 Does any member of the public wish to comment? Is  
 22 there any member -- anyone on Zoom who wishes to comment?  
 23 (No audible response.)  
 24 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: I do not see anyone. Am I  
 25 missing anything?

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1 adjourned.  
 2 Thank you very much.  
 3 (Meeting concludes at 11:32 a.m.)  
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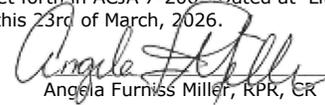
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1 MR. COLLINS: No. I think we're good.  
 2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Thank you, Tom.  
 3 The public may also submit comments by e-mail at  
 4 ccec@cleanelections.gov.  
 5 Item IV, adjournment. If there's no further  
 6 business, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.  
 7 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I move to  
 8 adjourn.  
 9 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Commissioner  
 10 Werther.  
 11 Is there a second?  
 12 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Second.  
 13 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Commissioner  
 14 Crump.  
 15 It's been moved and seconded that we adjourn. I  
 16 will call the roll.  
 17 Commissioner Werther.  
 18 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye.  
 19 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump.  
 20 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye.  
 21 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla.  
 22 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye.  
 23 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Patton.  
 24 COMMISSIONER PATTON: Aye.  
 25 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. We are  
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 4 ) ss.  
 5 COUNTY OF MARICOPA )  
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 8 taken before me, Angela Furniss Miller, Certified Reporter  
 9 No. 50127, all done to the best of my skill and ability;  
 10 that the proceedings were taken down by me in shorthand and  
 11 thereafter reduced to print under my direction.  
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 13 I CERTIFY that I am in no way related to any of the  
 14 parties hereto nor am I in any way interested in the outcome  
 15 thereof.  
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 17 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I have complied with the  
 18 requirements set forth in ACJA 7-206. Dated at Litchfield  
 19 Park, Arizona, this 23rd of March, 2026.  
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 21 Angela Furniss Miller, RPR, CR  
 22 CERTIFIED REPORTER (AZ50127)  
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