

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES - February 24, 1977 Meeting

PRESENT

ABSENT

Frank P. Reiche, Chairman
Sidney Goldmann, Vice-Chairman
*Archibald S. Alexander, Member
Lewis B. Thurston, III, Executive Director
Edward J. Farrell, Legal Counsel
Neil Upmeyer, E.L.E.C. staff

Josephine S. Margetts, Member
Herbert Alexander, Consultant

*Commissioner Alexander participated until approximately 2:05 p.m.

The meeting convened at 10:15 a.m.

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L. 1975, c.231, annual notice of the meetings of the Commission, as amended, was filed with the Secretary of State's office, copies were posted in the State House Annex, copies were mailed to the Newark Star Ledger and the Philadelphia Bulletin and the entire State House Press Corps.

1. Commission Regulations on the public financing of gubernatorial general elections

The Commission reviewed the proposed regulations on this topic as promulgated in the February 10, 1977 edition of the New Jersey Register, as well as the transcript of the Commission's public hearing on this subject held on February 15, 1977. Additional language changes were suggested by members of the Commission and staff.

After discussion, on motion by Vice-Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Chairman Reiche, the Commission voted to adopt the regulations as proposed with a number of amendments. The vote was 3-0 (Commissioner Margetts absent). Commissioner Alexander indicated that he would have preferred that the regulations contain a requirement that the bank account established by the Commission for the candidate into which the candidate would deposit funds to be matched be maintained in Trenton. A copy of the amended regulations, indicating the changes made in the proposed form of the regulations, will be forwarded to the Division of Administrative Procedure for publication in the New Jersey Register as soon as they are prepared.

On motion by Vice-Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Alexander the Commission voted to delete 19:25-12.2 (testimonial affairs) from the existing regulations. The vote was 3-0 (Commissioner Margetts absent). This change also will be communicated to the Division of Administrative Procedure for publication in the New Jersey Register.

2. Minutes of Commission meeting of February 2, 1977

The Commission approved the drafts of the public and executive session minutes of the Commission meeting on February 2, 1977 with some slight changes.

3. Investigative Matter

Pursuant to C.10:4-12 of the Open Public Meetings Law, the Commission went into executive session to discuss a matter relating to investigation of possible violations of the law. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Commission moved on to the next item of business.

4. Commission vs. Ralph DeRose, C-01-76

The Commission remained in executive session to discuss procedural matters in regard to this case. Commissioner Alexander excused himself from the room indicating that he will not participate in this matter because of his support for another candidate in the primary election in question. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Commission returned to public session.

5. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Director