

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 02-23

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2002

PRESENT:

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

Chairman David M. Mason called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 14, 2002, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for February 28, 2002

Agenda Document No. 02-19

Chairman Mason recognized Vice Chairman Sandstrom, who

MOVED to approve the Minutes for the open meeting of Thursday, February 28, 2002, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 02-19.

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

II. REVISED FINAL RULES AND EXPLANATION AND
JUSTIFICATION ON INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE
REPORTING

Agenda Documents No. 02-20 and
No. 02-20-A

Chairman Mason recognized Vice Chairman
Sandstrom, who

MOVED to suspend the rules
on the timely submission of
agenda documents in order to
consider Agenda Documents
No. 02-20 and No. 02-20-A.

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

The Chairman recognized Ms. Cheryl Fowle of
the General Counsel's Office who presented an over-
view of the subject document.

II. REVISED FINAL RULES AND EXPLANATION AND
JUSTIFICATION ON INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE
REPORTING

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A discussion followed.

Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Thomas,

who

MOVED to approve Alternative A,
of the final rules and Explanation
and Justification, as set forth in
Agenda Document No. 02-20.

The motion failed in a vote of 3-2 with
Commissioners McDonald, Sandstrom, and Thomas voting
affirmatively. Commissioners Mason and Wold dissented.

II. REVISED FINAL RULES AND EXPLANATION AND
JUSTIFICATION ON INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE
REPORTING

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Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Wold,
who

MOVED to approve Alternative B
of the final rules and Explanation
and Justification, as set forth in
Agenda Document No. 02-20, as amended,
and further amended by Agenda Document
No. 02-20-A, for publication in the
Federal Register and transmittal to
Congress.

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

III. ADMINISTRATIVE FINES RULEMAKING

Agenda Document No. 02-22

(Memorandum to the Commission
from Commissioner Wold)

Chairman Mason recognized Vice Chairman
Sandstrom, who

MOVED to suspend the rules
on the timely submission of
agenda documents in order to
consider Agenda Document
No. 02-22.

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

During the ensuing discussion, Ms. Rosemary
Smith of the General Counsel's Office responded to
questions and comments.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE FINES RULEMAKING

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Chairman Mason noted for the record that also present were: Alison Doone, Deputy Staff Director, Shawn Woodhead Werth of the Office of Administrative Review, and John Gibson of the Reports Analysis Division.

IV. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no routine administrative matters to come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Signed:

David M. Mason
Chairman of the Commission

Attest:

Mary W. Dove
Secretary of the Commission

