

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 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
 James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director
 N. Bradley Litchfield, Associate General
 Counsel for Policy, representing
 Lois G. Lerner, Acting General Counsel
 Mary W. Dove, Secretary of
 the Commission

Chairman Danny L. McDonald called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:05 A.M. on Thursday, March 29, 2001, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for March 15, 2001

Agenda Document No. 01-21

Chairman McDonald recognized Vice Chairman Mason, who

MOVED to approve the minutes for the Open Meeting of Thursday, March 15, 2001, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 01-21.

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

II. NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON
INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORTING

Agenda Documents No. 01-20,
No. 01-20-A, and No. 01-20-B

Chairman McDonald recognized Vice Chairman
Mason, who

MOVED to suspend the rules
on the timely submission of
agenda documents in order
to consider Agenda Documents
No. 01-20-A and No. 01-20-B.

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

Chairman McDonald recognized Mr. N. Bradley
Litchfield of the General Counsel's Office who stated
the staff was ready to present an overview of its
document, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 01-20;
however, they would not be fully prepared to respond
to some of the substantive points raised in the two
late submissions.

II. NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON
INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORTING (continued)

Chairman McDonald recognized Ms. Cheryl Fowle of the General Counsel's staff, who reviewed the proposed draft. Commissioners Mason and Wold presented overviews of their documents, as set forth in Agenda Documents No. 01-20-A and No. 01-20-B, respectively.

A discussion followed.

It was agreed without objection to return the draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Independent Expenditure Reporting to the Office of General Counsel for additional drafting pursuant to the meeting discussion.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no administrative matters to come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Signed:

Danny L. McDonald
Chairman

Attest:

Mary W. Dove
Secretary of the
Commission