

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

July 30, 1980

PRESENT

Sidney Goldmann, Chairman  
Josephine S. Margetts, Member  
Andrew Axtell, Member  
Lewis B. Thurston, Executive Director  
Edward J. Farrell, 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, has been filed with the Secretary of State's office, and that copies have been posted in the State House Annex, and mailed to the Newark Star Ledger, the Philadelphia Bulletin and the entire State House press corps.

The meeting convened at 10:15 a.m.

1. Executive Session

On a motion by Commissioner Margetts, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0, the Commission went into executive session to discuss the executive session minutes of the Commission meeting of July 16, 1980, a personnel matter and the determination of 41 late and non-filing cases. Upon conclusion of the discussion of these matters the Commission returned to public session on a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0.

2. Approval of Public Session Minutes of Commission Meeting of July 16, 1980.

On a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0, the Commission approved the minutes of the above-cited meeting.

3. "Sunset" Provisions Re ELEC Regulations

The Commission reviewed a memorandum from staff counsel concerning the need to put a termination date on all ELEC new regulations. After discussion it was agreed that a termination date of March 15, 1984 would be used for all ELEC regulations. It was concluded that from an administrative standpoint, particularly, a common expiration date would be easier for all concerned.

4. Review of Proposed Regulations Re Annual Financial Reporting by a Lobbyist and General Regulations Re Campaign Financing Disclosure

The Commission reviewed its proposed regulations which were published in the July 10, 1980 edition of the New Jersey Register as well as comments on these regulations received from the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, Goodall Rubber Company and attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union. After this review the Commission agreed upon several modifications in language which will not require republication of the regulations. The

Commission anticipates adoption of these regulations at its meeting on August 6, 1980.

5. Executive Session

On a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 3-0, the Commission went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. At the conclusion of the executive session the Commission returned to public session on a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0.

6. Advisory Opinions

The Commission reviewed and agreed upon advisory opinions which will be sent by the Commission general legal counsel regarding the following advisory opinion requests:

0-18-80, Frederick Dennehy, Esq., on behalf of N. J. Democratic State Committee regarding payment by the Democratic State Committee of outstanding obligations of the Brendan Byrne Inaugural Committee.

0-30-80, William J. Palatucci, regarding solicitation of contributions to New Jersey Trade Waste Association Political Action Committee.

0-31-80, Vincent D'Elia, regarding certain contract arrangements with a lobbyist.

7. Review of Questions Re Public Financing of Gubernatorial Primary Elections

The Commission reviewed a draft of preliminary policy determination guidelines concerning transition and other matters and focusing largely on activity on behalf of gubernatorial candidates undertaken before the effective date of the new public financing law for gubernatorial primary elections. The Commission reviewed the draft in detail and made a number of modifications. It was agreed that these guidelines would be made public by the Commission as soon as possible.

The Commission discussed the need for interim regulations which would include the policy determinations embodied in the guidelines, as well as final comprehensive regulations. The Commission concluded that it should proceed immediately to formulate final regulations to be published in the September edition of the New Jersey Register and concurrently to prepare interim regulations for proposed adoption at the August 6 meeting.

8. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



LEWIS B. THURSTON, III  
Executive Director