

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 01-16
APPROVED MARCH 8, 2001

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2001

PRESENT: Danny L. McDonald, Chairman, Presiding
 Karl J. Sandstrom, Commissioner
 Bradley A. Smith, Commissioner
 Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner
 Darryl R. Wold, Commissioner
 James A. Fehrkon, Staff Director
 Lois G. Lerner, Acting General Counsel
 Mary W. Dove, Acting Secretary

Chairman Danny L. McDonald called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:10 A.M. on Thursday, March 1, 2001, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes for February 8, 2001
Agenda Document No. 01-12
- B. Minutes for February 15, 2001
Agenda Document No. 01-14

Chairman McDonald recognized Commissioner Sandstrom, who

MOVED to approve the Minutes for the open meetings of Thursday, February 8, 2001, and Thursday, February 15, 2001, as submitted in Agenda Documents No. 01-12 and No. 01-14, respectively.

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

II. ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON
THE DEFINITION OF "POLITICAL COMMITTEE"

Agenda Documents No. 01-5
and No. 01-5-A

Chairman McDonald recognized Ms. Rita Reimer of the General Counsel's Office who presented an overview of the subject document.

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

1. In Agenda Document No. 01-5, Page 2, delete the sentence which begins on Line 16 and ends on Line 18.
2. In Agenda Document No. 01-5-A, amend the document to reflect the Florida case as: *Florida Right to Life, Inc. v. Lamar*, 238F.3d 1288 (11th Cir. 2001).

A discussion was held.

Chairman McDonald recognized Commissioner Sandstrom, who

MOVED to approve the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Definition of "Political Committee," for publication in the *Federal Register*, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 01-5, as amended, and further amended by Agenda Document No. 01-5-A, as amended.

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

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS


Chairman McDonald recognized Staff Director Pehrkon who reported on the first mandatory electronic filing period which began in February, stating there had been a good response, with a total of 427 committees filing electronically.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Signed:


Danny L. McDonald
Chairman

Attest:


Mary F. Dove
Acting Secretary