

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

November 5, 1980

PRESENT

Sidney Goldmann, Chairman
Josephine S. Margetts, Member
Andrew Axtell, Member
Lewis B. Thurston, Executive Director
Edward J. Farrell, General Legal Counsel
William Schmidt, Assistant Executive Director
Gregory E. Nagy, Staff 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. Approval of Minutes of Public Session of Commission Meeting of October 15, 1980

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

2. Public Indication of Executive Session Action from the Commission Meeting of October 15, 1980

On a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Chairman Goldmann and a vote of 3-0, the Commission made public its actions at the executive session of the Commission meeting of October 15, 1980 relative to certain enforcement actions.

3. Advisory Opinions

The Commission reviewed the following advisory opinion requests:

0-33-80, Henry Ramer for Friends of Pat Kramer
0-39-80, Cassius H. Daly, Jr., Bergen County Republican Organ.
0-40-80, Henry Ramer for Friends of Pat Kramer
0-41-80, Senator Eugene Bedell
0-42-80, Elton Conda

As to No. 33, the Commission agreed to direct further correspondence to Mr. Ramer concerning this matter. The Commission previously rendered an advisory opinion in this case. As to Nos. 39, 40, 41 and 42, the Commission approved advisory opinions in each case.

4. Adoption of Comprehensive Public Financing Regulations for Gubernatorial Primary Elections

The Commission reviewed its proposed comprehensive public financing regulations for gubernatorial primary elections and a number of amendments thereto prepared by the staff. On a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0, the Commission adopted the regulations with modification to be effective immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative Procedure.

5. November 14, 1980 Certification for Gubernatorial Primary Election Candidates

Assistant Executive Director Schmidt reported that to date 5 gubernatorial candidates had made the required November 14 certification.

6. ELEC Meeting Schedule

The Commission reviewed its meeting schedule for the remainder of 1980. None of the scheduled dates was changed. It was agreed that a proposed meeting schedule for 1981 would be drafted by the staff for discussion at the next meeting.

7. Update on Current Legislation

The executive director reported to the Commission on the status of current legislation of interest to the Commission. This included S1433 to appropriate funds for the gubernatorial primary election, S1396 and 1397 in regard to lobbyist regulation, and S1286 to require legislative candidates to file personal financial disclosure statements with the Commission.

8. Miscellaneous Reports from the Executive Director

Mr. Thurston reported on preliminary figures for compliance with the 7-day reporting requirement for the 1980 General Election. He also indicated that the turnout on election day, which will govern the expenditure limit for the 1981 Gubernatorial Primary and General Elections, appear to be approximately the same as that in 1976 or somewhat less.

9. Executive Session

The Commission went into executive session on a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 3-0, to discuss pending litigation and to approve the executive session minutes of the Commission meeting of October 15, 1980. At the conclusion of the executive session, the Commission returned to public session on a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 3-0.

10. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lewis B. Thurston, III". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

LEWIS B. THURSTON, III
Executive Director

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