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ELEC Selects Sponsors for 2025 Gubernatorial Primary Election Debates

In a 4-0 vote, the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) selected NJ PBS/ NJ Spotlight News and New Jersey Globe/ On New Jersey/Rider University with the County of Essex to host the 2025 primary election debates. ELEC received five applications for debate sponsors.

Each sponsor group will host one Democratic debate and one Republican debate.

Dates and locations will be announced soon.

While details of the debates are the responsibility of the sponsors, Commission members expressed a preference that the debates be held no later than May 20. The Commission also expressed a preference for fact-checking during the debates.

All candidates who accept public funds under the state's Gubernatorial Public Financing Program must participate in two debates.

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