

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES - OCTOBER 12, 1976 Meeting

Present

Frank P. Reiche, Chairman  
Sidney Goldmann, Vice Chairman  
Josephine S. Margetts, Member  
Archibald S. Alexander, Member  
Lewis B. Thurston, III, Executive Director  
Edward J. Farrell, Legal Counsel  
Herbert Alexander, Consultant

Absent

The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

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.

1. Public Financing of 1977 Gubernatorial General Election.

An extensive discussion of the provisions of the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act on this subject and the administrative requirements involved took place. Among the topics covered were expenditure limitations, limits on individual contributions, independent expenditures, the roles of state, county and municipal political party committees, review of data in regard to private contributions, certification of amounts to be matched by public funds and procedures in regard thereto, and the kind and extent of monitoring for various purposes required. The need for extensive new regulation of the Commission to cover these and other aspects of the public financing administration and adequate lead time to prepare and promulgate such regulations was recognized. It was anticipated that 50% of the time of the November 4, 1976 Commission meeting would be devoted to public financing and that counsel would present a summary status report on the subject at that time.

2. 1976 May Municipal Election Late Filing Cases.

Miriam Spann was designated by the Commission as the hearing officer to handle these cases.

3. Personnel Matters.

Pursuant to C.10:4-12 of the Open Meetings Law, the Commission went into executive session to discuss Commission personnel matters. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Commission returned to public session.

4. Commission Evaluation.

The subject of an independent evaluation of the Commission's procedures and operation was discussed. It was generally agreed that

public financing of elections could not be included in the evaluation because that function of the Commission is just beginning. The nature of the evaluation, the kind of person or group to undertake such evaluation, the methodology to be employed and the availability of funds for such purpose were discussed. It was agreed that the discussion of this matter would be continued at future meetings of the Commission.

5. Adjournment.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



LEWIS B. THURSTON, III  
Executive Director