

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 06-61

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING

OF THE

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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

Patrina M. Clark, 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 10:35 A.M. on Thursday,

September 14, 2006, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for August 29, 2006 Agenda Document No. 06-58

Chairman Toner recognized Vice Chairman Lenhard, who

MOVED to approve the minutes for the Open Meeting of Tuesday, August 29, 2006, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 06-58.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0 with Commissioners

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

affirmatively.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2006-22

Wallace for Congress by counsel, Andrius R. Kontrimas

Agenda Documents No. 06-60 and No. 06-60-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 Document No. 06-60-A. II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2006-22 (continued)

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

Chairman Toner recognized Mr. Jonathan Levin of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2006-22, concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), and Commission regulations to an incorporated law firm's preparation of an *amicus curiae* brief on behalf of the Wallace Committee, free of charge, in a court case addressing the ballot eligibility of the Republican nominee in Mr. Wallace's congressional district. Mr. Levin also reviewed the proposed amendments in Agenda Document No. 06-60-A.

A discussion followed.

Chairman Toner recognized Commissioner Mason, who

MOVED to approve draft Advisory Opinion 2006-22, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 06-60, as amended by Agenda Document No. 06-60-A.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

III. DRAFT FINAL RULES AND EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION IMPLEMENTING THE INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT LIMIT FOR AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES CONTRIBUTING TO AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES OF OTHER CANDIDATES

Agenda Document No. 06-59

Chairman Toner recognized Mr. Albert Kiss of the General Counsel's Office who presented the above-captioned matter.

The Chairman recognized Vice Chairman Lenhard, who

MOVED to approve the draft Final Rules and Explanation and Justification, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 06-59; and, that the final rules be sent to the *Federal Register* for publication and to Congress.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

IV. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no other matters to come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 A.M.

Signed:

Michael E. Toner
Chairman of the Commission

Attest:

Mary W. Dove Secretary of the Commission