

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

JANUARY 30, 1987

Present

Andrew C. Axtell, Chairman  
Alexander P. Waugh, Vice Chairman  
Haydn Proctor, Member  
Owen V. McNany III, Member  
Frederick M. Herrmann, Ph.D., Executive Director  
Edward J. Farrell, General Counsel  
Jeffrey M. Brindle, Deputy Director  
Gregory E. Nagy, Staff Counsel  
Nedda Gold Massar, Assistant Staff Counsel

Chairman Axtell called the meeting to order and announced that pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act," P.L. 1974, 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 11:04 a.m. by telephone conference call at the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission's office, Trenton, New Jersey.

1. Approval of Public Session Minutes of December 16, 1986

On a motion by Vice Chairman Waugh, seconded by Commissioner Proctor and a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved the public session minutes of December 16, 1986.

2. Executive Directors' Report

I. Legislation

Executive Director Herrmann reported that he has drafted a letter to Speaker Chuck Hardwick expressing the support of the Commission for A-2970 (Martin), A-2971 (Martin), and the Senate Committee Substitute for S-1866/840 (Van Wagner, Russo). In his letter he also requests their posting before the Assembly. These bills contain amendments to "The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act" and were recommended by the Commission in its 1984 and 1985 annual report. Among other provisions, the bills would increase the response time for advisory opinion requests, increase the terms of Commission members from 3 to 5 years, and extend the jurisdiction of the Commission in certain situations.

Chairman Axtell expressed approval of the letter and suggested that it be hand delivered. Executive Director Herrmann responded that he would arrange for hand delivery of the letter to Speaker Hardwick.

II. Commission Meeting

Executive Director Herrmann said the next Commission meeting is scheduled for Trenton on Wednesday, February 18, 1987 at 10:00 a.m. The Commissioners agreed to the meeting as scheduled.

3. Public Disclosure Policies

At the suggestion of Chairman Axtell, the Commissioners postponed consideration of a public disclosure policy memorandum until the next Commission meeting. The memorandum was prepared by Staff Counsel Nagy.

4. Surplus Funds Regulations

Executive Director Herrmann indicated that letters to Senate President John Russo and Assembly Speaker Chuck Hardwick concerning the use of surplus campaign funds for legislative district offices have been drafted and are ready for distribution. In his letters, Executive Director Herrmann suggests on behalf of the Commission that this issue be addressed either by specific legislation or in the Code of Ethics enacted by the Legislature.

The Commissioners on a motion by Vice Chairman Waugh, seconded by Commissioner Proctor approved the distribution of the letters by a unanimous vote.

5. Advisory Opinion Requests 01 and 02-1987

General Counsel Farrell stated that the two requests for advisory opinions merited discussion by the Commission and asked that they be held for the next Commission meeting. Counsel Farrell further indicated that he would send letters to the individuals requesting the advisory opinions explaining that their requests would be considered at the next Commission meeting and requesting waivers of the 10-day response period.

6. Executive Session

On a motion by Vice Chairman Waugh, seconded by Commissioner McNany and a vote of 4-0, the Commission voted to go into executive session to discuss investigative, enforcement, and personnel matters, the results of which will be made public at their conclusion.

7. Adjournment

On a motion by Vice Chairman Waugh, seconded by Commissioner Proctor and a vote of 4-0, the Commission voted to adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



FREDERICK M. HERRMANN, Ph.D.