

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES - October 3, 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, Director of Public Financing

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. Certification by Commission of Public Matching Funds to Candidates Bateman and Byrne

The Commission reviewed the staff recommendations and summary of contributions from the latest submission. On a motion by Vice-Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Alexander, the Commission approved \$39,191 in public matching funds to Senator Bateman. The vote was 4-0. On a motion by Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Vice-Chairman Goldmann, the Commission approved \$63,148 in public matching funds to Governor Byrne. The vote was 4-0.

2. Proposed Commission Regulation Re Reporting of "Street Money" (N.J.A.C. 19:25-12(b))

After a brief discussion, on a motion by Vice-Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Alexander, the Commission approved the proposed regulation without change. The vote was 4-0.

3. Report by Executive Director

The executive director reported on the process of preparation of the 500 word statements by gubernatorial candidates to be sent out with the sample ballots and also indicated to the Commission that the Commission's budget for fiscal 1978-79 was being submitted to the Division of Budget and Accounting on this day.

4. Report by Chairman Reiche re Steering Committee Meeting of National Reform Commission Group

Chairman Reiche reported that a meeting had been held last week in New York City of the 9-member steering committee of the group of reform commissions represented last April at a meeting in San Francisco. He briefly outlined some of the concepts envisioned in a report which will be made by the

Steering Committee to the National Conference in December.

5. Minutes of September 26 Commission Meeting

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Margetts, the Commission approved the minutes of the public session of this meeting, as amended, by a vote of 3-0. Chairman Reiche, who was absent at the September 26 meeting, did not participate in the discussion and abstained on the vote.

6. Executive Session Minutes and Current Investigations

Pursuant to C.10:4-12 of the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L. 1975, c.231, the Commission went into executive session to discuss the executive session minutes of the September 26 meeting of the Commission, the status of Byrne for Governor vs. Republican State Committee, C-13-77, and the status of two other matters under investigation, one relating to the 1977 gubernatorial campaign and another related to the 1977 municipal election.

7. Late Filing Cases from 1976 Primary Election

The Commission discussed these cases and, at the conclusion of the discussion, returned to public session and on a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Commissioner Margetts, voted 4-0 to make the determinations indicated on the attached list in regard to each of these cases.

8. United Taxpayers of New Jersey vs. Brendan Byrne, C-14-77

Pursuant to C.10:4-12 of the Open Public Meetings Law, the Commission went into executive session to discuss the determination of this case. After discussion, the Commission returned to public session. On a motion by Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Chairman Reiche, the Commission dismissed the complaint in this matter in all respects. The vote was 4-0.

9. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,



LEWIS B. THURSTON, III
Executive Director