

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2002

PRESENT: David M. Mason, Chairman, presiding
Karl J. Sandstrom, Vice Chairman
Danny L. McDonald, Commissioner
Bradley A. Smith, Commissioner
Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner
Michael E. Toner, 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 10:05 A.M. on Thursday, April 11, 2002, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for March 21, 2002

Agenda Document No. 02-26

Chairman Mason recognized Vice Chairman Sandstrom, who

MOVED to approve the Minutes for the open meeting of Thursday, March 21, 2002, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 02-26.

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

II. REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON MCCAIN 2000,
INC. AND MCCAIN 2000 COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE,
INC.

Agenda Document No. 02-25

Chairman Mason recognized Mr. Joseph Stoltz of the Audit Division who noted the following correction to the audit report: Delete the first three lines at the top of Page 9, which are included at the bottom of Page 8. It was agreed without objection to accept the amendment.

Mr. Gary Hache of the Audit Division presented an overview of the subject report.

Chairman Mason recognized Vice Chairman Sandstrom, who

MOVED to approve the Report of the Audit Division on McCain 2000, Inc. and McCain 2000 Compliance Committee, Inc., as submitted in Agenda Document No. 02-25, as amended.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

III. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2002-03

Green Party of Ohio by Paul
Dumouchelle, Convener

Agenda Document No. 02-27

Chairman Mason recognized Mr. Michael Marinelli of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2002-03 concerning the status of the Green Party of Ohio as a State committee of a political party under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and Commission regulations.

The Chairman recognized Commissioner Thomas, who

MOVED to approve draft
Advisory Opinion 2002-03,
as submitted in Agenda
Document No. 02-27.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

IV. RULEMAKING PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE
BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT OF
2002; REVISED REGULATIONS PRIORITIES

Agenda Document No. 02-28
(Submitted Late)

Ex Parte Communications and the
Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act

Agenda Document No. 02-28-A
(Submitted Late)

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. 02-28 and No. 02-28-A.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

Chairman Mason recognized Ms. Rosemary Smith of
the General Counsel's Office who presented an overview of
the subject document.

IV. RULEMAKING PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE
BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT OF
2002; REVISED REGULATIONS PRIORITIES
(continue)

After discussion, Chairman Mason recognized
Vice Chairman Sandstrom, who

MOVED to take the following actions
in Agenda Document No. 02-28:

1. Initiate the rulemakings described
in the memorandum and attachments
for implementing the Bipartisan
Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2002
and make them top priority projects.
2. Approve Option 1 in Attachment B
regarding soft money rulemaking.
3. Direct the Office of General Counsel
to begin work on the new rulemakings
immediately in accordance with time-
tables set out in the attachments.

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

V. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Signed:

David M. Mason
Chairman of the Commission

Attest:

Mary W. Dove
Secretary of the Commission

