



AGENDA DOCUMENT No. 10-05

**MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010**

PRESENT:

Matthew S. Petersen, Chairman, presiding

Cynthia L. Bauerly, Vice Chair

Caroline C. Hunter, Commissioner

Donald F. McGahn II, Commissioner

Steven T. Walther, Commissioner

Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner

Alec Palmer, Acting Staff Director

Thomasenia P. Duncan, General Counsel

Darlene Harris, Deputy Secretary

Chairman Matthew S. Petersen called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:04 A.M. on Thursday, January 14, 2010, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Minutes for December 17, 2009
Agenda Document No. 10-02**

Chairman Petersen recognized Vice Chair Bauerly, who

MOVED to approve the Minutes for the open meeting of Thursday, December 17, 2009, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 10-02.

The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn, Petersen, Walther and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2009-29

**Retiree Support Group of Contra Costa County,
by L. Douglas Pipes, Esq.
Agenda Document No. 10-03 (submitted late)**

Chairman Petersen recognized Vice Chair Bauerly, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider Agenda Document No. 10-03.

The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

Chairman Petersen recognized Mr. Joshua Blume of the General Counsel's Office who presented the draft advisory opinion concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), and Commission regulations to the plan of the Retiree Support Group of Contra Costa County ("Contra Costa Retirees") to form a separate

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2009-29 (continued)

segregated fund (“SSF”). During his presentation, Mr. Blume noted the following amendment on Page 2, Lines 7-8:

Change:

“The Board reviews and approves expenditures and selects officers. The members may approve or disapprove certain actions undertaken by the Board.”

To:

“The Board reviews and approves expenditures. The members select officers, and may approve or disapprove certain actions undertaken by the Board.”

Chairman Petersen recognized Vice Chair Bauerly, who

MOVED to approve draft Advisory Opinion 2009-29, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 10-03, subject to the amendment noted above, and to authorize the Office of General Counsel to make any necessary technical and conforming amendments.

The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

III. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**There being no further business to come before the Commission,
the meeting adjourned at 10:08 A.M.**

Signed:

**Matthew S. Petersen
Chairman of the Commission**

Attest:

**Darlene Harris
Deputy Secretary of the Commission**