



AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 09-30

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 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

Robert A. Hickey, 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 10:07 A.M. on Thursday, May 7, 2009, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Minutes for Thursday, April 23, 2009
Agenda Document No. 09-22**

Chairman Walther recognized Vice Chairman Petersen, who

MOVED to approve the minutes for the Open Meeting of Thursday, April 23, 2009, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 09-22.

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

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

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2009-08

**Representative Elton Gallegly and
Elton Gallegly for Congress**

Agenda Document No. 09-23 (submitted late)

The Chairman recognized Vice Chairman Petersen, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider Agenda Document No. 09-23.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2009-08 (continued)

Chairman Walther recognized Ms. Esther Heiden 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 use of campaign funds to pay for enhanced security at Representative Gallegly's home.

A discussion followed.

Chairman Walther recognized Vice Chairman Petersen, who

**MOVED to approve Draft Advisory Opinion
2009-08, as set forth in Agenda Document
No. 09-23.**

**The motion carried on the vote of 5-1 with Commissioners Bauerly,
Hunter, McGahn, Petersen, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.**

Commissioner Walther dissented.

III. PROPOSED WEEKLY DIGEST

Agenda Document No. 09-24 (submitted late)

The Chairman recognized Vice Chairman Petersen, who

**MOVED to suspend the rules on the
timely submission of agenda documents
in order to consider Agenda Document
No. 09-24.**

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

III. PROPOSED WEEKLY DIGEST (continued)

Chairman Walther presented an overview of the proposed weekly digest, which was before the Commission. He noted that Draft Template A, had been prepared by his office on November 25, 2008, for consideration of the Press Committee, and that the revised Draft Template B was prepared by the Press Office at the request of the Press Committee for consideration at this meeting.

The Chief Communications Officer, Art Forster, stated the weekly digest would be a collaborative effort which would touch all parts of the agency, and it would be a good snapshot of Commission activities.

Following discussion, Chairman Walther recognized Vice Chairman Petersen, who

MOVED to direct the Press Office to begin creating the Weekly Digest, using the templates provided in Agenda Document No. 09-24, and to make the digest available on the FEC web site and by email.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

IV. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There was a discussion of the final audits which had been sunshined in the Federal Register for this open meeting but did not appear on the agenda. Commissioner Weintraub noted that several of the audits were circulated in February and March, and she recommended these matters be placed on the agenda for the meeting of May 14, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Signed:

**Steven T. Walther
Chairman of the Commission**

Attest:

**Mary W. Dove
Secretary of the Commission**