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PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

January 21, 2020

Chairman Eric Jaso, Commissioner Stephen Holden, Legal Counsel Edwin Matthews, Executive Director Jeffrey Brindle, Deputy Director Joseph Donohue, Legal Director Demery Roberts, Deputy Legal Director Amanda Haines, and Director of Review and Investigation Shreve Marshall were present. Commissioner Marguerite Simon participated by telephone.

A court reporter was available to record the proceedings.

The Public Session Minutes will be available online on the Commission's website at: <http://www.elec.state.nj.us>.

The meeting convened at 11:00 a.m. in Trenton.

1. Open Public Meetings Statement

Chairman Jaso called the meeting to order. Executive Director Brindle announced that pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act," N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notice of the meeting of the Commission had been filed with the Secretary of State's Office and distributed to the entire State House Press Corps.

It was also posted on the Commission's website.

2. Approval of Public Session Minutes for December 17, 2019

On a motion by Commissioner Holden, seconded by Chairman Jaso, and passed by a vote of 2-0, the Commission approved the Public Session Minutes of December 17, 2019.

Commissioner Simon joined the meeting at this point.

3. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director presented the Executive Director's Report.

Future Meetings Schedule

- February 18, 2020 at 11:00 am in Trenton;
- March 17, 2020 at 11:00 am in Trenton; and,
- April 21, 2020 at 11:00 am in Trenton.

4. Public Comments

No public comments.

5. Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session

Whereas, there exists a need to hold an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following matter/matters, which fall within the exceptions to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 et seq. to wit.

Matter/Matters (OPMA Exception)

- Discussion of Executive Session Minutes for December 17, 2019;
- Final Decision Recommendations;
- Complaint Recommendation;
- Consent Orders and Final Decision Recommendations; and,
- Update on Litigation Matters.

Whereas, it is unknown at this time when such discussion to take place in Executive Session may be disclosed to the public.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Election Law Enforcement Commission as follows:

1. This Executive Session Meeting of the Election Law Enforcement Commission shall be closed to the public for discussion of the aforesaid referenced matters.
2. The matters discussed during this Executive Session Meeting shall be disclosed to the public at such time when reason for discussing and acting on same in Executive Session shall no longer exist.

On a motion by Commissioner Simon, seconded by Commissioner Holden, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission resolved to enter Executive Session to discuss anticipated litigation and current litigation, which will become public as follows:

- A. Final Decision Recommendations in complaint proceedings, which will not become public. However, the Final Decisions resulting from those recommendations will become public not later than seven business days after mailing to the named respondents.
- B. Complaint recommendations discussing potential violations will not become public. However, any complaints approved by the Commission will become public not later than seven business days after mailing the complaint to the named respondents.

- C. Matters under current litigation, the substance of discussions of which will not become public in order to protect the attorney-client privilege and the deliberative process. However, any litigation in which the Commission is currently a party is a public matter and will become public subject to the above limitations and privileges.

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6. Approval of Executive Session Minutes for December 17, 2019

On a motion by Commissioner Simon, seconded by Commissioner Holden, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission approved the Executive Session Minutes of December 17, 2019.

7. Final Decision Recommendations

On a motion by Commissioner Holden, seconded by Commissioner Simon, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission adopted the Final Decision Recommendations, items 1 through 9.

8. Complaint Recommendation

On a motion by Commissioner Holden, seconded by Commissioner Simon, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission approved the Complaint Recommendation, item 1.

9. Consent Orders and Final Decision Recommendations

On a motion by Commissioner Holden, seconded by Commissioner Simon, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission adopted the Consent Orders and Final Decision Recommendations, items 1, 2, and 3.

10. Public Comments

No public comments.

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Simon, seconded by Commissioner Holden, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission resolved to adjourn at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted as true
and correct,

Jeffrey M. Brindle
Executive Director