



AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 05-59

**MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2005**

PRESENT:

Scott E. Thomas, Chairman, presiding

Michael E. Toner, Vice Chairman

David M. Mason, 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 10:35 A.M. on Thursday, December 1, 2005, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Minutes for November 17, 2005
Agenda Document No. 05-56**

Chairman Thomas recognized Vice Chairman Toner, who

MOVED to approve the minutes for the Open Meeting of Thursday, November 17, 2005, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 05-56.

The motion carried on the vote of 4-0 with Commissioners Mason, Thomas, Toner, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

II. FINAL RULES AND EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION: STATE PARTY COMMITTEES PAYING SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES WHO SPEND UNDER 25% OF THEIR COMPENSATED TIME ON FEDERAL ELECTIONS

**Agenda Documents No. 05-57 and No. 05-57-A
(Submitted late)**

Chairman Thomas recognized Vice Chairman Toner, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider Agenda Documents No. 05-57 and No. 05-57-A.

II. **FINAL RULES AND EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION: STATE PARTY COMMITTEES PAYING SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES WHO SPEND UNDER 25% OF THEIR COMPENSATED TIME ON FEDERAL ELECTIONS**

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The motion carried on the vote of 4-0 with Commissioners Mason, Thomas, Toner, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

Chairman Thomas recognized Mr. Anthony Buckley of the General Counsel's Office who presented the subject document.

A discussion followed, and Ms. Rosemary Smith of the General Counsel's Office responded to questions and comments.

Chairman Thomas recognized Commissioner Weintraub, who

Moved to approve the Final Rules and Explanation and Justification, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 05-57, as amended on Page 17, Line 8, by inserting the word "federal" before the word "funds," as further amended by Agenda Document No. 05-57-A, and to include any conforming and technical amendments as necessary, for publication in the *Federal Register* and transmittal to Congress.

The motion carried on the vote of 4-0 with Commissioners Mason, Thomas, Toner, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

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**