

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 09-10 (Replaces Agenda Document No. 09-08)

APPROVED FEBRUARY 12, 2009

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING

OF THE

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2009 AND ITS CONTINUATION ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009

PRESENT:	Steven T. Walther, Chairman, presiding
	Matthew S. Petersen, Vice Chairman
	Cynthia L. Bauerly, Commissioner
	Caroline C. Hunter, Commissioner
	Donald F. McGahn II, Commissioner
	Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner
	(present on February 3, 2009)
	Joseph F. Stoltz, Acting Staff Director
	Thomasenia P. Duncan, General Counsel
	Mary W. Dove, Secretary

Chairman Steven T. Walther called the Federal Election

Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday,

January 29, 2009, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for January 15, 2009 Agenda Document No. 09-04

Chairman Walther recognized Vice Chairman Petersen, who

MOVED to approve the minutes for the Open Meeting of Thursday, January 15, 2009, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 09-04.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners

Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn, Petersen, and Walther voting affirmatively.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINIONS

A. <u>Draft Advisory Opinion 2008-20</u> National Right to Life Committee, Inc., by James Bopp, Esquire

Agenda Document No. 09-05 (Submitted late)

Chairman Walther recognized Vice Chairman Petersen, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider Agenda Document No. 09-05.

II. <u>DRAFT ADVISORY OPINIONS</u> (continued)

A. <u>Draft Advisory Opinion 2008-20</u> (continued)

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Bauerly,

Hunter, McGahn, Petersen, and Walther voting affirmatively.

Chairman Walther recognized Mr. Neven Stipanovic of the General

Counsel's Office who presented the draft opinion concerning the

application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended

(the "Act"), and Commission regulations to NRLC's request to reimburse

its separate segregated fund, the National Right to Life Political Action

Committee.

Following discussion, Chairman Walther recognized Vice Chairman Petersen, who

> MOVED to approve draft Advisory Opinion 2008-20, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 09-05.

<u>The motion carried on the vote of 4-1</u> with Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn, and Petersen voting affirmatively. Commissioner Walther dissented.

II. <u>DRAFT ADVISORY OPINIONS</u> (continued)

B. <u>Draft Advisory Opinion 2008-22</u> Senator Frank Lautenberg and Lautenberg for Senate, by Marc E. Elias, Esquire

Agenda Document No. 09-06 (Submitted late)

Chairman Walther recognized Vice Chairman Petersen, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider Agenda Document No. 09-06.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Bauerly,

Hunter, McGahn, Petersen, and Walther voting affirmatively.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Joanna Waldstreicher of the General

Counsel's Office who presented the draft opinion concerning the

application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended

(the "Act"), and Commission regulations to the Committee's repayment of

several personal loans made by Senator Lautenberg to Lautenberg for

Senate using funds raised for Senator Lautenberg's 2008 and 2014 re-

election campaigns.

II. <u>DRAFT ADVISORY OPINIONS</u> (continued)

B. Draft Advisory Opinion 2008-22 (continued)

Chairman Walther recognized Vice Chairman Petersen, who

MOVED to approve draft Advisory Opinion 2008-22, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 09-06.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Bauerly,

Hunter, McGahn, Petersen, and Walther voting affirmatively.

III. EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR FINAL RULES ON REPORTING CONTRIBUTIONS BUNDLED BY LOBBYISTS, REGISTRANTS, AND THE PACS OF LOBBYISTS AND REGISTRANTS

Chairman Walther noted this matter will be considered at the

continuation of the Open Meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2009.

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The meeting recessed at 10:40 A.M. on Thursday, January 29,

2009, and reconvened at 10:45 A.M. on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, with all

Commissioners present.

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III. <u>EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR FINAL RULES ON</u> <u>REPORTING CONTRIBUTIONS BUNDLED BY LOBBYISTS</u>, <u>REGISTRANTS</u>, AND THE PACS OF LOBBYISTS AND REGISTRANTS

Agenda Document No. 09-07 (submitted late)

Chairman Walther recognized Vice Chairman Petersen, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider Agenda Document No. 09-07.

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

Hunter, McGahn, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

Chairman Walther recognized Ms. Esther Heiden of the General

Counsel's Office who presented an overview of the subject document.

Following discussion, Chairman Walther recognized Commissioner

Weintraub, who

MOVED to approve the Explanation and Justification for the Final Rule on Reporting Contributions Bundled by Lobbyists/Registrants and the PACs of Lobbyists/Registrants, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 09-07, for publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER, and to authorize the General Counsel's Office to make any necessary technical and conforming amendments.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

IV. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There being no further business to come before the Commission,

the meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M. on Tuesday, February 3, 2009.

Signed:

Chairman of the Commission

Attest:

Mary W. Dove Mary W. Dove

Mary W. Dove Secretary of the Commission