

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 01-26
APPROVED MAY 3, 2001

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 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
 Alison Doone, Deputy Staff Director
 for management, representing
 James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director
 Lois G. Lerner, Acting General Counsel
 Mary W. Dove, Secretary of the
 Commission

Chairman Danny L. McDonald called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:05 A.M. on Thursday, April 19, 2001, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for March 29, 2001

Agenda Document No. 01-22

Chairman McDonald recognized Vice Chairman Mason, who

MOVED to approve the minutes for the Open Meeting of Thursday, March 29, 2001, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 01-22.

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

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2001-04

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co.
Political Action Committee by
counsel, Kenneth A. Gross

Agenda Document No. 01-23

Chairman McDonald recognized Commissioner Thomas who noted his Executive Assistant Mr. Jeffrey Bowman had recused himself from consideration of this matter and would not be present during the discussion. The Chairman then recognized Mr. Michael Marinelli of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2001-04 concerning application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and Commission regulations to the use of electronic signatures by restricted class employees to authorize payroll deductions of contributions.

Following discussion, Chairman McDonald recognized Vice Chairman Mason, who

MOVED to approve draft Advisory
Opinion 2001-04, as set forth
in Agenda Document No. 01-23.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

III. NEW RULES ON GENERAL PUBLIC POLITICAL COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATED WITH CANDIDATES AND PARTY COMMITTEES, AND INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES: ANNOUNCEMENT OF EFFECTIVE DATE

Agenda Document No. 01-24

(Placed on the agenda pursuant to the filing of objections by Commissioners McDonald and Thomas following circulation on a 72-hour vote basis.)

It was agreed without objection to hold this matter over to the next open meeting on May 3, 2001.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS


There were no administrative matters to come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Signed:


Danny L. McDonald
Chairman

Attest:


Mary W. Dove
Secretary of the
Commission