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Members of the public and others can now use the website of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission to view copies of agency minutes dating back to its creation in 1973, Executive Director Jeff Brindle announced today.

He said he decided to make copies of all 659 minutes accessible online to further fulfill the agency's central mission of disclosure, and in keeping with legislative mandates for maximum transparency by all public agencies.

Prior to now, the Commission made available copies of minutes since April 20, 2010.

"While budget constraints can make it harder to accomplish new projects, our staff once again has risen to the challenge," Brindle said.

"The Commission and its staff are always looking for ways to broaden the services we provide. Those efforts will continue in 2013," Brindle said.

Other recent projects have allowed online viewing of all advisory opinions and annual reports dating back to 1973, electronic filing of annual reports by lobbyists, searches of contributions to local candidates, and viewing of quarterly lobbying reports on the website (<u>www.elec.state.nj.us</u>).

Among those Brindle cited for their efforts in achieving the latest initiative are Principal Webmaster Maryanne Garcia, Administrative Assistant Elbia Zeppetelli, and Executive Secretary Maureen Tilbury.

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