



**AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 06-23**

**MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING  
OF THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2006**

**PRESENT:**

**Michael E. Toner, Chairman, presiding**

**Robert D. Lenhard, Vice Chairman**

**David M. Mason, Commissioner**

**Hans A. von Spakovsky, Commissioner**

**Steven T. Walther, Commissioner**

**Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner**

**Robert J. Costa, Acting Staff Director**

**Lawrence H. Norton, General Counsel**

**Mary W. Dove, Secretary**

**Chairman Michael E. Toner called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 2:05 P.M. on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, with a quorum present.**

**I. ADVISORY OPINION 2006-04**

**Representative Tancredo and Tancredo for Congress  
Committee, Inc., by Jon Ponder, Treasurer**

**Agenda Documents No. 06-21 and No. 06-21-A  
(Submitted late)**

**Chairman Toner recognized Vice Chairman Lenhard, who**

**MOVED to suspend the rules on the  
timely submission of agenda documents  
in order to consider Agenda Documents  
No. 06-21 and No. 06-21-A.**

**The motion carried on the vote of 6-0 with Commissioners  
Lenhard, Mason, Toner, von Spakovsky, Walther, and Weintraub voting  
affirmatively.**

**Chairman Toner recognized Mr. Daniel Abramson of the General  
Counsel's Office who presented draft Advisory Opinion 2006-04  
concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of  
1971, as amended (the "Act"), and Commission regulations to certain  
activities by Representative Tancredo and Tancredo for Congress**

**I. ADVISORY OPINION 2006-04 (continued)**

**Committee, Inc. on behalf of Defend Colorado Now, a State ballot initiative committee.**

**A discussion followed.**

**The Chairman recognized Commissioner Weintraub, who**

**MOVED to approve draft Advisory Opinion 2006-04, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 06-21, as amended by moving the text of Footnote 1, on Page 4, into the text of the Opinion, as further amended by Agenda Document No. 06-21-A, and to authorize the General Counsel's Office to make any necessary technical and conforming amendments.**

**The motion carried on the vote of 4-2 with Commissioners**

**Lenhard, Mason, Walther, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.**

**Commissioners Toner and von Spakovsky dissented.**

**II. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**Demonstration of a new Search Engine for the  
FEC Web site**

**Chairman Toner recognized Deputy Staff Director Alec Palmer, (CIO), who gave a presentation of the new search engine that has been incorporated into the FEC home page. Mr. Palmer was assisted by Mr. Blake Lange, the FEC Web manager.**

**The meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.**

**Signed:**

**Michael E. Toner  
Chairman of the Commission**

**Attest:**

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