



AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 04-66
APPROVED JULY 22, 2004

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2004

PRESENT:

- Ellen L. Weintraub, Vice Chair, presiding**
- David M. Mason, Commissioner**
- Danny L. McDonald, Commissioner**
- Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner**
- Michael E. Toner, Commissioner**
- James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director**
- Lawrence H. Norton, General Counsel**
- Mary W. Dove, Secretary**

Vice Chair Ellen L. Weintraub called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:25 A.M. on Thursday, July 15, 2004, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for June 24, 2004
Agenda Document No. 04-60

Vice Chair Weintraub recognized Commissioner Toner, who

MOVED to approve the minutes for the Open Meeting of Thursday, June 24, 2004, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 04-60.

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

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS

A. Draft Advisory Opinion 2004-18

Friends of Joe Lieberman by counsel,
Cassandra Lentchner

Agenda Document No. 04-61

Vice Chair Weintraub recognized Mr. Brad Deutsch of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2004-18 concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS (continued)

A. Draft Advisory Opinion 2004-18 (continued)

(the "Act,") and Commission regulations to the Committee's purchase of remainder copies of Senator Lieberman's book, *In Praise of Public Life: The Honor and Purpose of Political Science*.

Vice Chair Weintraub recognized Commissioner McDonald, who

**MOVED to approve draft Advisory Opinion
2004-18, as submitted in Agenda Document
No. 04-61.**

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

B. Draft Advisory Opinion 2004-20 – Alternative Drafts

Diane Farrell for Congress by Adam Wood

Agenda Documents No. 04-62 and No. 04-62-A

Vice Chair Weintraub recognized Commissioner Toner, who

**MOVED to suspend the rules on the
timely submission of Agenda Documents
in order to consider Agenda Document
No. 04-62-A.**

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

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS (continued)

B. Draft Advisory Opinion 2004-20 (continued)

The Vice Chair recognized Mr. Ron Katwan of the General Counsel's Office who presented alternative drafts of Advisory Opinion 2004-20 concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), and Commission regulations to the treatment of Connecticut party conventions as elections. During his presentation, Mr. Katvan noted the following technical amendments:

Page 7, Line 6 of Alternative A, correct the cite to read 110.1(b)(2)(ii) and on Line 8, the cite to read 110.1(b)(5)(ii)(B);

Page 6, Line 4, of Alternative B, correct the cite to read 110.1(b)(2)(ii).

A discussion followed.

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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. ADVISORY OPINIONS (continued)

B. Draft Advisory Opinion 2004-20 (continued)

The discussion resumed. It was agreed without objection to circulate on a tally vote basis Draft B of Advisory Opinion 2004-20, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 04-62, subject to the amendment noted above, and as further amended in Agenda Document No. 04-62-A, as amended on Page 2, by the deletion of Paragraph 4, which reads:


"The practical result of changing our determination that the convention is an election would be a system that promotes meaningless filing requirements, obscures valuable information from the public view, and invites traps for the unwary to run afoul of the law."

III. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS


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

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Signed:


**Ellen L. Weintraub
Vice Chair of the Commission**

Attest:


**Mary W. Dove
Secretary of the Commission**