

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 01-51
APPROVED OCTOBER 11, 2001

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2001

PRESENT: Danny L. McDonald, Chairman, presiding
 David M. Mason, Vice Chairman
 Karl J. Sandstrom, Commissioner
 Bradley A. Smith, Commissioner
 Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner
 Darryl R. Wold, Commissioner
 James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director
 N. Bradley Litchfield, Associate General
 Counsel for Policy, representing
 Lawrence H. Norton, General Counsel
 Mary W. Dove, Secretary

Chairman Danny L. McDonald called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:15 A.M. on Thursday, September 27, 2001, with a quorum present.

I. USE OF THE INTERNET IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS;
DRAFT NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Agenda Document No. 01-48

Chairman McDonald recognized Mr. Paul Sanford of the General Counsel's office who reviewed the subject draft. During his presentation, Mr. Sanford noted the following amendments:

1. Page 26, Line 5: Delete the word "endorsements" and substitute the words "endorsement press releases" in lieu thereof.
2. Page 32, Lines 5 and 6: Delete the words "endorsements beyond the restricted class in connection with a federal election" and substitute the words "endorsement press releases" in lieu thereof.

I. USE OF THE INTERNET IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS;
DRAFT NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
(continued)

Following discussion, Chairman McDonald
recognized Commissioner Smith, who

MOVED approval of the draft
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
as submitted in Agenda Document
No. 01-48, subject to the
amendments noted above, for
publication in the Federal
Register.

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

II. SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND POSSIBLE OPTIONS ON
THE ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
ON THE DEFINITION OF "POLITICAL COMMITTEE"

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Chairman McDonald recognized Ms. Rita Reimer
of the Office of General Counsel who reviewed the four
recommendations for Commission consideration.

A discussion followed.

II. SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND POSSIBLE OPTIONS ON
THE ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
ON THE DEFINITION OF "POLITICAL COMMITTEE"
(continued)

Chairman McDonald recognized Commissioner
Sandstrom, who

MOVED to approve Alternative D,
as set forth in Agenda Document
No. 01-49, to hold the rulemaking
in abeyance and to direct the
Office of General Counsel to so
notify the commenters on the
Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.


The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS


There were no administrative matters to
come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.m.

Signed:


Danny L. McDonald
Chairman of the
Commission

Attest:


Mary W. Dove
Secretary of the
Commission