MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007

PRESENT:

David M. Mason, Vice Chairman, presiding

Michael E. Toner, Commissioner

Hans A. von Spakovsky, Commissioner

Steven T. Walther, Commissioner

Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner

Patrina M. Clark, Staff Director

Thomasenia P. Duncan, Acting General Counsel

Mary W. Dove, Secretary
Vice Chairman David M. Mason called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:05 A.M. on Thursday, March 8, 2007, with a quorum present.

The Vice Chairman noted that this would be Commissioner Toner’s last meeting at the Commission, as he had previously announced his resignation; best wishes were extended by his colleagues.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for March 1, 2007
Agenda Document No. 07-18

Vice Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Walther, who

MOVED to approve the minutes for the Open Meeting of Thursday, March 1, 2007, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 07-18.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.
II.  **DRAFT ADVISORY OPINIONS**

A.  **Advisory Opinion 2007-01**

   Senator Claire McCaskill and McCaskill for Auditor by
counsel, Marc E. Elias and Caroline P. Goodson

   The Vice Chairman stated the Commission had received an
extension of time from the requester, and that this matter would be held
over to the next open meeting on March 22, 2007.

B.  **Advisory Opinion 2007-02**

   Arizona Libertarian Party, Inc. by Warren Severin,
Treasurer

   **Agenda Document No. 07-15**

   Vice Chairman Mason recognized Mr. Tony Buckley of the
General Counsel’s Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2007-02
regarding the status of the Arizona Libertarian Party, Inc. as a State
party committee of a political party under the Federal Election
Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), and Commission
regulations.

   The Vice Chairman recognized Commissioner Walther, who

   **MOVED** to approve draft Advisory Opinion
2007-02, as submitted in Agenda Document
No. 07-15, and to authorize the General
Counsel’s Office to make any necessary
technical and conforming amendments.
II. **DRAFT ADVISORY OPINIONS** (continued)

B. **Advisory Opinion 2007-02** (continued)

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

III. **REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON KUCINICH FOR PRESIDENT, INC.**

    Agenda Document No. 07-16
    Agenda Document No. 07-16-A  (Submitted late)

Vice Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Walther, who

    MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of Agenda Documents in order to consider Agenda Document No. 07-16-A.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

    The Vice Chairman recognized Mr. Henry Miller of the Staff Director's Office (Audit Division), who presented the subject document.

    A discussion followed.
III. REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON KUCINICH FOR PRESIDENT, INC.

(continued)

Vice Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Walther, who

MOVED to approve the report of the Audit Division on Kucinich for President, Inc., as set forth in Agenda Document No. 07-16.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

IV. FINAL AUDIT REPORT ON LA ROCHE IN 2004

Agenda Document No. 07-17 (Submitted late)

Vice Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Walther, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of Agenda Documents in order to consider Agenda Document No. 07-17.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

The Vice Chairman recognized Mr. Terrence O'Brien of the Staff Director's Office (Audit Division), who presented an overview of the subject document.
IV. **FINAL AUDIT REPORT ON LAROUCHE IN 2004** (continued)

Vice Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Toner, who

MOVED to approve the report of the Audit
Division on LaRouche in 2004, as set forth
in Agenda Document No. 07-17.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners

Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voting

affirmatively.

V. **DEMONSTRATION OF ADVISORY OPINION SEARCH SYSTEM**

The Vice Chairman recognized Mr. Alec Palmer, Deputy Staff

Director/Chief Information Officer, who demonstrated the use of the new

searchable Advisory Opinion system. He was assisted by Ms. Patricia

Young of the Public Disclosure Division.

VI. **MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Vice Chairman Mason recognized Staff Director Patrina Clark,

who announced she would be testifying before the Senate Rules

Committee Hearing regarding electronic filing of Senate reports.
As there were no further matters to come before the
Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Signed:

David M. Mason
Vice Chairman of the Commission

Attest:

Mary W. Dove
Secretary of the Commission