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WASHINGTON - February 28, 1979 -- Two new Commissioners take their seats on the Federal Election Commission beginning this Thursday, March 1, 1979.

John W. McGarry, a native of Massachusetts, has been serving as a Commissioner since his interim appointment by President Carter on October 25, 1978.

Max L. Friedersdorf, of Indiana, will be assuming his duties as a Commissioner for the first time this Thursday.

The Federal Election Commission is composed of 6 Commissioners, with political party representation evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans. Each Commissioner serves a six-year staggered term on the agency, which is charged with the politically sensitive job of monitoring the campaign finance activity of candidates for federal office.

Mr. McGarry succeeds Mr. Neil Staebler as the new Democratic member of the FEC. Mr. Friedersdorf succeeds Mr. William Springer, a Republican. Both Commissioners' terms will expire April 30, 1983.

Thursday's open meeting of the full Commission will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the 5th Floor Conference Room, 1325 K St., NW, Washington, D.C.