

# AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 07-51 APPROVED JULY 26, 2007

### MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING

### OF THE

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

## **THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2007**

PRESENT:

Robert D. Lenhard, Chairman, presiding

David M. Mason, Vice Chairman

Hans A. von Spakovsky, Commissioner

Steven T. Walther, Commissioner

Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner

Patrina M. Clark, Staff Director

Thomasenia P. Duncan, General Counsel

Mary W. Dove, Secretary

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Chairman Robert D. Lenhard called the Federal Election

Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:07 A.M. on Thursday,

July 12, 2007, with a quorum present.

### I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for June 28, 2007
Agenda Document No. 07-46

Chairman Lenhard recognized Vice Chairman Mason, who

MOVED to approve the minutes for the Open Meeting of Thursday, June 28, 2007, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 07-46.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners

Lenhard, Mason, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voting

affirmatively.

## II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2007-08

Michael King by counsel, Marc Elias and Caroline Goodson

Agenda Document No. 07-50 (Submitted late)

The Chairman recognized Vice Chairman Mason, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider Agenda Document No. 07-50.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0.

# II. <u>DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2007-08</u> (continued)

Chairman Lenhard recognized Mr. Richard Ewell of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2007-08 regarding whether, under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), and Commission regulations, Mr. King may donate funds to certain charitable organizations to encourage or commemorate performances by professional entertainers at Federal election campaign events; also, whether Mr. King may establish a foundation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to collect and donate funds for the same purpose.

Chairman Lenhard recognized Commissioner Weintraub, who

MOVED to approve draft Advisory Opinion 2007-08, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 07-50.

A discussion followed.

The motion carried on the vote of 4-1 with Commissioners

Lenhard, Mason, von Spakovsky, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

Commissioner Walther dissented.

III. DRAFT NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON THE USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR DONATIONS TO NON-FEDERAL CANDIDATES AND ANY OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSE

Agenda Document No. 07-47 (Submitted late)

The Chairman recognized Vice Chairman Mason, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider Agenda Document No. 07-47.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0.

Chairman Lenhard recognized Ms. Stacey Shin of the General

Counsel's office who presented an overview of the subject document.

The Chairman recognized Commissioner Weintraub, who

MOVED to approve the draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 07-47, for publication in the Federal Register.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0.

IV. REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON DEMINT FOR SENATE COMMITTEE, INC.

Agenda Document No. 07-49

(Placed on the agenda pursuant to the filing of objections by Commissioners Mason and von Spakovsky following circulation on a 72-hour tally vote.)

# IV. REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON DEMINT FOR SENATE COMMITTEE, INC (continued)

The audit findings were reviewed by Mr. Alex Boniewicz of the Staff Director's Office (Audit Division). Mr. Boniewicz and Mr. Joseph Stoltz of the Audit Division participated in the discussion which followed.

Chairman Lenhard recognized Vice Chairman Mason, who

MOVED to approve the Report of the Audit
Division on DeMint for Senate Committee, Inc.,
as set forth in Agenda Document No. 07-49,
except that Finding 2 (Failure to File 48-Hour
Notices) be revised to conclude that the
campaign was not obligated to file 48-hour
notices prior to the point at which a run-off
election was established as required; therefore,
contributions totaling \$59,500 would be removed
from the finding.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0.

The meeting recessed at 10:35 A.M. and reconvened at 10:40 A.M. with a quorum present.

### V. REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON TED POE FOR CONGRESS

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Agenda Document No. 07-48
Agenda Document No. 07-48-A (Submitted late)

(Placed on the agenda pursuant to the filing of an objection by Commissioner von Spakovsky following circulation on a 72-hour tally vote.)

# V. REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON TED POE FOR CONGRESS (continued)

The Chairman recognized Vice Chairman Mason, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider Agenda Document No. 07-48-A.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0.

Chairman Lenhard recognized Mr. Martin Favin of the Staff

Director's Office (Audit Division) who reviewed the subject audit.

Following discussion, <u>it was agreed without objection</u> to continue this matter to the next open meeting.

## VI. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no additional matters to come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Signed:

Robert D. Lenhard

**Chairman of the Commission** 

Attest:

Marv W. Dove

Secretary of the Commission