

# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION



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FEC Elects New Chairman and Vice-Chairman

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The Federal Election Commission today elected Commissioner Joan D. Aikens (Rep) as its new chairman, and Commissioner Robert O. Tiernan (Dem), as its new vice-chairman, for one-year terms beginning May 20, 1978.

The Federal Election Campaign Act provides that the Commission shall elect its chairman and vice-chairman, that the chairman and vice-chairman shall not be affiliated with the same political party, and that no Commissioner may serve as chairman more than once during any term of office to which he is appointed.

Past Chairman and Vice-Chairman have been as follows:

<u>Term</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice-Chairman</u>
May 1977-May 1978	Thomas E. Harris (Dem)	Joan D. Aikens (Rep)
May 1976-May 1977	Vernon W. Thomson (Rep)	Thomas E. Harris (Dem)
April 1975-May 1976	Thomas B. Curtis (Rep)	Neil Staebler (Dem)

The current membership of the FEC is as follows:

Commissioner Joan Aikens (Rep)  
 Commissioner Thomas E. Harris (Dem)  
 Commissioner William L. Springer (Rep)  
 Commissioner Neil Staebler (Dem)  
 Commissioner Vernon W. Thomson (Rep)  
 Commissioner Robert O. Tiernan (Dem)  
 Clerk of the House Edmund L. Henshaw (non-voting, ex-officio member)  
 Secretary of the Senate J.S. Kimmitt (non-voting, ex-officio member)

Thursday, May 18, 1978