

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 03-36

APPROVED JUNE 12, 2003

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING

OF THE

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2003

PRESENT: Ellen L. Weintraub, Chair, presiding  
Bradley A. Smith, Vice Chairman  
David M. Mason, Commissioner  
Danny L. McDonald, Commissioner  
Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner  
Michael E. Toner, Commissioner  
Alison Doone, Deputy Staff Director  
for Management, representing  
James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director  
Lawrence M. Norton, General Counsel  
Mary W. Dove, Secretary

Chair Ellen L. Weintraub called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:05 A.M. on Thursday, May 15, 2003, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for May 8, 2003

Agenda Document No. 03-35

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman Smith, who

MOVED to approve the Minutes for the open meeting of Thursday, May 8, 2003, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 03-35.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Mason, McDonald, Smith, Thomas, Toner, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2003-7

Virginia Highlands Advancement Fund  
by Regina Cordle, Treasurer

Agenda Documents No. 03-34  
and No. 03-34-A

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman  
Smith, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on  
the timely submission of agenda  
documents in order to consider  
Agenda Document No. 03-34-A.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

The Chair recognized Ms. Cheryl A. F. Hemsley  
of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft  
Advisory Opinion 2003-7 concerning the application of  
the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended  
("the Act"), and Commission regulations to the  
accounting method Virginia Highlands Advancement Fund  
("VHAF") seeks to use when returning non-Federal funds  
to its donors.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2003-7

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During her presentation, Ms. Hemsley noted  
the following amendments:

1. Amend the headers on Pages 2, 3, and 4  
of Agenda Document No. 03-34 to read  
"AO 2003-7."
2. Amend Line 9 of Agenda Document  
No. 03-34-A by inserting "582,"  
before "2003."

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman  
Smith, who

MOVED to approve draft Advisory  
Opinion 2003-7, as submitted in  
Agenda Document No. 03-34, as  
amended, and further amended by  
Agenda Document No. 03-34-A, as  
amended.


The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

III. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no routine administrative matters  
to come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 A.M.

Signed:



Ellen L. Weintraub  
Chair

Attest:



Mary W. Dove  
Secretary