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AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 00-100
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MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2000

- PRESENT:
- Darryl R. Wold, Chairman, Presiding
 - Danny L. McDonald, Vice Chairman
 - David M. Mason, Commissioner
 - Karl J. Sandstrom, Commissioner
 - Bradley A. Smith, 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 10:06 A.M. on Thursday, September 28, 2000, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for September 12, 2000
Agenda Document No. 00-94

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman McDonald, who

MOVED to approve the minutes for the open meeting of September 12, 2000, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 00-94.

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

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS

A. Draft Advisory Opinion 2000-23

New York State Democratic Committee
by counsel, Joseph E. Sandler and
Neil P. Reiff

Agenda Document No. 00-96

Chairman Wold recognized Mr. Michael Marinelli of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2000-23, concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and Commission regulations to a New York State statute regulating political contributions made by a State party committee.

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman McDonald, who

MOVED to approve draft Advisory
Opinion 2000-23, as set forth in
Agenda Document No. 00-96.

A discussion followed.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS (continued)

B. Draft Advisory Opinion 2000-26

Joel Deckard, Reform Party candidate,
U.S. Senate, Florida

Agenda Documents No. 00-97,
No. 00-97-A, and No. 00-97-B

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman
McDonald, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on
the timely submission of agenda
documents in order to consider
Agenda Documents No. 00-97,
No. 00-97-A, and No. 00-97-B.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

Chairman Wold recognized Mr. Jonathan Levin
of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft
Advisory Opinion 2000-26, concerning application of
the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended
("the Act"), and Commission regulations to the payment
by a State party committee to a Federal candidate of
an amount equal to a State party assessment that the
candidate previously paid to the State. In his presen-
tation, Mr. Levin summarized the proposed amendments
in the supplementary agenda documents.

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS (continued)

B. Draft Advisory Opinion 2000-26
(continued)

There was discussion.

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman
McDonald, who

MOVED to return the subject
draft Advisory Opinion to the
Office of General Counsel for
redrafting pursuant to the
meeting discussion.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

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A five-minute recess was held at 11:00 A.M. and
the Commission reconvened at 11:05 A.M. with a quorum
present.

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III. SOFT MONEY RULEMAKING ANALYSIS,
RECOMMENDATIONS AND DRAFT FINAL RULES

Agenda Document No. 00-95

(Placed on the agenda at the
request of Commissioner Thomas)

Chairman Wold recognized Mr. Paul Sanford of the General Counsel's Office who presented the subject document. Mr. Sanford stated the document summarizes the history of "soft money," and it includes a summary of the comments and testimony received in response to the July 1998 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. He also reviewed the recommendations from the Office of General Counsel which were submitted therein.

Chairman Wold recognized Commissioner Thomas for comments.

A discussion followed.

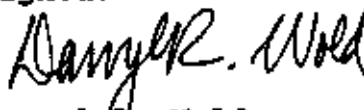
There was no Commission action taken.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no administrative matters to
come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

Signed:



Darryl W. Wold
Chairman of the Commission

Attest:



Mary W. Dove
Acting Secretary of
the Commission

