

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 01-6  
APPROVED FEBRUARY 8, 2001

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING  
OF THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2001

PRESENT: David M. Mason, Vice Chairman, Presiding  
Karl J. Sandstrom, Commissioner  
Bradley A. Smith, Commissioner  
Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner  
Darryl R. Wold, Commissioner  
James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director  
Lois G. Lerner, Acting General Counsel  
Mary W. Dove, Acting Secretary

Vice Chairman David M. Mason called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:06 A.M. on Thursday, January 25, 2001, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for January 11, 2001  
Agenda Document No. 01-3

Vice Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Thomas, who

MOVED to approve the Minutes for the open meeting of Thursday, January 11, 2001, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 01-3.

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

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2000-40

Representative Jim McDermott

Agenda Documents No. 01-4  
and No. 01-4-A

Vice Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner  
Thomas, who

MOVED to suspend the rules  
on the timely submission of  
agenda documents in order to  
consider Agenda Document  
No. 01-4-A.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0.

Vice Chairman Mason recognized Mr. Jonathan  
Levin of the General Counsel's staff who presented  
draft Advisory Opinion 2000-40 concerning the applica-  
tion of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as  
amended ("the Act"), and Commission regulations to the  
establishment of a legal expense fund and donations to  
the fund by other Members of Congress using a principal  
campaign committee. During his presentation, Mr. Levin  
reviewed the proposed amendments to the advisory draft,  
as contained in Agenda Document No. 01-4-A.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2000-40 (continued)

Following discussion, it was agreed without objection to return draft Advisory Opinion 2000-40, as set forth in Agenda Documents No. 01-4 and No. 01-4-A for redrafting pursuant to the meeting discussion, to circulate the redraft on a tally vote basis, and, if necessary, to request a brief extension of time from the requester.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no administrative matters to come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Signed:



David M. Mason  
Vice Chairman

Attest:



Mary W. Dove  
Acting Secretary