

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING  
OF THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2001

PRESENT:            Danny L. McDonald, Chairman, Presiding  
                     David M. Mason, Vice Chairman  
                     Karl J. Sandstrom, Commissioner  
                     Bradley A. Smith, Commissioner  
                     Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner  
                     Darryl R. Wold, Commissioner  
  
                     Alison Doone, Deputy Staff Director  
   for Management, representing  
   James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director  
  
                     N. Bradley Litchfield, Associate General  
   Counsel for Policy, representing  
   Lois G. Lerner, Acting General Counsel,  
   for a portion of the meeting  
  
                     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 10:15 A.M. on Thursday, March 8, 2001, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for March 1, 2001

Agenda Document No. 01-16

Chairman McDonald recognized Vice Chairman Mason, who

MOVED to approve the Minutes for the open meeting of Thursday, March 1, 2001, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 01-16.

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

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2001-03

The Honorable Gregory W. Meeks and  
the Meeks for Congress Committee

Agenda Document No. 01-15

Chairman McDonald recognized Mr. Michael Marinelli of the General Counsel's staff who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2001-03 concerning application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and Commission regulations to the use of campaign funds by Meeks for Congress, the principal campaign committee, to purchase an automobile.

During his presentation, Mr. Marinelli noted the following amendments:

1. Page 1, Line 15: Delete the word "purpose" and substitute the word "propose" in lieu thereof.
2. Page 4, Line 18: Delete the words "or less" at the end of the sentence.

A discussion followed.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2001-03  
(continued)

Chairman McDonald recognized Commissioner  
Wold, who

MOVED to approve draft Advisory  
Opinion 2001-03, as submitted in  
Agenda Document No. 01-15, subject  
to the amendments as noted above,  
and further amended as follows:

1. On Page 4, the sentence which  
begins on Line 10 and ends on  
Line 13 should read:

"To document the campaign use  
and non-campaign use, a mileage  
log that is updated with each  
use of the car would satisfy the  
record keeping requirements of  
11 CFR 104.14(b), if maintained  
and retained as part of the  
Committee's accounting records."

2. On Page 4, Line 13: Insert the  
word "also" before the cites, that  
the cite reads as follows:

"See also 11 CFR 102.9(b)(1)."

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Future Meeting Dates

Agenda Document No. 01-17

Chairman McDonald recognized Vice Chairman  
Mason, who

MOVED to approve the proposed  
future meeting dates, as set  
forth in Agenda Document  
No. 01-17.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Signed:

Danny L. McDonald  
Chairman

Attest:

Mary W. Dove  
Acting Secretary

