

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 00-32
APPROVED MARCH 16, 2000

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2000

PRESENT: Darryl R. Wold, Chairman, Presiding
Danny L. McDonald, Vice Chairman
David M. Mason, Commissioner
Karl J. Sandstrom, Commissioner
Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner
James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director
Lawrence M. Noble, General Counsel
Mary W. Dove, Acting Secretary

Chairman Darryl R. Wold called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:10 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2000, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes for February 9, 2000
Agenda Document No. 00-22

- B. Minutes for February 17, 2000
Agenda Document No. 00-28

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman McDonald, who

MOVED to approve the minutes for the open meetings of Wednesday, February 9, 2000, and Thursday, February 17, 2000, as submitted in Agenda Documents No. 00-22 and No. 00-28, respectively.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Mason, McDonald, Sandstrom, Thomas, and Wold voting affirmatively.

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS

A. Draft AO 1999-40

National Rural Electric
Cooperative Association
by counsel, Jan Witold Baran

Agenda Documents No. 00-25
and No. 00-25-A

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman
McDonald, who

MOVED to suspend the rules
on the timely submission of
agenda documents in order
to consider Agenda Document
No. 00-25-A.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with
Commissioners Mason, McDonald, Sandstrom, Thomas, and
Wold voting affirmatively.

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS (continued)

A. Draft AO 1999-40 (continued)

Chairman Wold recognized Mr. Jonathan Levin of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 1999-40 concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and Commission regulations to the ability of the Action Committee for Rural Electrification ("ACRE") to solicit the members of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's distribution member cooperatives and to utilize the cooperatives' billing systems to collect voluntary contributions.

A discussion followed.

It was agreed without objection to return draft Advisory Opinion 1999-40 to the Office of General Counsel for the inclusion of a footnote, pursuant to the meeting discussion; to incorporate the amendment set forth in Agenda Document No. 00-25-A; and to circulate the redraft for Commission approval on a tally vote.

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS (continued)

B. Draft AO 2000-03

American Society of Anesthesiologists
by counsel, Michael Scott

Agenda Document No. 00-27

Chairman Wold recognized Mr. Jonathan Levin of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2000-03 concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and Commission regulations to payments for receptions involving appearances by Federal candidates.

Following discussion, by unanimous consent, it was agreed to return draft AO 2000-03 to the Office of General Counsel for redrafting, pursuant to the meeting discussion, and to circulate the revised draft for Commission approval on a tally vote.

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS (continued)

C. Draft AO 2000-01

Angel Taveras, Congressional
candidate

Agenda Document No. 00-26

Chairman Wold recognized Mr. Michael Marinelli of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2000-01 concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and Commission regulations to the proposal to receive a partially paid leave of absence when one becomes a candidate for Federal office.

A discussion was held.

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman McDonald, who

MOVED to approve draft
Advisory Opinion 2000-01,
as submitted in Agenda
Document No. 00-26.

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS (continued)

C. Draft AO 2000-01 (continued)


The motion carried on the vote of 4-1 with Commissioners McDonald, Sandstrom, Thomas, and Wold voting affirmatively. Commissioner Mason dissented.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no administrative matters to come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Signed:


Darryl R. Wold
Chairman

Attest:


Mary W. Dove
Acting Secretary