

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 02-23  
APPROVED MARCH 21, 2002

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING  
OF THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2002

PRESENT: David M. Mason, Chairman, presiding  
Karl J. Sandstrom, Vice Chairman  
Danny L. McDonald, Commissioner  
Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner  
Darryl R. Wold, Commissioner  
James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director  
Lawrence H. Norton, General Counsel  
Mary W. Dove, Secretary

Chairman David M. Mason called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 14, 2002, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for February 28, 2002

Agenda Document No. 02-19

Chairman Mason recognized Vice Chairman Sandstrom, who

MOVED to approve the Minutes for the open meeting of Thursday, February 28, 2002, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 02-19.

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

II. REVISED FINAL RULES AND EXPLANATION AND  
JUSTIFICATION ON INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE  
REPORTING

Agenda Documents No. 02-20 and  
No. 02-20-A

Chairman Mason recognized Vice Chairman  
Sandstrom, who

MOVED to suspend the rules  
on the timely submission of  
agenda documents in order to  
consider Agenda Documents  
No. 02-20 and No. 02-20-A.

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

The Chairman recognized Ms. Cheryl Fowle of  
the General Counsel's Office who presented an over-  
view of the subject document.

II. REVISED FINAL RULES AND EXPLANATION AND  
JUSTIFICATION ON INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE  
REPORTING

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A discussion followed.

Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Thomas,

who

MOVED to approve Alternative A,  
of the final rules and Explanation  
and Justification, as set forth in  
Agenda Document No. 02-20.

The motion failed in a vote of 3-2 with  
Commissioners McDonald, Sandstrom, and Thomas voting  
affirmatively. Commissioners Mason and Wold dissented.

II. REVISED FINAL RULES AND EXPLANATION AND  
JUSTIFICATION ON INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE  
REPORTING

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Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Wold,  
who

MOVED to approve Alternative B  
of the final rules and Explanation  
and Justification, as set forth in  
Agenda Document No. 02-20, as amended,  
and further amended by Agenda Document  
No. 02-20-A, for publication in the  
Federal Register and transmittal to  
Congress.

The motion carried on the vote of 4-1 with  
Commissioners Mason, Sandstrom, Thomas, and Wold  
voting affirmatively. Commissioner McDonald  
dissented.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE FINES RULEMAKING

Agenda Document No. 02-22

(Memorandum to the Commission  
from Commissioner Wold)

Chairman Mason recognized Vice Chairman  
Sandstrom, who

MOVED to suspend the rules  
on the timely submission of  
agenda documents in order to  
consider Agenda Document  
No. 02-22.

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

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

III. ADMINISTRATIVE FINES RULEMAKING

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Chairman Mason noted for the record that also present were: Alison Doone, Deputy Staff Director, Shawn Woodhead Werth of the Office of Administrative Review, and John Gibson of the Reports Analysis Division.

IV. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

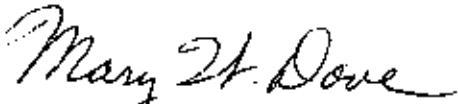
The meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Signed:



David M. Mason  
Chairman of the Commission

Attest:



Mary W. Dove  
Secretary of the Commission

