

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 01-51

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING  
OF THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2001

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

Chairman Danny L. McDonald called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:15 A.M. on Thursday, September 27, 2001, with a quorum present.

I. USE OF THE INTERNET IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS;  
DRAFT NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Agenda Document No. 01-48

Chairman McDonald recognized Mr. Paul Sanford of the General Counsel's office who reviewed the subject draft. During his presentation, Mr. Sanford noted the following amendments:

1. Page 26, Line 5: Delete the word "endorsements" and substitute the words "endorsement press releases" in lieu thereof.
2. Page 32, Lines 5 and 6: Delete the words "endorsements beyond the restricted class in connection with a federal election" and substitute the words "endorsement press releases" in lieu thereof.

I. USE OF THE INTERNET IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS;  
DRAFT NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING  
(continued)

Following discussion, Chairman McDonald  
recognized Commissioner Smith, who

MOVED approval of the draft  
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,  
as submitted in Agenda Document  
No. 01-48, subject to the  
amendments noted above, for  
publication in the *Federal*  
*Register*.

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

II. SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND POSSIBLE OPTIONS ON  
THE ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING  
ON THE DEFINITION OF "POLITICAL COMMITTEE"

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Chairman McDonald recognized Ms. Rita Reimer  
of the Office of General Counsel who reviewed the four  
recommendations for Commission consideration.

A discussion followed.

III. SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND POSSIBLE OPTIONS ON  
THE ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING  
ON THE DEFINITION OF "POLITICAL COMMITTEE"  
(continued)

Chairman McDonald recognized Commissioner  
Sandstrom, who

MOVED to approve Alternative D,  
as set forth in Agenda Document  
No. 01-49, to hold the rulemaking  
in abeyance and to direct the  
Office of General Counsel to so  
notify the commenters on the  
Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no administrative matters to  
come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.m.

Signed:

Danny L. McDonald  
Chairman of the  
Commission

Attest:

Mary W. Dove  
Secretary of the  
Commission