

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 00-18  
APPROVED FEBRUARY 17, 2000

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING  
OF THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2000

**PRESENT:** Darryl R. Wold, Chairman, Presiding  
Danny L. McDonald, Vice Chairman  
Lee Ann Elliott, Commissioner  
David M. Mason, Commissioner  
Karl J. Sandstrom, Commissioner  
Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner  
James A. Pahrkon, Staff Director  
Lawrence M. Noble, General Counsel  
Mary W. Dove, Acting Secretary

Chairman Darryl R. Wold called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:05 A.M. on Thursday, February 3, 2000, with a quorum present.

It was agreed without objection to reorder the agenda and consider Item II first.

II. 1996 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS - ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF REPAYMENT DETERMINATION. PROPOSED STATEMENT OF REASONS (LRA#472)

(continued from meeting of January 27, 2000)

Agenda Documents No. 00-04, No. 00-04-A, and No. 00-04-B

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman McDonald, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider Agenda Documents No. 00-04-A and No. 00-04-B.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Elliott, Mason, McDonald, Sandstrom, Thomas, and Wold voting affirmatively.

II. 1996 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE  
ON ARRANGEMENTS - ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF  
REPAYMENT DETERMINATION, PROPOSED STATEMENT OF  
REASONS (LRA#472)

(continued)

Chairman Wold recognized Mr. Duane Pugh of the General Counsel's Office who reviewed the proposed Statement of Reasons of the subject document and responded to questions and comments. Mr. Joe Stoltz of the Audit Division participated in the discussion.

Chairman Wold recognized Commissioner Thomas,  
who

MOVED to disregard the January 27, 2000 letter from the counsel for the 1996 Committee on Arrangements for the Republican National Convention during its consideration of the proposed Statement of Reasons for the 1996 Committee on Arrangements for the Republican National Convention and exclude it from the administrative record of this proceeding.

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The meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. with a quorum present.

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II. 1996 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE  
ON ARRANGEMENTS - ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF  
REPAYMENT DETERMINATION, PROPOSED STATEMENT OF  
REASONS (LRA#472)

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The discussion resumed.

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

It was agreed without objection, to hold this matter over to the next open meeting.

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The meeting recessed at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2:20 p.m. with a quorum present.

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I. 1996 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE,  
INC. - ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF REPAYMENT  
DETERMINATION, PROPOSED STATEMENT OF REASONS  
(LRA#471)

(continued from meeting of January 27, 2000)

Agenda Documents No. 00-03 and No. 00-03-A

Chairman Wold noted that Commissioner Sandstrom had recused himself in this matter and was not present in the meeting at this time.

I. 1996 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE,  
INC. - ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF REPAYMENT  
DETERMINATION, PROPOSED STATEMENT OF REASONS  
(LR#471)

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Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman McDonald,  
who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the  
timely submission of agenda documents  
in order to consider Agenda Document  
No. 00-03-A.

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

Chairman Wold recognized Mr. Delbert Rigaby of  
the General Counsel's Office who presented the subject  
report. Mr. Rick Halter and Ms. Wanda Thomas of the  
Audit Division were also present to respond to questions  
and comments.

Chairman Wold recognized Commissioner Mason,  
who

MOVED to direct the Office of  
General Counsel to redraft the  
proposed Statement of Reasons  
to allow the telephone expenses  
on the basis that the host  
committee be allowed to pay for  
use of office equipment under  
11 C.F.R. §9008.52(c)(v).

I. 1996 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE,  
INC. - ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF REPAYMENT  
DETERMINATION, PROPOSED STATEMENT OF REASONS  
(LRA#471)

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The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott, Mason, McDonald, Thomas, and Wold voting affirmatively. Commissioner Sandstrom recused himself; he was not present and did not vote.

It was noted the redraft would be ready for Commission consideration in two weeks.

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There was a recess at 3:30 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 3:45 p.m. with a quorum present.

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III. EXPRESS ADVOCACY RULE (11 CFR 100.22(b))

Agenda Documents No. 00-11  
and No. 00-13

(Placed on the agenda at the  
request of Commissioner Mason.)

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman  
McDonald, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on  
the timely submission of agenda  
documents in order to consider  
Agenda Document No. 00-13.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

Chairman Wold recognized Commissioner Mason  
who explained his policy position regarding his proposed  
motion to direct the Office of General Counsel to initiate  
a rulemaking to repeal 11 CFR 100.22(b).

A discussion followed.

It was agreed without objection to continue  
this matter at the next open meeting.

IV. 2000 LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Agenda Document No. 00-12

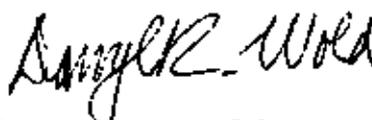
It was agreed without objection to hold this  
matter over to the next open meeting.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Signed:



Darryl R. Wold  
Chairman

Attest:



Mary W. Dove  
Acting Secretary