



**AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 05-56**

**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**