

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES - October 31, 1977 Meeting

PRESENT

Frank P. Reiche, Chairman
Sidney Goldmann, Vice-Chairman
Josephine S. Margetts, Member
Lewis B. Thurston, III Executive Director
Edward J. Farrell, Legal Counsel
Herbert Alexander, Consultant
Neil Upmeyer, Director of Public Financing

ABSENT

Archibald S. Alexander, Member

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.

The meeting convened at 10:15 a.m.

1. Certification of Public Matching Funds to Gubernatorial Candidates Bateman and Byrne

The Commission reviewed the staff summary and recommendation for the latest submission. On a motion by Vice-Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Chairman Reiche, the Commission voted 3-0 to certify \$121,005 in public matching funds to Governor Byrne. On a motion by Vice-Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Chairman Reiche, the Commission voted 3-0 to certify \$96,738.12 in public matching funds to Senator Bateman.

2. Report by Executive Director

The executive director reported regarding the latest staff efforts in monitoring expenditures through election day and beyond and means to accomplish this during this period. He also indicated that a post-audit of the records of the gubernatorial candidates was planned. The Commission briefly discussed this aspect and concurred in the necessity to post-audit, especially in regard to the use of public funds.

3. E.L.E.C. Meeting Schedule

The Commission reviewed the meeting schedule for November and December and agreed that it would meet on November 7 and 16 and December 9 and 21, with November 4 as a contingency meeting date.

4. Current Investigations

Pursuant to C.10:4-12 of the Open Public Meetings Law, the Commission went into executive session on a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Commissioner Margetts, and a vote of 3-0, to discuss 4 matters currently under investigation relative to

the gubernatorial election, 2 matters involving current litigation and 2 personnel matters. At the conclusion of the discussion regarding all of these matters, the Commission returned to public session.

5. Authorization Re Attendance at National Conference of Reform Commissions

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Margetts, the Commission voted 2-0, with Chairman Reiche abstaining, to authorize the chairman, executive director and director of public financing to attend the annual conference of Reform Commissions similar to the Election Law Enforcement Commission from other states to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana from December 5 through 7, 1977.

6. Expenditures by Others on Behalf of the Gubernatorial Candidates

The Commission briefly discussed this subject and the responsibilities of the gubernatorial campaigns to include such expenditures in those which count toward the expenditure limit.

7. Current Investigation

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law, P. L. 1975, c.231, the Commission, on a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Vice-Chairman Goldman, voted 3-0 to go into executive session to discuss a matter currently under investigation. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Commission returned to public session.

8. Adjournment-

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



LEWIS B. THURSTON, III
Executive Director