

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

June 18, 1980

PRESENT

Sidney Goldmann, Chairman
Josephine S. Margetts, Member
Andrew Axtell, Member
Lewis B. Thurston, Executive Director
Edward J. Farrell, General Legal Counsel
Gregory E. Nagy, Staff Counsel

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, have 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 10:15 a.m.

1. Executive Session

On a motion by Commissioner Margetts, seconded by Chairman Goldmann and a vote of 3-0, the Commission went into executive session to discuss personnel matters, the executive session minutes of the Commission meeting of June 4, 1980, current investigations and current litigation. Upon conclusion of the discussion of these matters, the Commission returned to public session on a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0.

2. Approval of Minutes of Public Session of Commission Meeting of June 4, 1980

On a motion by Commissioner Margetts, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0, the Commission approved the minutes of the above-cited meeting.

3. Public Indication of Executive Session Action from the Commission Meeting of June 4, 1980

On a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0, the Commission made public its enforcement determinations in the matters set forth in the news release attached to these minutes which were determined by the Commission in executive session at its meeting on June 4, 1980.

4. Review of Staff Procedures Re Processing Reports Received on Filing Days

The executive director and Director of Compliance and Review, Juana Schultz, reviewed with the Commission the staff procedure used in processing reports which are received on filing days. Ms. Schultz indicated the procedure followed, including a description of the coding and keying procedures used in the data processing program.

5. Review of Draft of Form for Lobbyist Reporting

The Commission reviewed a draft of a form to be used for annual financial reports of lobbyists which was prepared by the staff. The executive director indicated that further refinement of the form would be necessary.

6. Reports by Executive Director

A. ELEC 1981 Fiscal Year Budget Appropriation

The executive director indicated that the Joint Appropriations Committee of the Legislature had completed its work on the 1981 fiscal year state budget. He indicated that none of the resolutions to either raise or reduce the Commission's budget was passed. He indicated further that a resolution which generally would reduce the appropriation across the board statewide for data processing services might have some effect on the Commission's budget but as yet no allocations of these reductions through the departments had been made.

B. Status of Public Financing Legislation

The executive director indicated that S1176, which has passed in the Senate, might be considered in the closing days of the Spring legislative session in the Assembly. He indicated he anticipated a close vote on the floor if such legislation were so considered.

C. Activities of Council on Governmental Ethics Laws

The executive director indicated that he attended a meeting of the Steering Committee of this organization on June 17. He indicated that most of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the organization program of the 1980 conference of the organization to be held in San Diego, California in December. He further indicated that good progress was made in this regard and on other activities of the Council.

7. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



LEWIS B. THURSTON, III
Executive Director