



AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 06-52
APPROVED AUGUST 3, 2006

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2006

PRESENT:

Michael E. Toner, Chairman, presiding

Robert D. Lenhard, Vice Chairman

David M. Mason, Commissioner

Hans A. von Spakovsky, Commissioner

Steven T. Walther, Commissioner

Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner

Patrina M. Clark, Staff Director

Lawrence H. Norton, General Counsel

Mary W. Dove, Secretary

Chairman Michael E. Toner called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:05 A.M. on Thursday, July 20, 2006, with a quorum present.

Chairman Toner introduced and welcomed the new Staff Director at the Federal Election Commission, Ms. Patrina M. Clark, who began on July 10, 2006.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Robert Costa, Deputy Staff Director for Audit and Review, who has served as the Acting Staff Director since October 2005, and will be retiring this month after 31 years of dedicated service to the Commission.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Minutes for June 22, 2006
Agenda Document No. 06-48**

Chairman Toner recognized Vice Chairman Lenhard, who

MOVED to approve the minutes for the Open Meeting of June 22, 2006, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 06-48.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2006-20

Unity08, Inc. by counsel, John J. Duffy

Agenda Document No. 06-50

Chairman Toner recognized Ms. Esa Sferra of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2006-20, concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), and Commission regulations to Unity08's status as a political committee.

Following discussion, it was agreed without objection to hold this matter over for further consideration at an open meeting the end of August.

III. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Chairman recognized Staff Director Clark for announcements.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Signed:



Michael E. Toner

Chairman of the Commission

Attest:



Mary W. Dove

Secretary of the Commission

