

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

JUNE 12, 1984

PRESENT

Andrew C. Axtell, Chairman
Alexander P. Waugh, Jr., Vice Chairman
Haydn Proctor, Member *
William R. Schmidt, Assistant Executive Director
Gregory E. Nagy, Staff Counsel
Edward J. Farrell, General Legal Counsel

* Commissioner Proctor arrived at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Axtell called the meeting to order and announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L. 1975, c.231, special notice of the meeting of the Commission had been filed with the Secretary of State's office, and distributed to the entire State House press corps.

The meeting convened at 9:30 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 28 West State Street, Trenton, N. J.

1. Public Hearing on Proposed Regulations to Implement the Changes Enacted by Chapter 579 of the Laws of 1983

Chairman Axtell called the public hearing to order and announced that the Commission would conduct a public hearing of proposed regulations to implement changes in the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act that were enacted into law as Chapter 579 of the Laws of 1983. Chairman Axtell announced that the text of the proposed regulations was published in the May 7, 1984 edition of the New Jersey Register, and notice of the public hearing was given at that time. He noted there has been one change, namely that the location of the hearing was not being held in the Chambers of the State Assembly but rather at the Commission's office at 28 West State Street, Suite 1215. He noted that a sign had been posted and an employee had been stationed to refer any person, who appears at the Assembly Chambers, to the Commission's office.

The Commission then proceeded with the public hearing, a transcript of which has been prepared and is incorporated herein as part of the minutes of this meeting.

2. Proposed Regulations and Staff Comments

Acting Executive Director Schmidt directed the Commissioner's attention to Staff Counsel Nagy's two memoranda concerning the proposed regulations which had been previously distributed. One memorandum covered the comments raised by Monsanto Citizenship Fund and by the ELEC staff. The second memorandum covered the comments raised by Assistant Minority Leader Chuck Hardwick. Mr. Schmidt also distributed a one-page June 11, 1984 memorandum from Staff Counsel Nagy correcting his June 8, 1984 memorandum, item No. 4, of the comments from Assemblyman Hardwick.

3. Pending Legislation

Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Nagy reported on the June 11, 1984 meeting of the Senate State Government Committee during which the Committee approved, by a vote of 5-0, both the bill to amend the public financing program and the bill to

repeal the requirement for gubernatorial candidates' 500 word statements to be printed on the general election sample ballot. Mr. Nagy noted that the Committee had made two substantive amendments to the public financing bill. One was to establish expenditure limits for the primary and general elections, namely two million dollars and four million dollars, respectively. The other amendment provided for the matching of all eligible contributions contained in the initial \$150,000 threshold amount.

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Mr. Schmidt reported that proposals had now been received from two data processing vendors and a third vendor is expected to submit a proposal this week. He said that he and Ms. Schultz would be meeting with the OMB representative to review the proposals and identify questions and problems as a basis for deciding among the three proposals.

Mr. Schmidt advised the Commission of the need to designate a second signatory. On a motion by Commissioner Proctor, seconded by Commissioner Waugh and a vote of 3-0, the Commission designated Staff Counsel Nagy to be the second signatory for the Commission for the period between June 11, 1984 and the date a new executive director takes office.

Mr. Schmidt directed the Commissioners' attention to the June 7, 1984 press advisory concerning PAC participation in the 1983 legislative election. He noted the fine work done by R. David Rousseau in preparing the data and the analysis.

5. Scheduling of Next Meeting

The Commissioners decided to schedule their June 18, 1984 meeting for 9:30 a.m.

6. Resolution to go into Executive Session

On a motion by Commissioner Waugh, seconded by Commissioner Proctor and a vote of 3-0, the Commission decided to go into executive session to discuss enforcement and personnel matters, the results of which will be made public at their conclusion.

7. Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Waugh, seconded by Commissioner Proctor and a vote of 3-0, the Commission voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



WILLIAM R. SCHMIDT
Acting Executive Director