

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES - May 4, 1977 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
**Neil Upmeyer, E.L.E.C. staff

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 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. E.L.E.C. Schedule

The Commission agreed on a meeting schedule for the period from June through November 7, 1977 (see attached list). Proper notice of the new meeting schedule for this period and the cancellation of the previously announced schedule will be made under the Open Public Meetings Act.

2. Commission vs. Paterson Taxpayers Association,

A draft of a Commission opinion prepared by the chairman was reviewed. On a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Commissioner Alexander, the Commission voted 4-0 to dismiss the allegations of the complaint against the respondents and to adopt the drafted opinion.

3. Executive Session Re Investigative Matter

Pursuant to C. 10:4-12 of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Commission went into Executive Session to discuss a matter currently under investigation. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Commission returned to public session.

4. Primary Election Procedures

After discussion, the Commission agreed that it would not extend the deadline for filing 25 day pre-election reports for the primary for one week as it had previously done in the past two years. The problem of the proximity of the statutory dates of 40 days before the primary election for filing nominating petitions and 25 days before the primary election for the first report under the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, resulting in a difficulty for the Commission in communicating with candidates prior to the due date of the 25 day report, was recognized as a continuing problem. However, in view of the gubernatorial and legislative elections in the 1977 primary and the greater experience with the Act on the part of many participants after another year, it was agreed that no extension would be granted this year.

5. Approval of Commission Minutes

The minutes of the public and executive sessions of the Commission meeting on April 27, 1977 were approved.

6. Schreier (League of Women Voters of Cumberland County) vs. Committee to Stop the Regional School,

Pursuant to C.10:4-12 of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Commission went into executive session to discuss this matter. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Commission returned to public session.

7. Advisory Opinion Requests

0-06-77 (Cossaboon) - The Commission briefly discussed the advisory opinion request and the draft opinion from counsel. It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter until the next meeting of the Commission.

0-42-76 (Ordille)

0-046-76 (Sorrentino) - The Commission agreed to defer consideration of these two advisory opinion requests until the next meeting of the Commission.

0-12-77 (Midlantic Bank)

0-08-77 (Proskauer) - The subject matter of these two advisory opinion requests, which deal with corporate political action committees, was discussed. It was agreed to continue the discussion at the next Commission meeting.

8. Adjournment

The Commission adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



LEWIS B. THURSTON, III
Executive Director

* Commissioner Margetts attended from the beginning of the meeting until approximately 12:45 p.m.

** Mr. Upmeyer attended during item #7.

Proposed Election Law Enforcement Commission Meeting Schedule -
June - November 1977

June

- 1 - Regular
- 10 - Regular
- 20 - Regular & P.F.

July

- 5 - Regular & P. F.
- 18 - Regular & P. F.

August

- 1 - Regular & P. F.
- 15 - P. F.
- 29 - P. F.

September

- 12 - Regular & P. F.
- 19 - Regular & P. F.
- 26 - P. F.

October

- 3 - Regular & P. F.
- 11 - P. F.
- 17 - Regular & P. F.
- 24 - P. F.
- 31 - Regular & P. F.

November

- 7 - Regular & P. F.
- 14 - Regular & P.F.