

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

November 20, 1980

PRESENT

Sidney Goldmann, Chairman  
Josephine S. Margetts, Member  
Andrew Axtell, Member  
M. Robert DeCotiis, Member  
Lewis B. Thurston, III, Executive Director  
Edward J. Farrell, General Legal Counsel  
William R. Schmidt, Assistant Executive Director

The Chairman called the meeting to order and announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law, P. L. 1975, c.231, annual notice of the meetings of the Commission, as amended, has been filed with the Secretary of State's office, and that copies have been posted in the State House Annex, and mailed to the Newark Star Ledger, the Philadelphia Bulletin and the entire State House press corps.

The meeting convened at 10:25 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of Public Session of Commission Meeting of November 5, 1980

On a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 3-0 (Commissioner DeCotiis abstaining), the Commission approved the minutes of the public session of the above-cited meeting.

2. Review of November 14 Certification by Gubernatorial Primary Election Candidates

Assistant Executive Director Schmidt reported that the certifications had been received and generally were in good order.

3. Update on Legislation

The Executive Director reported to the Commission on the status of current legislation which involves the Commission.

4. ELEC Schedule of Meetings

The Commission decided to move its meeting schedule for December 4, 1980 to December 3, 1980 in order to allow sufficient time to file proposed regulations with the Office of Administrative Procedure on December 4. Additionally, the Commission reviewed and approved a 1981 meeting schedule which will be published and disseminated in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law.

5. Review of Policy Questions Regarding Proposed Regulations on Public Financing of Gubernatorial General Election for 1981

The Commission reviewed memorandum from the staff counsel setting forth a number of policy questions for consideration in these proposed regulations. After this review and discussion the Commission directed the staff to prepare the proposed regulations in final

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draft form for adoption at the next Commission meeting.

6. Review of Public Financing Procedures and Schedule for 1981 Primary Election

Assistant Executive Director Schmidt distributed a memorandum to the Commission members outlining the schedule and procedures and briefly discussed them.

7. Advisory Opinion Requests

The Commission reviewed and agreed upon advisory opinion requests in the following cases:

0-44-80, Lawrence D. Kerrigan for Friends of Bill Hamilton  
0-46-80, Senator Raymond Zane

Additionally, the commission reviewed a letter from Richard S. Cohen, Esquire relative to an alleged outstanding obligation of the Middlesex Cty Republican Committee. The commission directed the staff to obtain more information from the Committee and then further advise Mr. Cohen.

8. Executive Session

Motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 4-0, the Commission went into executive session to discuss the executive session minutes of the commission meeting of November 5, 1980 and several enforcement case determinations relative to non-timely filing. At the conclusion of the discussion of these matters the commission returned to public session on a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Axtell in a vote of 4-0.

9. Communication with office of Administrative Law

The commission agreed to forward a letter under the signature of its chairman to Howard Kestin, Chief Judge of the office of Administrative Law, alerting him to the potential for involvement of that office in expeditious determinations during the course of the gubernatorial campaign of allegations of violations of the Act.

10. Adjournment - The commission adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



LEWIS B. THURSTON, III  
Executive Director