



AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 06-23
APPROVED APRIL 7, 2006

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2006

PRESENT:

Michael E. Toner, Chairman, presiding

Robert D. Lenhard, Vice Chairman

David M. Mason, Commissioner

Hans A. von Spakovsky, Commissioner

Steven T. Walther, Commissioner

Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner

Robert J. Costa, Acting Staff Director

Lawrence H. Norton, General Counsel

Mary W. Dove, Secretary

Chairman Michael E. Toner called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 2:05 P.M. on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, with a quorum present.

I. ADVISORY OPINION 2006-04

Representative Tancredo and Tancredo for Congress Committee, Inc., by Jon Ponder, Treasurer

**Agenda Documents No. 06-21 and No. 06-21-A
(Submitted late)**

Chairman Toner recognized Vice Chairman Lenhard, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider Agenda Documents No. 06-21 and No. 06-21-A.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

Chairman Toner recognized Mr. Daniel Abramson of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2006-04 concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), and Commission regulations to certain activities by Representative Tancredo and Tancredo for Congress

I. ADVISORY OPINION 2006-04 (continued)

Committee, Inc. on behalf of Defend Colorado Now, a State ballot initiative committee.

A discussion followed.

The Chairman recognized Commissioner Weintraub, who

MOVED to approve draft Advisory Opinion 2006-04, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 06-21, as amended by moving the text of Footnote 1, on Page 4, into the text of the Opinion, as further amended by Agenda Document No. 06-21-A, and to authorize the General Counsel's Office to make any necessary technical and conforming amendments.

The motion carried on the vote of 4-2 with Commissioners

Lenhard, Mason, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

Commissioners Toner and von Spakovsky dissented.

II. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**Demonstration of a new Search Engine for the
FEC Web site**

Chairman Toner recognized Deputy Staff Director Alec Palmer, (CIO), who gave a presentation of the new search engine that has been incorporated into the FEC home page. Mr. Palmer was assisted by Mr. Blake Lange, the FEC Web manager.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

Signed:



**Michael E. Toner
Chairman of the Commission**

Attest:



**Mary W. Dove
Secretary of the Commission**