

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 00-100

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING  
OF THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2000

PRESENT: Darryl R. Wold, Chairman, Presiding  
Danny L. McDonald, Vice Chairman  
David M. Mason, Commissioner  
Karl J. Sandstrom, Commissioner  
Bradley A. Smith, Commissioner  
Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner  
James A. Pehrkon, 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 10:06 A.M. on Thursday, September 28, 2000, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for September 12, 2000  
Agenda Document No. 00-94

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman McDonald, who

MOVED to approve the minutes  
for the open meeting of  
September 12, 2000, as submitted  
in Agenda Document No. 00-94.

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

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS

A. Draft Advisory Opinion 2000-23

New York State Democratic Committee  
by counsel, Joseph E. Sandler and  
Neil P. Reiff

Agenda Document No. 00-96

Chairman Wold recognized Mr. Michael Marinelli of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2000-23, concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and Commission regulations to a New York State statute regulating political contributions made by a State party committee.

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman McDonald, who

MOVED to approve draft Advisory  
Opinion 2000-23, as set forth in  
Agenda Document No. 00-96.

A discussion followed.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS (continued)

B. Draft Advisory Opinion 2000-26

Joel Deckard, Reform Party candidate,  
U.S. Senate, Florida

Agenda Documents No. 00-97,  
No. 00-97-A, and No. 00-97-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. 00-97,  
No. 00-97-A, and No. 00-97-B.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

Chairman Wold recognized Mr. Jonathan Levin  
of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft  
Advisory Opinion 2000-26, concerning application of  
the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended  
("the Act"), and Commission regulations to the payment  
by a State party committee to a Federal candidate of  
an amount equal to a State party assessment that the  
candidate previously paid to the State. In his presen-  
tation, Mr. Levin summarized the proposed amendments  
in the supplementary agenda documents.

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS (continued)

B. Draft Advisory Opinion 2000-26  
(continued)

There was discussion.

Chairman Wold recognized Vice Chairman  
McDonald, who

MOVED to return the subject  
draft Advisory Opinion to the  
Office of General Counsel for  
redrafting pursuant to the  
meeting discussion.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

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A five-minute recess was held at 11:00 A.M. and  
the Commission reconvened at 11:05 A.M. with a quorum  
present.

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III. SOFT MONEY RULEMAKING ANALYSIS,  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND DRAFT FINAL RULES

Agenda Document No. 00-95

(Placed on the agenda at the  
request of Commissioner Thomas)

Chairman Wold recognized Mr. Paul Sanford of the General Counsel's Office who presented the subject document. Mr. Sanford stated the document summarizes the history of "soft money," and it includes a summary of the comments and testimony received in response to the July 1998 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. He also reviewed the recommendations from the Office of General Counsel which were submitted therein.

Chairman Wold recognized Commissioner Thomas for comments.

A discussion followed.

There was no Commission action taken.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no administrative matters to  
come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

Signed:

Darryl R. Wold  
Chairman of the Commission

Attest:

Mary W. Dove  
Acting Secretary of  
the Commission

