

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

October 4, 1978 Meeting

PRESENT

Frank P. Reiche, Chairman
Sidney Goldmann, Vice Chairman
Archibald S. Alexander, Member
Lewis B. Thurston, III, Executive Director
Gregory E. Nagy, Esq., Staff Counsel

ABSENT

Josephine S. Margetts, Member
Edward J. Farrell, Esq.,
General Legal Counsel

The Chairman called the meeting to order and announced that 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 mailed to the Newark Star Ledger, the Philadelphia Bulletin and the entire State House Press Corps.

The meeting convened at 10:25 a.m.

1. Minutes of Commission Meetings of September 7 and September 20, 1978

On a motion by Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Chairman Reiche, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the public session of the Commission meeting held on September 7, 1978. On a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Commissioner Alexander, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the public session of the Commission meeting held on September 20, 1978.

2. ELEC Meeting Schedule

The Commission agreed to delete the November 15, 1978 meeting from its schedule because it does not now appear that three meetings will be necessary in November.

3. Report by Executive Director

The Executive Director reported that the Commission's budget was submitted to the Division of Budget and Accounting in a timely fashion and informed the Commission of procedures being employed by the Department of Law and Public Safety and other agencies relative to the budget process. He also reported that the public financing report of the Commission had been well received and that the bill implementing the Commission's recommendations, A1698, had been introduced into the Assembly with bi-partisan sponsorship. The Executive Director indicated that the Division of State Auditing had recently held a pre-audit conference with him relative to beginning an audit of Commission records beginning on October 23, 1978. The audit is a routine audit conducted of all State agencies periodically. He also reported that reminder letters re the first filing date had been sent to candidates and committees for the 1978 General Election and indicated he hoped that they would be effective in reducing non-compliance.

4. Additional Hearing Officers

The Commission reviewed the resumes of attorneys Joyce Usiskin, Arnold Lakind, Barry Szaferman and Jeffrey Blumstein and agreed to add each of them to the Commission's panel of hearing officers and prosecuting attorneys.

5. Executive Session

On a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Vice Chairman Goldmann, and a vote of 3-0, the Commission under the Open Public Meetings Act went into executive session to discuss the executive session minutes of the September 7 and 20 meetings of the Commission, an investigative matter relative to the 1978 Primary Election, a matter involving litigation, and determinations of late filing cases for the 1978 Primary Election.

6. Public Session

On a motion by Vice Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Chairman Reiche, the Commission voted 3-0 to return to public session.

7. Late Filing Cases, 1978 Primary Election

On a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Commissioner Alexander, the Commission voted 3-0 for the determinations of a number of late filing cases for the 1978 Primary Election listed on the attached summary sheets.

8. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



LEWIS B. THURSTON, III
Executive Director