



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF THE AUDIT REPORT ON
THE BOSTON HOST COMMITTEE

Attached please find a copy of the audit report on the Boston Host Committee which was approved by the Commission on May 19, 2005.

All parties involved have received informational copies of the report and the report may be released to the public.

Attachment as stated

cc: Office of General Counsel
Office of Public Disclosure
Reports Analysis Division
FEC Library
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Report of the Audit Division on the Boston Host Committee

November 25, 2002 – December 31, 2004

Why the Audit Was Done

The Commission audits each host committee or municipal fund that represents a city where a publicly financed nominating convention is held. The audit seeks to determine if the committee has materially complied with the prohibitions and disclosure requirements of the election law.¹

Future Action

The Commission may initiate an enforcement action, at a later time, with respect to any of the matters discussed in this report.

About the Committee (p. 2)

The Boston Host Committee, headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, is the committee responsible for hosting the 2004 Democratic National Convention. For more information, see the chart on the Committee Organization, p. 2.

Financial Activity (p. 3)

• Receipts	
○ Contributions to Defray Convention Expenses	\$ 26,537,654
○ Refunds, Rebates, Returns of Deposits Relating to Convention Expenses	891,666
○ Other Refunds, Rebates, Returns of Deposits	116,203
○ Other Receipts	29,302,299
○ Total Receipts	\$56,847,822
• Disbursements	
○ Convention Expenses	\$40,775,805
○ Other Disbursements	9,656,761
○ Total Disbursements	\$50,432,566

Findings and Recommendations (p. 3)

Based upon our examination of the reports and statements filed, and the records presented by the Boston Host Committee, no material non-compliance was discovered.

¹ 11 CFR §9008.54.

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Part I

Background

Authority for Audit

This report is based on an audit of the Boston Host Committee, undertaken by the Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission (the Commission) as mandated by Section 9008.54 of Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations. That section states the Commission shall conduct an examination and audit of each host committee registered under 11 CFR §9008.51.

Scope of Audit

The audit examined:

1. The receipt of contributions from prohibited sources.
2. The disclosure of contributions and other receipts.
3. The disclosure and nature of disbursements.
4. The disclosure of debts and obligations.
5. The completeness of records.
6. The consistency between reported figures and bank records.
7. Other committee operations necessary to the review.

Inventory of Committee Records

The Audit staff routinely conducts an inventory of committee records before it begins the audit fieldwork. The Boston Host Committee's records were materially complete and the fieldwork began immediately.

Part II

Overview of Committee

Committee Organization

Important Dates	Boston Host Committee
• Date of Registration	November 25, 2002
• Audit Coverage	November 25, 2002 – December 31, 2004
Headquarters	Boston, Massachusetts
Bank Information	
• Bank Depositories	11
• Bank Accounts	20 accounts - 5 checking and 15 investment
Treasurers	
• Treasurer When Audit Was Conducted	James F. X. Doherty
• Treasurer During Period Covered by Audit	Cheryl M. Cronin, James F.X. Doherty
Management Information	
• Attended FEC Campaign Finance Seminar	No
• Used Commonly Available Campaign Management Software Package	Yes
• Who Handled Accounting, Recordkeeping Tasks and Other Day-to-Day Operations	Paid Consultant

Overview of Financial Activity (Audited Amounts)

Cash on hand @ November 25, 2002	\$0
Receipts	
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Cash on hand @ December 31, 2004	\$6,415,256

Part III Findings and Recommendations

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