

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

August 3, 1981

PRESENT

Josephine S. Margetts, Vice Chairman  
Andrew C. Axtell, Member  
M. Robert DeCotiis, Member  
Scott A. Weiner, Executive Director designate  
William R. Schmidt, Assistant Executive Director  
Edward J. Farrell, General Legal Counsel  
Gregory E. Nagy, Staff Counsel

ABSENT

Sidney Goldmann,  
Chairman

The Vice 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 10:10 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of Public Session of Commission Meeting of July 27th, 1981

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

2. Report on the Status of the Gubernatorial Questionnaire

The Assistant Executive Director reported that the Commission had received 10 responses of which four were from gubernatorial primary candidates and six were from campaign treasurers or other staff. In total, 58 questionnaires were sent out, 22 to candidates and 36 to treasurers and staff. Commissioner Axtell reported on his commitment to the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee to the effect that the Commission would prepare a report on the public financing program for the gubernatorial primary within 60 days from the day Commissioner Axtell appeared before the judiciary committee. The Commission discussed holding a symposium or some type of follow-up meeting with candidates, campaign staff of other knowledgeable persons. The Commission authorized the Executive Director to write those candidates and campaign staff who have not responded to the questionnaire and to arrange personal interviews.

3. Report on the Status of the Audit of the Public Funds Expenditures by Gubernatorial Candidates

The Assistant Executive Director reported that four bids had been received on Friday, July 31, and that the bids were as follows:

Report on the Status of the Audit of the Public Funds Expenditures  
by Gubernatorial Candidates - (cont'd)

Alexander Grant, \$5,009.;  
Arthur Young, \$8,500.;  
Ernst & Whinney, \$12,905.; and  
Coopers & Lybrand, \$15,110.

The Assistant Executive Director reported that he and representatives of the Division of Purchase and Property would review the proposals from the four bidders and, unless the proposal from the lowest bidder was inadequate, would recommend retaining the lowest bidder.

4. Advisory Opinion

The Commission reviewed the following advisory opinion request and agreed upon an advisory opinion:

0-35-81 - Daniel J. Dalton

5. Executive Session

On a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Commissioner DeCotiis and a vote of 3-0, the Commission went into Executive Session to discuss the executive session minutes of the Commission meeting of July 27, 1981, investigations, and enforcement actions.

6. Lobbyist Regulations

The Commission reviewed three timelines for adoption of lobbyist regulations. The Commission agreed that it would have to follow the second timeline beginning with the proposed regulations being filed with the Office of Administrative Law on September 10, 1981, with the Commission reviewing draft regulations at its meeting on Monday, August 31 and voting on the regulations at its meeting on Tuesday, September 8th. The Executive Director reported that he, the General Legal Counsel, Ms. Pollock from the general legal counsel's staff, the Staff Counsel and the Assistant Executive Director would be meeting on Wednesday, August 5th to discuss and review a first draft of the proposed regulations.

7. Status Report on Investigations

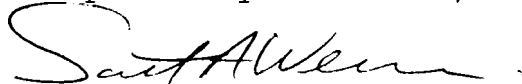
The Commission reviewed a summary status report on "Citizen Complaints", updated July 29, 1981 which set forth the cases arising from "Citizen Complaints", a description of the allegation and the status of the investigation. Furthermore, the Commission reviewed a summary report on the status of investigations generated from internal review of reports. The summary status reports listed a total of 69 cases of which 30 were from calendar year 1980 and 39 from calendar year 1981.

8. Enforcement Matters: Authorization for the Executive Director to Sign in the Absence of the Chairman

On a motion by Commissioner DeCotiis, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to execute final decisions on behalf of the Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

9. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



SCOTT A. WEINER  
Executive Director

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