

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 03-02
APPROVED JANUARY 16, 2003

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2002
AND ITS CONTINUATION ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2002

PRESENT: David M. Mason, Chairman, presiding
Ellen L. Weintraub, Vice Chair
Danny L. McDonald, Commissioner
Bradley A. Smith, Commissioner
Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner
Michael E. Toner, Commissioner
Alison Doone, Deputy Staff Director
for Management, representing
James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director,
for a portion of the meeting
James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director
Lawrence H. Norton, General Counsel
Mary W. Dove, Secretary

Chairman David M. Mason called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:05 A.M. on Wednesday, December 18, 2002, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for December 5, 2002
Agenda Document No. 02-96

Chairman Mason recognized Vice Chair Weintraub,
who

MOVED to approve the minutes
for the open meeting of
December 5, 2002, as set forth
in Agenda Document No. 02-96.

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

Prior to the election of officers, Chairman Mason presented a statement of accomplishments of the Federal Election Commission in 2002.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Election of Chair

Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Toner,
who

MOVED to elect Vice Chair
Ellen L. Weintraub to serve as
Chair of the Federal Election
Commission beginning January 1,
2003.

The motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

B. Election of Vice Chairman

The Chairman recognized Commissioner McDonald,
who

MOVED to elect Commissioner
Bradley A. Smith to serve
as Vice Chairman of the
Federal Election Commission
beginning January 1, 2003.

The motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

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The meeting recessed at 10:35 A.M. on Wednesday, December 18, 2002, and reconvened at 2:05 P.M. on Thursday, December 19, 2002, with a quorum present.

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III. INTERIM FINAL RULES AND EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR BCRA'S "MILLIONAIRES' AMENDMENT"

Agenda Document No. 02-97

Chairman Mason recognized Vice Chair Weintraub, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider Agenda Document No. 02-97.

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

The Chairman recognized Mr. Robert Knop who presented an overview of the subject document.

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AMENDMENT"

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Chairman Mason recognized Vice Chair Weintraub,
who

MOVED to suspend the rules on
the timely submission of agenda
documents in order to consider
Agenda Document No. 02-97-A.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

Chairman Mason recognized Ms. Mai Dinh of the
General Counsel's Office who reviewed the amendments in
Agenda Document No. 02-97-A, submitted by the General
Counsel's Office. She noted the following change to
the amendment document:

The text beginning on Page 25, at Line 7,
through Page 26, Line 6, should be moved
to Page 23 at the end of Line 11.

A discussion followed.

III. INTERIM FINAL RULES AND EXPLANATION AND
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AMENDMENT"

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Chairman Mason recognized Vice Chair Weintraub,

who

MOVED to amend Agenda Document
No. 02-97-A, by deleting the
sentence which begins on Page 3,
at the end of Line 10 through
Line 11.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

The discussion resumed.

Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Thomas,

who

MOVED to approve the Interim Final
Rules implementing the Millionaires'
Amendment, as submitted in Agenda
Document No. 02-97, as amended by
Agenda Document No. 02-97-A, as
amended, and further amended
pursuant to the meeting discussion;
for publication in the *Federal
Register* and transmittal to
Congress.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

IV. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no routine administrative matters
to come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Signed:



David M. Mason
Chairman of the Commission

Attest:



Mary W. Dove
Secretary of the Commission