



AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 05-56
APPROVED DECEMBER 1, 2005

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2005

PRESENT:

- Scott E. Thomas, Chairman, presiding**
- Michael E. Toner, Vice Chairman**
- David M. Mason, Commissioner**
- Danny L. McDonald, Commissioner**
- Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner**
- Robert J. Costa, Acting Staff Director**
- Lawrence H. Norton, General Counsel**
- Mary W. Dove, Secretary**

Chairman Scott E. Thomas called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:08 A.M. on Thursday, November 17, 2005, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Minutes for November 10, 2005
Agenda Document No. 05-53**

Chairman Thomas recognized Vice Chairman Toner, who

**MOVED to approve the minutes
for the Open Meeting of Thursday,
November 10, 2005, as submitted
in Agenda Document No. 05-53.**

**The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners
Mason, McDonald, Thomas, Toner, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.**

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS

A. Advisory Opinion 2005-18

U.S. Representative Silvestre Reyes

Agenda Document No. 05-54

**Chairman Thomas recognized Mr. Daniel Abramson of the
General Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2005-18,
concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of
1971, as amended (the "Act"), and Commission regulations to payments**

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS (continued)

A. Advisory Opinion 2005-18 (continued)

by the principal campaign committee for a proposed weekly radio program in El Paso, Texas.

A discussion followed.

Chairman Thomas recognized Commissioner McDonald, who

MOVED to approve draft Advisory Opinion 2005-18, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 05-54.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0.

B. Advisory Opinion 2005-16

Fired Up! LLC, by counsel, Marc E. Elias and Brian G. Svoboda

Agenda Document No. 05-55

Chairman Thomas recognized Ms. Amy Rothstein of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2005-16 concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), and Commission regulations to certain Internet websites owned and operated by Fired Up.

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS (continued)

B. Advisory Opinion 2005-16 (continued)

Following discussion, the Chairman recognized Commissioner
McDonald, who

MOVED to approve draft Advisory Opinion
2005-16, as set forth in Agenda Document
No. 05-55.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0.

III. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Signed:



Scott E. Thomas
Chairman of the Commission

Attest:



Mary W. Dove
Secretary of the Commission