

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES - November 4, 1976 Meeting

PRESENT

ABSENT

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

The meeting convened at 10:15 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 posted in the State House Annex, copies were mailed to the Newark Star Ledger, the Philadelphia Bulletin and the entire State House Press Corps.

1. Ricci vs. Senior Citizens and Taxpayers Fed Up With Byrne Democrats - (C-327-75)

Pursuant to C.10:4-12 of the Open Public Meetings Law, the Commission went into executive session to discuss the determination of this matter. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Commission indicated that it anticipated that a final determination will be made at the next Commission meeting.

After discussion, on a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Vice-Chairman Goldmann, the Commission voted to deny Mr. Reilly's request for reopening of the matter which was made after the aforementioned deadline verbally to the executive director. The vote was 3-1. Commissioner Alexander was opposed to the form of the motion but not to its intended result.

2. Commission vs. Essex County Democratic Committee, et al - (C-14-76)

The Commission remained in executive session to discuss the determination of this matter. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Commission indicated that it would make a final determination of this matter at the next meeting. The Commission then returned to public session.

3. Advisory Opinions

Counsel's drafts of opinions, as amended, in the following matters were approved:

O-18-76 (Richard A. Ellison)

O-39-76 (Helen D. Heiner, Treasurer, Bloomfield Dem.Club)

4. E.L.E.C. Meeting Schedule

The Commission agreed to hold an additional meeting on November 9, 1976 to discuss the public financing of gubernatorial elections statute. The meeting will be held at the Chairman's office, Smith, Stratton, Wise and Heher, Esqs., 1 Palmer Square, Princeton, N. J., beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Commission directed

the Executive Director to issue the proper notice under the Open Public Meetings Law announcing this meeting.

5. Personnel Matters

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

6. 1977 E.L.E.C. Schedule

The Commission agreed that in 1977 in general it would meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, except for the first meeting which would be held on Thursday, January 6, instead of Wednesday, January 5. Each of the Commission members was asked to review this tentative schedule as to his or her availability on those dates.

7. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



LEWIS B. THURSTON, III
Executive Director